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# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

### County Legislature

*Jeanie Lauer (5th) Chairman,  
Megan L. Marshall (3rd AL) Vice Chairman,  
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Donna Peyton (2nd AL), Manuel Abarca IV (1st),  
Venessa Huskey (2nd), Charlie Franklin (3rd), DaRon McGee (4th),  
Sean E. Smith (6th)*

Jackson County Courthouse  
415 E. 12th Street, 2nd floor  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106  
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**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

**3:00 PM**

**Eighteenth Regular Meeting**

### **K.C. Legislative Assembly Area, Kansas City, Missouri**

Jeanie Lauer, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

**1 ROLL CALL**

Present 8 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

Absent 1 - Venessa Huskey

**2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited.

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

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Megan L. Marshall to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on May 13, 2024. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**4 HEARINGS**

Resolution #21625 was adopted at this time. See page XX for details.

Megan Marshall assumed the Chair.

Presentation by Gail McCann Beatty, Director of Assessment.

Gail McCann Beatty gave an update on the reassessment process. A copy of Ms. Beatty's presentation is available under the Meeting Details for the May 15, 2024 Legislative Meeting located at

[<https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1201615&GUID=B6074792-6890-4094-92DC-2D55A8F25580&Option=s=info|notes|captions|>](https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1201615&GUID=B6074792-6890-4094-92DC-2D55A8F25580&Option=s=info|notes|captions|>)

Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, resumed the Chair and thanked Ms. Beatty for giving an update. She realizes Ms. Beatty's presentation was delayed

due to the ransomware attack.

Megan L. Marshall, County Legislator, asked what happens when a taxpayer does not appear for their scheduled hearing time. Ms. Beatty said the appeal is scheduled with the Board of Equalization and they will make the final decision.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked about letters that were sent regarding appeals with no date or time. Ms. Beatty said they were corrected and re-sent or contacted by phone. There was still a 40 percent no show rate.

Mr. Abarca asked about the current appeal timeline. Ms. Beatty said taxpayers may appeal starting May 1, 2024, through July 8, 2024. This would be appealing the 2023 rate for the 2024 year. Mr. Abarca asked about what programs we are using provided by Tyler Technologies. Ms. Beatty said the County uses the CAMA system. They hope to continue using the system as long as possible.

Mr. Abarca asked for an explanation of a physical inspection. Ms. Beatty said the physical inspection is when assessment staff go in person to the property and knock on the door. Staff members have a list of questions for the homeowner. If the taxpayer is not home, the assessment staff left a card on the door. The taxpayer may call or complete an online form. The staff person takes photos, measurements, and records the physical characteristics of the property.

Mr. Abarca asked about some anomalies related to elected officials. Ms. Beatty said she cannot change a property value without an appeal. She did not personally look at these properties. There was nothing intentional about any changes in value to an elected officials' property. She said 2024 Jackson County assessed values closer to real value than they have ever been.

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

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, was not present. Sylvya Stevenson, Chief Administrative Officer, said there was no report.

Manuel Abarca IV asked about the responsible bidder ordinance that the Legislature had passed. He asked for an explanation of why the ordinance was made retroactive, requiring some bids to be re-bid. Ms. Stevenson said the ordinance was implemented and the County Executive's office put together a committee of directors to review the process to determine best practices to implement. Some projects were bid earlier in 2024 and were identified as needing to be re-bid to be compliant with the responsible

bidder ordinance. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said the bid specifications were issued without incorporating the responsible bidder ordinance. For some bidders, the County sent out an affidavit to see if the bidder could meet the requirements of the ordinance. But if a bidder could not meet the requirements, the project was re-bid. The bid specifications have now been revised for future bid opportunities. Mr. Abarca asked if this applied to the jail bid. Mr. Schulte the jail project was grandfathered in before the responsible bidder ordinance was adopted. The work study group is currently reviewing it. The ordinance encompasses all bids over \$75,000.00. Jackson County, Missouri assigns work force goals on large projects. Mr. Abarca asked if the process for MBE/WBE is impacted. Mr. Schulte said MBE/WBE firms may be impacted in that they may have more difficulty complying with the responsible bidder's ordinance.

Mr. Abarca asked about a disparity study. Ms. Stevenson said the Administration is meeting with Colette Holt, as she is an expert in MBE/WBE issues and she is working on a scope for a study. Mr. Schulte said there may be legal issues that should be discussed in a closed session.

Mr. Abarca asked about the Kansas City Royals baseball team and a response from the team dated May 6th. Mr. Abarca said he is concerned about transparency on the team negotiations. Jeanie Lauer said she believed the information received was confidential. Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, said this is part of a negotiation. He thinks there is a time and place for everyone to be notified. Mr. Schulte said he thinks the response came to an email account that he does not personally monitor and was not readily seen.

## 6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

None.

## 7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5847](#) Consent Agenda.

## 8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21617](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain outside agencies that provide public health-related and other public services to citizens of Jackson County, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$3,000,000.00.

*(Budget Committee - 2nd. Meeting)*

[21618](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement

with the Independence Chamber of Commerce for use of the County's parking lots and other property located in and around the Independence Square for the upcoming Santa-Cali-Gon Days Festival, at no cost to the County.

*(Land Use Committee - 1st. Meeting)*

[21619](#)

A RESOLUTION transferring \$25,075.00 within the 2024 Grant Fund to cover the purchase of new tablets for use by the Jackson County Detention Center.

*(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 1st. Meeting)*

[21620](#)

A RESOLUTION transferring \$12,000.00 within the 2024 E-911 System Fund and authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$43,127.00 for the purchase of a new CAD system and integration to Jackson County's CentralSquare software for use by the Greenwood Police Department.

*(911 Oversight Committee - 1st. Meeting)*

[21621](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of parts and repair of dump trucks for use by the Public Works Department to American Equipment of Kansas City, MO, as a sole source purchase.

*(Public Works Committee - 1st. Meeting)*

[21622](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for annual maintenance of the Ascend computer software for use by the Collection and Assessment Departments to Aumentum Technologies of Chicago, IL, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$413,631.00, as a sole source purchase.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Meeting)*

[21623](#)

A RESOLUTION declaring certain County-owned land as surplus property and authorizing its disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Jackson County Code, 1984.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Meeting)*

[21624](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to the Agreement with OWN formerly Anderson Engineering, Inc, of Kansas City, Missouri, to extend the project schedule to account for design delays associated with main water relocation as part of the Stoenner Road Bridge Replacement, Federal Project BRO-B048 (59), at an additional cost to the County not to exceed \$5,038.00.

*(Public Works Committee - 1st. Meeting)*

## 9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5847](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 5510., 5520., 5522., 5533., and 5548., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to petty offenses, and enacting, in lieu thereof, five new sections relating to the same subject.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #5847 was moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 1 - Venessa Huskey

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

None.

**11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**

[21625](#)

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21625, recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Venessa Huskey and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

**12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

None.

**13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

Jeanie Lauer asked Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, to prepare a resolution for inclusion on the May 20th legislative agenda for a closed session to discuss the responsible bidder ordinance. Mr. Covinsky agreed.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, May 20, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.