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

Monday, November 17, 2025 3:00 PM Forty-fourth Regular Meeting

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

DaRon McGee, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

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

Excused 1 - Jeanie Lauer

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on November 03, 2025. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Phil LeVota, County Executive, was present and reported on the following:

Turkey Bowl - drawing to giveaway 100 turkeys to associates. The deadline to enter is Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. The winners will be announced on Friday, November 21, 2025. To enter, email Angie Jeffries, Director of Communications.

His new weekly podcast "Fridays With Phil" was launched on Friday, November 14, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. The first topic was a visit at the Parks + Rec Department's upcoming Christmas in the Park setup. He asked

Legislators to give him suggestions for podcast topics, which may include visiting departments or agencies.

County events coming up - Trip the Light Fantastic, a bike ride through the Christmas in the Park display on November 23rd and Christmas in the Sky on November 26th from 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.; members of the legislature and 3 guests are invited to attend. The deadline to RSVP is Friday, November 21st.

A Press Conference was held on Wednesday, November 5th regarding tax relief for single family homeowners.

A meeting last week was held with Governor Mike Kehoe.

There were questions and discussion with Legislators Manuel Abarca IV, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith and County Administrator Steve Arbo.

At the conclusion of his report, County Executive LeVota distributed the 2026 Recommended Budget Books to the County Legislature.

To view details and see the full discussion, click on the link below and select the video for the November 17, 2025 legislative meeting.

<https://jacksonco.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Resolutions #22109 and #22110 were adopted at this time. See page 8 for details.

[5967](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing subsections 7401.2., 7405.4., and 7406.5., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to protections against retaliation for complaints, cooperating with complaint investigations, and amending the discretionary authority to decline a complaint and enacting, in lieu thereof, three new subsections relating to the same subject.

(Legislature As A Whole - 27th Perfection)

[6007](#)

AN ORDINANCE enacting section 5542., of Jackson County Code, 1984, related to the use of unlicensed gambling devices with severability clause.

(Legislature As A Whole - 12th Perfection)

Manuel Abarca IV said a presentation would be given regarding Ordinance #6007 during the legislative meeting scheduled to be held on December 1, 2025.

[6026](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 17.68± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).

(Legislature As A Whole - 6th. Perfection)

[6027](#) AN ORDINANCE vacating a portion of an unnamed and unimproved right of way within Breezy Meadows, a subdivision in Jackson County.

(Legislature As A Whole - 6th. Perfection)

[6028](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 10.13± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

(Legislature As A Whole - 6th. Perfection)

[6036](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 10.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[6037](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 36.68± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[6038](#) AN ORDINANCE requesting a renewal of a conditional use permit (CUP) in District RE (Residential Estates) for continuous operation of a bed and breakfast subject to specified conditions, as to a 0.48± acre tract.

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[6039](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 20.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 1 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area regarding Ordinances #6026, #6027, #6028, #6036, #6037, #6038 and #6039.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Charlie Franklin, to waive the reading of Resolution #21992. The motion passed by a voice vote.

[21992](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of broker and consulting services for the County's employee group health, life, and dental insurances for use countywide to CBIZ Benefits & Insurance, Inc. of Kansas City, MO, under terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 25-019, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$250,000.00.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR JALEN ANDERSON. CONCURRED BY MEGAN L. SMITH AND SEAN E. SMITH)

[22014](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of disaster recovery services for use countywide to 21st Enterprise, LLC aka ServPro of Lee's Summit, Missouri, under the terms and conditions of the Junior College District of Metropolitan Kansas City, Missouri (MCC) Contract No. 19-7242-C3R2.

(Legislature As A Whole - 3rd. Meeting)

[22087](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of a Flex Wing rotary cutter for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Van Wall Equipment of Lenexa, KS under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Ag Tractors Contract No. 082923-DAC, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$32,487.00.

(Land Use Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[22092](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22093](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22094](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22095](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22096](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22097](#) Anti-Crime Committee moved to adopt.

Manuel Abarca IV objected to the Consent Agenda.

[22097](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22097, authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute an agreement with the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners for anti-drug and anti-crime law enforcement activities and programs at a cost to the County not to exceed \$3,982,251.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

No: 1 - Megan L. Smith

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

Discussion.

