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# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

### County Legislature

*Scott Burnett (1st) Chair, Alfred Jordan (2nd) Vice Chair,  
Garry J. Baker (1st AL), Crystal Williams (2nd AL), Tony Miller (3rd AL),  
Dennis Waits (3rd), Dan Tarwater III (4th), Greg Grounds (5th),  
Theresa Galvin (6th)*

Jackson County Courthouse  
415 E.12th Street, 2nd floor  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106  
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**Monday, January 22, 2018**

**2:30 PM**

**Fifth Regular Meeting**

**Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Independence, Missouri, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers**

Scott Burnett, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

**1 ROLL CALL**

Present 9 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

**2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited.

**3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Dennis Waits to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on January 16, 2018. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**4 HEARINGS**

*Jackson County Sheriff Michael Sharp presented the Medal of Valor to Deputy Sheriff Lauren Michael for her actions while effecting an arrest at the Raytown Walmart over the Memorial Weekend.*

**5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

*None.*

**6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

[5066](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending subsections 1503.2 and 1503.3, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Employees' Pension Plan.  
*(Finance and Audit Committee - 5th. Perfection)*

**7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

[5064](#) Consent Agenda.

**8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE**

[19689](#) Public Works Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[19690](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

**9 CONSENT AGENDA**

[5064](#) AN ORDINANCE amending subsection 902.33, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Ethics Code.  
(ADOPTED)

[19689](#) A RESOLUTION awarding twenty-four month term and supply contracts with three twelve month options to extend, for the furnishing of paint and painting supplies for use by various County departments to Sherwin Williams of Kansas City, MO, and PPG Architectural Finishes under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 84-17.  
(ADOPTED)

[19690](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the operation of water sports entertainment park for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Rowdy Ribbits, LLC, of Savannah, MO, as a sole source purchase, for a concessions fee payable to the County.  
(ADOPTED)

*Ordinance #5064 and Resolutions #19689 and #19690 were sent to the Consent Agenda for adoption.*

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Dennis Waits, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

**10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**

[5070](#) Appropriating \$27,430.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2018 Health Fund to provide funding for a part-time wellness coordinator position within the Human Resources Department.  
(Assigned to the Health and Environment Committee.)

[5071](#)

Repealing section 533., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the County's fiscal policies, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new section relating to the same subject.

*(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)*

## 11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[19693](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Dennis Waits, to adopt Resolution #19693, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018, for the purpose of conducting privileged and confidential communications between itself and the Jackson County Counselor under section 610.021(1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and closing all records prepared for discussion at said meeting. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

*Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, explained that Resolution # 19694 included raises for Corrections Officers. Alfred Jordan, Vice Chairman, stated that these raises would be retroactive to January 1, 2018.*

[19694](#)

A motion was made by Dennis Waits, seconded by Alfred Jordan, to adopt Resolution #19694, transferring \$314,848.00 within the 2018 General Fund, to cover salary increase and longevity compensation within the Department of Corrections. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

*Stephen Nixon, County Counselor, explained Resolution #19695. He stated that each year we enter into contracts with two attorneys to handle the court docket for the Jackson County municipal court. There is one other piece to this issue this year because of changes in state law, court staff can no longer assist the attorneys with the paperwork required to do their job such as issuing warrants and handling the tickets. So in the County Counselor's proposed budget he requested a part time position for an administrative assistant to assist the prosecuting attorneys. He said he plans to introduce a resolution next week to address the issue.*

*Greg Grounds, County Legislator, said he understands that the source of funds for this resolution, the next resolution and the add-on resolution to be introduced today are in a designated reserve account. Unfortunately,*

*the County Legislature and County Executive have come into conflict which has unfairly put the County Counselor in the middle which is unfortunate. So with the transfer of funds from that account, he believes we have created a conflict with regard to advice on that particular aspect. Mr. Nixon has not favored either side in drafting these ordinances.*

*Stephen Nixon agreed his office has a conflict with regard to advice on the reserve account. He said he appreciates the opportunity to move forward on these items as they are needed by his office.*

*Scott Burnett thanked Crissy Wooderson, Legislative Auditor and Stephen Nixon, County Counselor, for working together.*

*Crystal Williams, County Legislator, echoed Greg Grounds. She said the County Legislature usually does not move this amount of money so quickly without a hearing. However, these items have been discussed in length and we are now moving forward in public.*

*Tony Miller, County Legislator, said this is a way to allow different issues to be sorted out while we keep government open.*

[19695](#)

A motion was made by Dennis Waits, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Resolution #19695, transferring \$61,000.00 within the 2018 General Fund to cover the cost of outside legal counsel to serve as municipal court prosecutor for use by the County Counselor's Office. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

*Stephen Nixon explained that Resolution #19696 will partially fund litigation costs for 2018. This will cover investigations required, outside counsel hired on cases and costs to defend cases with in-house staff. This legislation will move funds for immediate needs.*

[19696](#)

A motion was made by Dennis Waits, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Resolution #19696, transferring \$255,000.00 within the 2018 Health Fund, \$22,298.00 within the 2018 Park Fund, \$234,232.00 within the 2018 Special Road and Bridge Fund, and \$100,000.00 within the 2018 Assessment Fund to partially cover the cost of legal services and related expenses for use by the County Counselor's Office. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

*Brian Gaddie, Director of Public Works, explained that Resolution #19697 is for maintenance and repair at the Department of Corrections. He said he will appear before the County Legislature with a plan when additional monies are needed.*

*Dennis Waits, County Legislator, thanked Brian Gaddie for all his hard work and for saving thousands of dollars for Jackson County.*

*Brian Gaddie said he has an amazing team of management professionals as well as tradesmen and craftsmen that were able to do a lot of the work at the jail as identified by HOK and have saved a considerable amount of money.*

*No objection to the consideration of Resolution # 19697 - not on printed agenda.*

[19697](#)

A motion was made by Dennis Waits, seconded by Theresa Galvin, to adopt Resolution #19697, transferring \$100,000.00 within the 2018 General Fund to cover the cost of repairs and maintenance within the Jackson County Detention Center. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Garry Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

**12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

None.

**13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

Stephen Nixon said no action is needed after the closed meeting.

Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, said Billy Joel will be performing at the Kauffman (Royals) stadium and the tickets go on sale Friday. He asked if there is any information for presale tickets for Jackson County residents who helped pass the tax to remodel the stadiums.

Stephen Nixon said he will find out but he has not heard anything.

Dan Tarwater III asked that the information be put on Jackson County's website if ticket presale is available to Jackson County residents.

Closed Meeting per Resolution #19693.

The County Legislature went into closed meeting.

The County Legislature reconvened.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Garry J. Baker, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

*Meeting adjourned until Monday, January 29, 2018 at 2:30 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.*