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*DaRon McGee (4th) 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),
Jeanie Lauer (5th), Sean E. Smith (6th)*

Jackson County Courthouse
415 E.12th Street, 2nd floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
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Tuesday, January 24, 2023

11:15 AM

Special Meeting

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

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

1 ROLL CALL

Present 9 - DaRon McGee, Megan Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean Smith

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on January 23, 2023. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, congratulated legislators for working together to reach agreed upon ballot language for Ordinance #5710.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5701](#)

AN ORDINANCE to adopt the annual budget and set forth appropriations for the various spending agencies and the principal subdivisions thereof, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

(Legislature As A Whole - 5th. Perfection)

[5702](#)

AN ORDINANCE setting the 2023 Jackson County, Missouri tentative tax levy.
(Legislature As A Whole - 5th. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

None.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

None.

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[5710](#)

A motion was made by Sean Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to approve the Floor Substitute dated January 24, 2023 for Ordinance #5710, submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a special election to be held on April 4, 2023, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide sales tax of three percent on all tangible personal property retail sales of adult use, non-medicinal marijuana. The motion passed by voice vote.

(APPROVED)

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said Megan L. Marshall, County Legislator, reached out to him to discuss their common goals with Ordinance #5710, to make sure it benefits the community. The floor substitute to Ordinance #5710 changes the wording of the ballot language to:

Shall Jackson County, Missouri, be authorized to impose a countywide sales tax of three percent (3%) on all tangible personal property retail sales of adult use, non-medicinal marijuana sold in Jackson County, for the purpose of funding community services and veterans support services through a dedicated special revenue fund, and for other purposes authorized for the expenditure of County general revenues?

Mr. Anderson said, this covers all programs mentioned yesterday while making sure to include the general revenue fund. He thanked Legislator Marshall on working together to get this done.

Megan L. Marshall said she concurs with Legislator Anderson. She agrees

this is a worthy cause. This leaves it up to the voters to make the decision. She said, they both agree that this is an opportunity to provide resources to the community that is commonly overlooked.

[5710](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to perfect Ordinance #5710. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5710](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Megan Marshall, to adopt the Floor Substitute dated January 24, 2023 Ordinance #5710, submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a special election to be held on April 4, 2023, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide sales tax of three percent on all tangible personal property retail sales of adult use, non-medicinal marijuana. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked if this will cancel the afternoon meetings. DaRon McGee, County Legislator, said correct, the Budget Committee and Legislative meetings scheduled for the afternoon are canceled.

14 NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to change the Legislative meeting time and day for the month of February to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. This change will result in meetings being held at 4:00 p.m. on February 7, February 14, February 21, and February 28, 2023, to make meetings more accessible to constituents. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, and Venessa Huskey

No: 4 - Jalen Anderson, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer, and Sean E. Smith

Jeanie Lauer said she appreciates the intent of the motion to get greater engagement with the public. She is not sure how a 4:00 p.m. meeting on Tuesdays accomplishes that goal. She said many people are at still at work at 4:00 p.m., picking up children, or heading to children's after school activities. Many years ago the meeting was set on Mondays because elected officials had outside work commitments and were able to plan their schedules in advance, particularly for those who travel during the week. This change may create a hardship for staff and the legal counsel to prepare and review agenda items. Now legislators receive information on Thursday and have ample time to prepare for a Monday meeting.

Frank White, Jr., said he shares Ms. Lauer's concerns. The department directors will need to be made aware of these changes. Staff tries to complete agenda items in time for a Thursday agenda deadline. He prefers to stay on Mondays.

15 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, January 30, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.