[22098](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for a lease of three Wide-Area Mowers, two Zero-Turn Mowers, a utility tractor, and brush cutter for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Van Wall Equipment of Lenexa, KS under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Ag Tractors Contract No. 082923-DAC and Sourcewell Grounds Maintenance Contract No. 112624-DAC, existing competitively bid government contracts, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$115,585.00.

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[22099](#)

A RESOLUTION honoring the Northeast High School Vikings Boys' Soccer Team.

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[22092](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of desk consoles for use by the Sheriff's Office to Watson Furniture of Poulsbo, WA, under the terms and conditions set forth in Houston Galveston Area Council Contract No. EC07-23, an existing government contract, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$169,807.00.

(ADOPTED)

[22093](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of employee group dental and vision insurance for use countywide to Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation of Lincoln, NE.

(ADOPTED)

[22094](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of printed stationery, envelopes, business cards, and specialty or miscellaneous printing services for use by various County departments to Almar Printing, Inc., of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-037.

(ADOPTED)

[22095](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a ten-month term and supply contract, with five twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of pest management services for use by various County Departments to National Exterminating Company dba Smithereen Pest Management, of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of the City of Kansas City, MO Contract No. EV3996, an existing competitively bid government contract.

(ADOPTED)

[22096](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a two-month term and supply contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of mailing services for use by various County departments to Lineage Mailing Services (formerly Strahm Automation and Mailing Services) of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Unified Government of Wyandotte County, Kansas Contract No. R36488, an existing competitively bid government contract.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #22092, #22093, #22094, #22095 and #22096 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[6040](#) Appropriating \$133,835.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund, in acceptance of a six-month extension of the VOCA Grant awarded to the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office by the Missouri Department of Social Services.

(Assigned to the Anti-Crime Committee.)

[6041](#) Appropriating from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 ARPA Fund \$17,300,000.00 for certain eligible expenses and stating the intent of the County to use all remaining ARPA funds to cover eligible personnel expenses for County public safety and health employees through 2026.

(WITHDRAWN BY DARON MCGEE. CONCURRED BY MANUEL ABARCA IV AND DONNA PEYTON)

[6042](#) Appropriating \$90,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund, in acceptance of additional grant funds received by the Family Court Division from the State of Missouri Department of Social Services Division of Youth Services.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[6043](#) Appropriating \$102,600.00 within the 2025 General Fund and awarding a twelve-month contract, with two twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of recruitment services for use by the Sheriff's Office, Detention Center to Changing Technologies, Inc. of Washington, DC under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 25-027.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[22103](#) Transferring \$636,425.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Park Fund for construction services provided by Hartline Construction of Kansas City, MO for use by the Parks + Rec Department.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[22104](#) Declaring certain County-owned equipment as surplus property and authorizing its disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Jackson County Code.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[22105](#) Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of resale fishing equipment, products, and supplies for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Wholesale Fishing Tackle, LLC of Joplin, MO under the terms and conditions of invitation to Bid No. 25-042.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[22106](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of grass seed for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Advanced Turf Solutions of Riverside, MO, and Swipe Resources, LLC of Burke, VA under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-043.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[22107](#)

Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract extension for the furnishing of employee cafeteria plan administration for use countywide to Application Software, Inc. (ASI Flex), of Columbia, MO.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[22108](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22108, authorizing the County Executive to execute cooperative agreements with certain organizations which provide assistance and services to homeless persons, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$244,000.00 under Request for Proposals 25-039.

The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[22109](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22109, recognizing Kimberly Sixta of the Hickman Mills School District on the prestigious honor of being named Missouri Teacher of the Year for 2026. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[22110](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22110, honoring the Northeast Kansas City Historical Society for its dedication to preserving the historic, cultural, and architectural heritage of Kansas City's Historic Northeast community. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[22111](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22111, honoring the Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Lee's Summit Program for spending their October session learning how to engage directly with community non-profit organizations. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[22112](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #22112, celebrating actor Gary Neal Johnson and his accomplishments as an actor in theatre. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #22112 - not on printed agenda.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, thanked all who reached out to him while he was recovering.

Manuel Abarca IV asked the Chairman to allow a courtesy for Alice Kitchen to be added to one of the meeting agenda's this week. The Chairman agreed.

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to have legislative meetings on Wednesday, November 19 and Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.

The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

14 NEW BUSINESS

Chairman McGee asked that Jeanie Lauer be excused from today's legislative meeting.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

The next legislative meetings are scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, November 19 and Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.** at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.