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*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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Monday, June 17, 2024

3:00 PM

Twenty-second 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 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on June 10, 2024. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White, Jr., County Executive was not present. Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, asked about the changes to the SB190 Bill that was modified by the State of Missouri. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said the County is waiting on the Governor to sign the bill into law. Mr. Schulte said the County will modify its application to make the process simplified to be in line with the new state law. Taxpayers who previously applied do not need to reapply. Whitney Miller, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said these changes will be circulated by the Collection Department.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked about the impact of the special session in the State of Kansas regarding the Royals and the Chiefs. Mr. Schulte said he would defer any comment to the County Executive. Mr. Abarca asked about issues with the Collection Department quad payment

program. Mr. Schulte said he was aware of some issues from the cyber attack. The cyber attack should not be a reason for someone to be kicked out of quad pay. He recommended that Mr. Abarca contact the Director of Collections or Mr. Schulte for resolution.

Mr. Abarca asked about the County health benefits. Mr. Schulte said he is hoping to pursue becoming self-insured to provide the County more flexibility in its benefits. He hopes to undertake this project in 2025. The health insurance program is trending toward a 20% increase this year. Mr. Abarca asked about this year's health procurement. Mr. Schulte said he can share the scope of the bid proposal.

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, asked for an update on the FIFA soccer board. Mr. Schulte said the County Executive is a member of the board. He said he occasionally represents the County on the FIFA board when the County Executive is unable to attend. The board is undergoing fundraising right now and working through appointing key positions related to transportation. Mr. Schulte said he will ask the board for an update to present to the County Legislature at an upcoming legislative meeting.

Donna Peyton, County Legislator, asked for an update on the American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA), since the County Legislature requested a plan by April 30, 2024. She expressed her disappointment in the lack of communication on this issue. She said the County Executive has neither advised the County Legislature that there would be a delay in presenting the plan nor contacted members for input. She has concerns that these funds will not be allocated in time and will need to be returned to the federal government. Mr. Schulte believes there are ongoing discussions between the Administration and some members of the Legislature but there is no plan yet. Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, and Jeanie Lauer said they had been in discussion with the County Executive. Donna Peyton said the lack of communication from her peers and the County Executive on this issue cause grave concern.

Manuel Abarca IV asked about the remaining ARPA funds. Mr. Schulte said there is about \$69.8 million, assuming all of the encumbered funds are spent. Mr. Abarca said the unencumbered amount is approximately \$10 million for a total of \$80 million.

Mr. Abarca asked about the update to the salary schedule. Mr. Schulte said the pending ordinance deals only with the change in classification for the Office of Ethics, Human Relations, and Citizen Complaints, (OEHRCC) director and adjusting salary ranges to reflect the County-wide 4% merit increase in 2024.

Sean E. Smith asked about ARPA funds. He asked if it is the position of the

Administration that ARPA funds will not be spent until there is an agreement to spend some of those funds on the renovation of the building located at 1300 Washington. Mr. Schulte said that is part of the discussion.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Resolution #21657 was adopted at this time. See page 12 for details.

[5851](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[5852](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5852. The motion passed by a voice vote.
(PERFECTED)

[5852](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5852 amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 2.21± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[5853](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5853. The motion passed by a voice vote.
(PERFECTED)

[5853](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5853 amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 10.73± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[5854](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5854. The motion passed by a voice vote.
(PERFECTED)

[5854](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5854 amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 5.5± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[5855](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5855. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5855](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5855 amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 0.85± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette) and rezoning a certain 0.85± acre tract from District RR (Residential Ranchette) to District AG (Agricultural). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[5856](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5856. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5856](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5856 amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 0.64± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[5857](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to perfect.

Manuel Abarca IV objected to the Consent Agenda.

Discussion.

[5857](#)

Manuel Abarca IV moved to hold Ordinance #5857. Seconded by Donna Peyton.

Yes: 4 - Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and DaRon McGee

No: 5 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

(FAILED)

[5857](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith to perfect Ordinance #5857, repealing schedule I of chapter 2, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to County associates not within the Merit System, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new schedule relating to the same subject. The motion passed by a voice vote.

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

No: 1 - Venessa Huskey

Abstain: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(PERFECTED)

Donna Peyton said the salary ranges for the OEHRCC director are not in line with the other 310 salary ranges. Michelle Chrisman, Director of Human Resources, said this is a typographical error on the schedule. She recommends a correction to the schedule. Mary Jo Spino, County Clerk, said it is not permissible to amend an ordinance after it is perfected. Troy Schulte said this appears to be a scrivener's error. He recommends correcting the schedule. The 310 classification is where most deputy directors are classified. Whitney Miller said it is clearly an error in transferring the 310 level rates to this position. All other positions were adjusted to reflect the 4% merit increase.

