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Theresa Cass Galvin (6th) Vice Chairman,
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Crystal Williams (2nd AL), Tony Miller (3rd AL),
Scott Burnett (1st), Ronald E. Finley (2nd), Dan Tarwater III (4th),
Jeanie Lauer (5th)*

Jackson County Courthouse
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Monday, February 28, 2022

10:00 AM

Ninth Regular Meeting

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

Charlie Franklin, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Charlie Franklin, Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

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 Scott Burnett to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on February 22, 2022. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, said that due to the declining number of COVID-19 cases in the area and recent guidelines released by the Centers for Disease Control, the Administration is meeting this afternoon with representatives of Corrections, the Courts, and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to review the master plan for County facilities which requires associates and visitors to County facilities to wear a mask. The Administration wants to make the best decision on the future of mask wearing within County facilities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, said he heard news accounts regarding the deadline for residents to vacate from Heart Mobile Village. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said Resolution #20889 is on the

agenda to increase the funding allocation for the relocation services at the mobile home park. He said he will discuss this today or next week, whichever the Legislature desires. Charlie Franklin, County Legislator, said he intends to send this resolution to Legislature as a Whole, but is open to discussing the item during today's meeting. Mr. Schulte said the County is out of relocation dollars. Mr. Franklin said the Legislature will take this item in order as it appears on the agenda.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

None.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5602](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[20878](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20879](#) Legislature As A Whole moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said he is glad to see this and the County's dedicated focus on being pro-labor. He looks forward to continuing this strong relationship with labor.

[20880](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20881](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20882](#) Anti-Crime Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20884](#) Health and Environment Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5602](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$100,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 Grant Fund and awarding a contract for the design and construction of a new bridge in connection with Federal Project No. BRO-B048(60), Helmig Road Bridge, County Project No. 3215, to TREKK Design Group, of Kansas City, MO, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$100,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[20878](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$150,000.00 within the 2022 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund to provide funding for the Sheriff's Office's 2022 Law Enforcement School-Based Initiative.

(ADOPTED)

[20879](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Kansas City Building and Trades Council, for the period ending December 31, 2024.

(ADOPTED)

[20880](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing a contract for the furnishing of software maintenance for use by the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature to Granicus of St. Paul, MN, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$36,353.00, as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

[20881](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Sheriff to execute the LexisNexis Master Terms & Conditions document relating to the Sheriff's Office's membership in Kansas City Early Threat Assessment Center, at no cost to the County.

(ADOPTED)

[20882](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of software maintenance services for the COMBAT Community CareLink and COMBAT Connections databases for use by the COMBAT staff to First Call Technologies, LLC, of Kansas City, MO, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$170,500.00, as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

[20884](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain agencies that provide services and assistance to victims of domestic violence, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$125,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #5602, Resolutions #20878, #20879, #20880, #20881, #20882, and #20884 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

Yes: 9 - Charlie Franklin, Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[5603](#)

Appropriating \$300,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 Grant Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Clay County, Missouri, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, and the Missouri Office of Administration to participate in the Buck O'Neil Bridge Feasibility Study, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$300,000.00.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[20886](#)

Awarding a contract for annual software maintenance for use by the Finance and Purchasing Department to Mitchell Humphrey of St. Louis, MO, as a sole purchase, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$83,950.00.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[20887](#)

Awarding a twelve-month contract with three twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of independent auditing services for use by the Finance and Purchasing Department to Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C., of Overland Park, KS, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$135,000.00, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 80-21.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[20888](#)

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 \$3,467,689.00.

(Assigned to the Anti-Crime Committee.)

Resolution #20890 was read at this time. See page xx for details.

