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

Jackson County Courthouse
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Monday, November 16, 2020

10:00 AM

Forty-fourth Regular Meeting

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

Dan Tarwater III, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin and Dan Tarwater III

Absent 2 - Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Scott Burnett, seconded by Charlie Franklin to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on November 09, 2020. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Brian Gaddie, Director of Public Works, introduced Dr. Troy Nash with JCDC Partners, LLC, and Daniel Musser, Executive Managing Director with Newmark Grubb Zimmer Real Estate, for an update on the Owner's Representative Services related to the Jackson County Criminal Justice System. Dr. Nash said the team is on schedule and continues to work remotely using video conferencing systems. The completed validation of need and programming reports are available on the project's website, jcdetentioncenter.com. JCDC Partners continues to meet the WBE/MBE goals and is current and in compliance with the quarterly goals established within its contract. Dr. Nash said the steering committee has established the site criteria and is in support of Resolution #20561 which approves a contract with Zimmer Real Estate to act as broker on behalf of the County. The next step is to develop the owner's design criteria and to work on procurement with task force meetings scheduled after Thanksgiving.

Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, said that although the County has a current contract in place with Zimmer, it is not related to the new jail. This contract will be at no cost to the County because Zimmer's fee will be paid through a seller's commission once a site has been selected and approved by the Legislature.

Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said there is no requirement the agreement with Zimmer be put out for bid. Dr. Nash said they are in the process of developing the site criteria and will present the detail analysis at the next update.

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, asked about the site selection. She said there will be a lot of money and influence at stake in this decision and she hopes the process is as transparent as possible, so everyone is comfortable with the site. She suggested safeguards be put in place so there is no conflict of interest with regards to the site selection.

Charlie Franklin, County Legislator, asked about the buyer's commission. Mr. Musser said if the cost of the property is \$2 million, the commission is 6%; the seller's agent and the buyer's agent would split the percentage.

Mr. Musser said they have a few guidelines in place, such as a 50-acre site with access to utilities, public transportation, and the County courthouses. He said the process to purchase the property will take 5-6 months. They expect to have a few recommendations for the steering committee before bringing a final recommendation before the Legislature for approval.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, said that Ms. Williams has raised a valid point. He said this process has been ripe with rumors that a site has already been selected. He said it is vitally important this process has public transparency. He requested additional information on the steering committee's meeting schedule. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said the steering committee is made up of key stakeholders: The Prosecuting Attorney, Chairman of the Legislature, the Sheriff, County Executive, and the Presiding Judge. The committee meets every three or four weeks. Mr. Schulte said he would look into this question further.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said copies of the 2021 Budget books were distributed on Friday, November 13, 2020. He said there is a 12 page budget letter starting on page 9, which is a summary of recommendations.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5440](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing section 9303., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Anti-Crime Sales Tax, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new section relating to the same subject.
(Anti-Crime Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[20556](#) Legislature As A Whole moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

Ronald E. Finley thanked the Legislative Auditor for meeting with him and answering his questions. Dan Tarwater III said he appreciates that Crissy Wooderson is always available.

[20557](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[20556](#) A RESOLUTION reappointing Crissy Wooderson as Legislative Auditor for a term ending December 31, 2024.

(ADOPTED)

[20557](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$20,000.00 within the 2020 General Fund to cover remaining financial obligations of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office through the end of 2020.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #20556 and #20557 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Scott Burnett, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5447](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Tony Miller, to approve the Floor Amendment dated November 16, 2020 for Ordinance #5447, to delete the figure "23,430.00" and insert the figure "22,953.00" in the heading on page 1, the appropriation on page 2, and the fiscal on page 4 and to delete the figure "4,000" and insert the figure "3,523" in the appropriation on page 2. The motion passed by a voice vote.

[5447](#) A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Charlie Franklin, to perfect the Floor Amendment for Ordinance #5447. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5447](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Tony Miller, to adopt Ordinance #5447 as amended, appropriating \$22,953.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 CARES Act Fund to reimburse the Circuit Court for expended funds and make funds available to pay other costs necessary in connection with the fight against the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 7 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin and Dan Tarwater III

Absent: 2 - Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[5448](#) A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5448. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5448](#) A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5448, appropriating \$3,368.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 Park Fund in acceptance of a donation from David and Sally Bennett to the Parks + Rec Department, to be used to upgrade barracks floors at Fort Osage. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin and Dan Tarwater III

Absent: 3 - Tony Miller, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[5449](#) Setting the 2021 Jackson County, Missouri tentative tax levy.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[5450](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Scott Burnett to perfect Ordinance #5450. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5450](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Scott Burnett, to adopt Ordinance #5450, appropriating \$25,317.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 CARES Act Fund to allow for the purchase of upgraded computer equipment used by the County Counselor's Office to improve remote work capability and communications in connection with the fight against the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[5451](#)

Transferring \$800,000.00 within the 2020 General Fund and appropriating \$800,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 E-911 System Fund to cover unbudgeted costs associated with operating and maintaining the 911 phone system in Jackson County.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[20558](#)

Awarding a contract on Bid No. PW 04-2020 for the Morris Road Culvert Replacement Project, No. 3229, to Linaweaver Construction, Inc., of Lansing, KS, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$225,253.00, and authorizing the Director of Public Works to approve line item adjustments under this contract at no additional cost to the County.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[20559](#)

Transferring \$27,000.00 within the 2020 Park Fund to cover anticipated overtime expenses for the Parks + Rec Department through the end of 2020.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[20560](#)

Transferring \$84,728.00 within the 2020 Special Road and Bridge Fund to allow for the purchase of inclement weather-related equipment from an existing term and supply vendor for use by the Public Works Department.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[20561](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Tony Miller, to adopt Resolution #20561, authorizing the County Administrator to execute an agreement to retain Zimmer Real Estate Services, L.C., of Kansas City, MO, as agent in the search for a new location for a detention center facility in Jackson County, at no cost to the County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #5447 was adopted at this time see page 4 for details.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ronald E. Finley said everyone is aware of news about expanding infection rates and the strains on our local hospitals due to COVID-19. He said there are CARES Act funds still available and he would like to explore a proposal to provide PPE and supplies to hospitals and healthcare providers. The deadline for spending these funds is approaching. He would like to see a proposal as soon as possible.

Crystal Williams said in light of the pandemic, Budget Hearings will be held for one day next Monday, November 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Troy Schulte will guide the Legislature through most of the departmental needs.

A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Jalen Anderson to change the time of legislative meeting scheduled to be held on November 23rd to 9:00 a.m. The motion passed by a voice vote.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, asked if there is a regional discussion regarding restrictions on gatherings due to the spike in COVID-19 cases. Troy Schulte said there have been regional discussions between Jackson County, Johnson County, Wyandotte County, and the City of Kansas City, Missouri. Johnson County changed their order on Friday, November 13th. As of this morning the remaining local governments have not reached a consensus, although the County has an order ready. Crystal Williams said that many people in leadership are conflicted and it may be necessary for

the County to act to do the right thing, even if our regional partners fail to move forward.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Tony Miller, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

The next legislative meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.