Mr. Abarca asked if this position is a director level position. He agrees there should be more staff in the OEHRCC department. Mr. Abarca asked about the classification of positions in the Auditor's Office. Jeanie Lauer said this discussion is beyond the scope of the ordinance. Mr. Schulte said the director of OEHRCC was passed over for review in the original Evergreen study. The director of OEHRCC reports to the Ethics Commission, who has voted to recommend that this position be reclassified to the 310 rate, which is comparable to the deputy director level for larger departments.

Jalen Anderson said the Evergreen study was not complete enough. He does not think this position should be undervalued. The current staff have been working to improve this department with integrity.

Charlie Franklin, County Legislator, asked how the 4% merit increase works

with this ordinance. Mr. Schulte said the Evergreen study recommended increases to the ranges annually to reflect the County-wide 4% merit increase. This is one step in the County remaining competitive in its pay. Mr. Franklin clarified, this ordinance means the ranges are being adjusted, not the associate's salary. Mr. Schulte agreed. He said previously the County had issues with certain positions maxing out at in the salary ranges that were never revised.

Sean E. Smith reiterated the discussion that this director position was left out of the Evergreen study and this ordinance is to correct that classification. Ms. Miller said the schedule will be corrected so the amount for the director of the OEHRCC is \$82,551.00 floor \$127,960.00 for the ceiling.

Mr. Abarca asked if the administrative assistant position listed in the OEHRCC Department should also be reclassified. Michelle Chrisman said the administrative assistant position was part of the Evergreen study. Ms. Miller recommended the body vote to perfect Ordinance #5857 as corrected. Mr. Smith called for the question.

Ordinance #5857 was perfected with a correction on page one of the Non-Merit Salary Schedule titled **Chapter 2 Non-Merit Position Effective January 1, 2024**. See page 5 for details.

[5858](#)

Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

Ordinance #5858 was perfected as substituted with the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee Substitute dated June 17, 2024.

[5859](#)

Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

Ordinance #5859 was perfected as substituted with the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee Substitute dated June 17, 2024.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5850](#)

Consent Agenda.

Whitney Miller, Chief Deputy County Counselor, explained that there was a correction needed in the body of Ordinance #5850 in order for it to reflect the change in the heading that occurred last week.

Ordinance #5850 was adopted as corrected on June 13, 2024.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21626](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of the Missouri Nondiscrimination Act in Jackson County.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

[21632](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate in support of trans gender rights to the Missouri General Assembly.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

[21633](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of maintaining a fair and equitable citizen initiative petition process.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

[21634](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of Blair's Law and greater local gun control for Jackson County.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

Discussion regarding the Floor Amendment for Resolution #21636.

[21636](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to approve the Floor Amendment dated June 17, 2024 for Resolution #21636, to delete the phrase ", with two twelve-month options to extend," after the word "contract" in the heading on page 1; to delete the phrase ", with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of broker and consulting services to CBIZ Benefits of Kansas City (Jackson County), MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 24-024, as the lowest and best remaining proposal based on evaluation points and price" and insert the phrase "with no option for automatic renewal at the rate of the true lowest and first bidder's service fee, charged on a fixed fee in equal monthly installments of \$7,000.00; and requires a new bidding process to determine the 2024-2025 insurance broker that must include an independent, third-party consultant that will ensure bidder specific information remains anonymous and blinding the evaluation committee from what insurance broker bidder they are evaluating and also to have this independent, third-party consultant, to at least providing a grading rubric for evaluation that at least includes: Minority, Diversity, and Women Business Enterprise (MBE/DBE/WBE) inclusion as a priority for coring broker bidders in addition to pricing, experience, etc. and graded by a committee to include associates from Parks + Rec, Human Resources, (excluding the Director to

eliminate issues of bias), County Corrections and the County Auditor's office." on pages 2 and 3; to delete the paragraph "WHEREAS, CBIZ Benefits proposes a monthly consulting fee of \$7,500.00 provided by the medical carrier with not financial impact to Jackson County; and" on page 3; to delete the phrase "and any extensions thereto" in the "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED" paragraph on pages 3 and 4. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

No: 3 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall and Charlie Franklin

[21636](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt the Floor Amendment dated June 17, 2024 for Resolution #21636, awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of broker and consulting services for the County's employee group health, life, and dental insurances for use County-wide to CBIZ Benefits of Kansas City, MO, under terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 24-024, at no cost to the County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 2 - Jeanie Lauer and Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

[21638](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21641](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive or the Chairman of the Legislature to sell the County-owned property located at 1300 Washington Street, Kansas City, MO 64105 via the competitive bidding process.