[20889](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Crystal Williams, to adopt Resolution #20889, transferring \$800,000.00 within the 2022 County Improvement Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute an Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with the Community Services League of Independence, MO, to provide relocation services funding in connection with the detention center project at a cost to the County not to exceed \$800,000.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Charlie Franklin, Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

No: 1 - Ronald E. Finley

(ADOPTED)

Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator, questioned the source of funding for the relocation program. The request for legislative action states the funds will come from cancellation of the 5th Floor renovation project at the Downtown Courthouse, which will be deferred to a later date when the County can complete the replacement of the HVAC. She asked what the County will do when it is time to complete this HVAC project. Troy Schulte said the County will come back with additional funds at a future date. In discussion with the Courts, it was determined that after this planned renovation would have been completed, the County would need to tear out these renovations to replace the HVAC system. It was decided to be more feasible to delay the renovation until the HVAC system is completed to avoid displacement of Court staff multiple times and removing newly renovated areas of the Courtrooms. This will likely be funded in a future County Improvement Fund in 2023 or 2024. Ms. Galvin asked if the Administration understood this process at the time the budget was approved. Mr. Schulte said the Administration wanted to ensure the courtroom improvements were established as a priority.

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, asked why this request is coming before the Legislature on the last day that residents are to relocate. Mr. Schulte said he wanted to finalize the amount he needed to request and avoid asking for too much or not enough funding. He said he has a brief presentation to address these questions.

Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, asked about shuffling the monies around and postponing improvements to the Courthouse one or two years out in order to have the monies – the \$800,000.00 – to move the residents from the mobile home park. Troy Schulte said these are mutually exclusive decisions. One decision is related to reducing the impact of the courts on the renovation and HVAC project. The second decision is related to funding the relocation effort at the mobile home park. Ms. Lauer asked about other options for funding the relocation effort. Mr. Schulte said he could pull funds from reserves and reimburse the reserves later with a larger bond debt plan. Ms. Lauer said this project started with \$1.2 million but the County is now up to \$2.5 million on this project. She asked how the costs for this project have accelerated so quickly. Mr. Schulte said he addresses all of these points in his PowerPoint Presentation. A copy of Mr. Schulte's presentation is available as an attachment under the details for Resolution #20889.

Ronald E. Finley asked about the previous HVAC work that was completed last summer. Mr. Schulte said those repairs were a temporary fix that bought the County five to six years of fixes, but a long-term

permanent replacement of a new system will be much more costly and timely. Mr. Schulte said they are going to defer the cosmetic changes to the 5th and 6th floor and use those funds for the relocation effort. They did not cancel one program to do the relocation. It just so happened these two issues happened at the same time.

Tony Miller, County Legislator, asked to clarify that there are no changes to the scope of anything, this is strictly a financing vehicle. Mr. Schulte agreed.

Mr. Schulte said 75 residents have been relocated, 26 residents will be moving shortly, four residents do not yet have finalized relocation plans, one resident has refused all contact. Funding for relocation has been exhausted on park operations and moving 75 residents. The \$1.7 million originally allocated for this project was spent on project administration, including two social workers and a relocation specialist provided through Community Services League, relocation payments including future rent payments, down payment assistance, and minor home repair, and the costs associated with operating the mobile home park including utilities, repairs, and dumpsters. The additional \$800,000.00 will be used to assist with relocation for 31 remaining residents, park operations and demolition of remaining structures. Mr. Schulte said they hope to complete the remaining moves by the end of March. In most of these cases the residents' living conditions have improved.

Theresa Cass Galvin asked about the financial obligations of the previous owner. Mr. Schulte said the budget originally anticipated that most of the residents were going to move to a nearby mobile home park, but his interest in that other mobile home park have fallen through. The prior owner does have several trailers still located at the mobile home park. Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, said the prior owner was to have his property removed by November. He is now three months overdue. Mr. Tarwater asked if the County has an option to charge him a storage fee for continuing to store his property. Mr. Schulte said this is an option the County is considering.

Theresa Cass Galvin extended her gratitude to Ashley Burke, Executive Assistant, for her work on the relocation project.

