

Jackson County Interim Selection Process

April 20, 2018

Overview of Process: County Executive Frank White, Jr. has appointed a nominating committee to recommend candidates for Jackson County Interim Sheriff.

Members of the nominating committee are:

- Alfred Jordan (Chair) – 2nd District Jackson County Legislator
- Crystal Williams – 2nd District At-Large Legislator
- Tony Miller – 3rd District At-Large Legislator
- Jean Peters Baker – Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney
- Chief Rick Smith – Kansas City Police Department
- Chief Dave Starbuck – Grain Valley Police Department
- Rick Inglima – President, Missouri State Fraternal Order of Police
- Tammy Dickinson – Former United States Attorney
- Dr. Wallace Hartsfield, II – Pastor, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church

The Mid-America Regional Council will provide administrative support to Jackson County and the nominating committee.

The nominating committee will conduct an open and accessible process. Public notice will be given for all meetings of the committee although some parts of meetings may be closed for deliberations or to discuss privileged information. Meetings and interviews will be conducted at the Mid-America Regional Council's conference center, 600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri. Resumes will be held in confidence until candidates have authorized public release. The nominating committee's screening interviews will be open to the public; however, the nominating committee holds the prerogative to conduct private interviews if a candidate demonstrates extenuating circumstances. The nominating committee has been charged with recommending a slate of two to three candidates to Jackson County Executive Frank White, Jr., who will make the final selection.

April 20, 2018	Appointment of nominating committee by Jackson County Executive Frank White, Jr.
April 20, 2018	Posting of the Interim Sheriff application process; issuance of news release; establishment of websites for submission of applications, to register public comments; and promote the open position.
April 30, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.	Deadline to accept resumes and letters of interest.
May 1, 2018	Internal Jackson County/MARC staff review of candidate applications to determine if qualifications are met, conduct background checks.
May 4, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.	Host public comment session and conduct screening interviews with eligible candidates.
May 4, 2018 by 5:00 p.m.	Submit names of two to three finalists to County Executive Frank White, Jr.
May 7-14, 2018	Frank White, Jr. interviews candidates and announces Jackson County Interim Sheriff

Summary of 2011 Process to Appoint Jackson County Prosecutor

In March 2011, Jackson County, Missouri Prosecutor Jim Kanatzar resigned his position to accept appointment to the Jackson County Circuit Court. In April

2011, then-Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders appointed a five-member advisory committee for the nomination of candidates for the Office of Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney. The members included:

- ☐ Dana M. Altieri, of Altieri & Kelly, LLC
- ☐ Tony R. Miller, of Troppito + Miller, LLC
- ☐ Robert H. Martin, of Welch, Martin & Albano, LLC
- ☐ James T. Nunnelly
- ☐ Gerry Helm, a former candidate for prosecutor who also chaired a similar committee appointed by Sanders in 2006.

The committee held a public community listening session at the Jackson County Courthouse to solicit input on the desired characteristics in a new prosecutor. The Mid-America Regional Council facilitated the process. The committee then developed evaluation criteria that included: a robust legal background, leadership qualities, and a strong sense of character and integrity.

MARC provided neutral administrative support to the committee as they solicited applications and held public interviews with the top eight candidates. In May 2011, after the committee nominated three finalists from the pool of applicants, County Executive Sanders appointed Jean Peters Baker as the new prosecutor.