(Land Use Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[21647](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21648](#)

Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21649](#)

Public Works Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21650](#)

Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21651](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt.

Manuel Abarca IV objected to the Consent Agenda.

Discussion.

Whitney Miller explained that the County Counselor's Office has this issue out for bid. This contract is needed to handle issues before the Board of

Equalization and Merit System Commission while waiting for the procurement process to be completed. If this is not approved an attorney from the County Counselor's Office will need to be assigned to handle BOE issues on a full-time basis.

[21651](#)

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21651, authorizing the County Counselor to execute an addendum to the Legal Services Agreement with Ronald L. Jurgeson of Lee's Summit, MO, at an additional cost to the County not to exceed \$20,000.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

[21652](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5851](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$82,500.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2024 Grant Fund, in acceptance of a grant received from the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program, for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force for reimbursement of lease vehicle expenses and the purchase of illegal drugs for use for undercover work.

(PERFECTED)

[5858](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 55, Jackson County Code, 1984, to add a new section to be known as section 5540. relating to enforcement officers' false information on reports.

(PERFECTED)

[5859](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 55, Jackson County Code, 1984, to add a new section, to be known as section 5576. relating to assault on a police animal.

(PERFECTED)

[5850](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$587,556.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2024 Grant Fund and awarding a contract for the design and reconstruction of a bridge in connection with Federal Project No. BRO-B048(60), Helmig Road Bridge, County Project No. 3215, to Radmacher Brothers Excavating Company, Inc., of Pleasant Hill, MO, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$587,556.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21638](#) A RESOLUTION awarding an eight-month term and supply contract with two twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of audio-visual solutions for use by various County departments to Logicalis, Inc., of Troy, MI, under the terms and conditions set forth in 1GPA National Purchasing Cooperative Contract No. 22-02PV-12, a competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$500,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21647](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$66,077.00 to Carriage Oaks/Highland Ranch subdivision from the Sewer Fund to cover the collection of sewer fees as a reimbursement.

(ADOPTED)

[21648](#) A RESOLUTION declaring a certain County-owned vehicle as surplus property and authorizing its disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Jackson County Code, 1984.

(ADOPTED)

[21649](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of snow and ice removal for use by the Public Works Department to Pro Wash of Mid America of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-011.

(ADOPTED)

[21650](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$261,100.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the County Improvement Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute Change Order No. 4 to the contract with Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC, of Kansas City, MO, for Blue Springs Lake Road Improvements project (PR 2023-01), at a cost to the County in the amount of \$261,100.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21652](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of appointment management software for use by the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature to Q-Less Software of Pasadena, CA, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$9,450.00.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinances #5851, #5858, and #5859 were moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection. Ordinance #5850 and Resolutions #21638, #21647, #21648, #21649, #21650, and #21652 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

Yes: 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5860](#)

Submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a General Election to be held on November 5, 2024, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide capital improvement sales tax of three-sixteenths of one percent for a period of twenty-five years for the purpose of retaining the Kansas City Chiefs sports team in Jackson County, Missouri.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

Megan L. Marshall asked the Clerk of the County Legislature to add a copy of 67.700 RSMo. to the backup for Ordinance #5860.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21653](#)

Authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute a twelve-month Agreement, with three twelve-month options to extend, with the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS) for an automated case management and criminal history reporting system, as an acquisition from another governmental entity, at an annual cost to the County not to exceed \$72,615.00.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[21654](#)

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 \$3,421,616.00.

(Assigned to the Anti-Crime Committee.)

[21655](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21655, recognizing the Shepherd's Center's 2024 Class of Kansas City's 70 Over 70. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[21656](#)

Recognizing Jim Rowland on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

Donna Peyton said this resolution will be presented next week to Mr. Rowland.

[21657](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21657, recognizing Tracie Rice for her contributions to the betterment of the Blue Summit community. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Manuel Abarca IV advised there would be another piece of legislation introduced regarding the Kansas City Chiefs in order to open discussions since the final certification date for the November ballot is August 27, 2024.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, June 24, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.