[20890](#)

Authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to execute a Continuing Education Service Agreement with the Metropolitan Community College of Kansas City, MO, for use by the Parks + Rec Department, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$4,400.00.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[20891](#)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Resolution #20891, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022, 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 - Charlie Franklin, Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #20892 - not on the printed agenda.

[20892](#)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Scott Burnett, to adopt Resolution #20892, authorizing the County Counselor to settle the claims of Ryan Dumas in the case styled Ryan Dumas v. Jackson County, Missouri, et al., No. 17-CV-00510, now pending in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, for a total payment by the County of \$147,500.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Charlie Franklin, Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley and Dan Tarwater III

Absent: 2 - Crystal Williams and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[22-05](#)

Pursuant to chapter 82 of the Jackson County Code, I hereby make the following reappointments and appointment to the Jackson County Community Children's Services Fund Board of Directors:

The Honorable Ann Mesle is reappointed as a District 1 member for a new term to expire March 31, 2025.

Jessica R. Ramirez is reappointed as a District 5 member for a new term to expire March 31, 2025.

Amy Moore Harris is appointed as a District 4 member to fill an unexpired term occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Robert Bartman, Ed. D. for a term to expire March 31, 2024. A copy of Ms. Harris' resume is attached.

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, asked the Administration if it is a

conflict of interest for two people serving on the Children's Services Fund Board of Directors to also be running for County elected positions. Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, said this is an issue the Administration will review, but it his understanding that people have a right to run for office. It may be reviewed later, if and when a specific person might be elected. Ms. Williams said that when the fund was created, great pains were taken to de-politicize the Children's Services Fund.

[22-06](#)

I hereby make the following appointment to the Plan Commission:

Andy E. Johnson is appointed to fill an unexpired term occasioned by the resignation of Janet Mershon representing the unincorporated area of Jackson County for a term to expire December 31, 2025. A copy of Mr. Johnson's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Theresa Cass Galvin said the postcards for property tax declarations have been sent from the Assessment Department. The phone lines have been inundated, but when she used the email address listed on the postcard (declarations@jacksongov.org), she received an immediate response. She recommends using the Assessment Department email as a more efficient way to communicate with the department.

Dan Tarwater III asked for a follow-up on the Reapportionment Committee. He said the Legislators received an email from a representative of the committee questioning the information reported by Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, related to the effective date of the new maps. Mr. Haden said the County Counselor's Office is working on the issue and hopes to have an opinion released later today. He is not prepared to respond on this issue until the final product is complete.

Tony Miller recognized the Parks + Rec Department and the Rock Island Rail Corridor staff for their cooperation with the State of Missouri Parks System. The state park system is reviewing connecting the Katy Trail with the Rock Island Rail Corridor and is consulting with the Rock Island Rail Corridor staff on how to navigate the connections, bridges, and tunnels in the system.

Jalen Anderson asked Jay Haden about the Reapportionment Committee. He said he is confused by the previous statement Mr. Haden made to the Legislature. He said the law has not changed and the County Charter has not changed, so what is different. Mr. Haden said that since he last addressed the issue new issues have been brought to his attention to cause the County Counselor's Office to take a second look at this matter. He is not prepared to comment further until the County Counselor's official statement

is completed.

Ronald E. Finley said he understands the Reapportionment Committee unanimously voted to approve the maps. If there are new facts, these should be taken into consideration. Mr. Haden said this is a legal issue that needs to be carefully vetted. He wants to make sure they get the issue right.

Mr. Finley said as an explanation of his vote in dissent earlier, this process is quite a way from where the County started and now they are reaching into other funds. He wants to be comfortable with the decisions of the County. He wants to be as comfortable as possible with the assistance to these poor people. He feels confident they will accomplish what needs to be accomplished. He hopes the County continues to work as hard as possible.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Closed meeting per Resolution #20891.

The County Legislature went into closed session.

The County Legislature reconvened.

Resolution #20892 was adopted at this time. See page 7 for details.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, March 7, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.