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Donna Peyton (2nd AL) Vice Chairman,
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Megan L. Smith (3rd AL),
Manuel Abarca IV (1st), Venessa Huskey (2nd),
Charlie Franklin (3rd), Jeanie Lauer (5th)
Sean E. Smith (6th)*

Monday, July 28, 2025

3:00 PM

Thirty-first Regular 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, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on July 21, 2025. 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.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5904](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 5577., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to possession of firearms and age restriction, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections, Sections 5577. and 5578., relating to the same subject, with a severability clause and a penalty provision.

(Legislature As A Whole - 33rd Perfection)

- [5967](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing subsections 7401.2., 7405.4., and 7406.5., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to protections against retaliation for complaints, cooperating with complaint investigations, and amending the discretionary authority to decline a complaint and enacting, in lieu thereof, three new subsections relating to the same subject.
(Legislature As A Whole - 14th Perfection)
- [5990](#) AN ORDINANCE establishing a commercial property assessment rate cap in Jackson County, Missouri
(Legislature As A Whole - 4th. Perfection)
- [5994](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.
- [5995](#) AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, a question regarding the recall of County Executive Frank White, Jr.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 2nd. Perfection)
- [5996](#) AN ORDINANCE enacting sections of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the establishment of fair property tax payment practices and protections during appeals, providing for payment programs, appeal-based payment extensions, and time limits on appeals resolution.
(Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Perfection)
- [5997](#) AN ORDINANCE establishing financial accountability for elected officials who reject or obstruct certified recall petitions, requiring reimbursement of special election costs if a court determines improper denial of voter certified recall efforts.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE[21641](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21641 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. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 4 - DaRon McGee, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and Sean E. Smith

No: 5 - Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

(DEFEATED)

Legislator Jalen Anderson asked what is the process when you sell a building bought with ARPA funds and do they need to be returned? A brief discussion was held with Chairman McGee deferring to Budget Chairman Charlie Franklin and Finance and Audit Chairman Sean E. Smith. Legislator Franklin was unaware of the answer. Legislator Manuel Abarca IV, added the Legislature previously asked this question and was sent a letter from the US Department of Treasury stating no funds would need to be returned if the building were to be sold. Legislator Smith concurred.

[21766](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #21766 transferring \$49,500.00 within the 2024 General Fund and authorizing a contract to cover the cost of consultation and proposal services to Colette Holt & Associates Law Firm of San Antonio, TX, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$49,500.00.. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 0

No: 9 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

(DEFEATED)

[21930](#)

A RESOLUTION urging the County Executive to implement a temporary moratorium on foreclosure proceedings and tax lien sales against residential property owners affected by the 2023 Jackson County property reassessment cycle.

(Land Use Committee - 8th. Meeting)

[21960](#)

Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

- [21964](#) A RESOLUTION urging the County Executive to implement a temporary moratorium on foreclosure proceedings and tax lien sales against residential property owners affected by the 2019-2022 Jackson County property reassessment cycle.
(Land Use Committee - 3rd. Meeting)
- [21966](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Director of Parks + Rec to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for conservation planning and natural area restoration in the Jackson County Parks system with Bridging the Gap, a non-profit organization, to participate in its Kansas City Wildlands program, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$25,000.00.
(Land Use Committee - 1st. Meeting)
- [21967](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing Jackson County's participation in and adoption of the Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, as presented by the Mid-America Regional Council, in partnership with the local governments of Cass, Clay, Platte and Ray Counties, to fulfill eligibility requirements for the federal hazard mitigation grant program.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 1st. Meeting)
- [21968](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21969](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21970](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21971](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21972](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21973](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21974](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21974 recognizing Father Paul Turner as the 2025 Catholic Media Association Awards Author of the Year. The motion carried by a roll call vote:
Yes: 9 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)
- [21975](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5994](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$82,500.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 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.. The motion failed
(PERFECTED)

[21960](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of softball umpire services for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Eastern Jackson County USSSA Umpire Association of Independence, MO, as a sole source purchase.
(ADOPTED)

[21968](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of inmate clothing for use by the Jackson County Detention Center to Bob Barker of Fuquay-Varina, NC, and Victory Supply of Mt. Pleasant, TN, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-017.
(ADOPTED)

[21969](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of mattresses, bedding, and linens for use by the Jackson County Detention Center to Bob Barker Co., Inc., of Fuquay-Varina, NC, Victory Supply of Mt. Pleasant, TN, and Charm-Tex of Brooklyn, NY, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-018.
(ADOPTED)

[21970](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of HVAC parts for use by various County departments to Charles D. Jones Company of North Kansas City, Missouri, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-026.
(ADOPTED)

[21971](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, for event parking accommodations at no cost to the County.
(ADOPTED)

[21972](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of office furniture for use by various County departments, to Encompas Corporation, Kansas City Office Design, LLC, K&M Office Products, all of Kansas City, MO, Color Art Integrated Interiors of Kansas City, LLC of Lenexa, KS, and Rangle Distributing of Kansas City, KS, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-091.

(ADOPTED)

[21973](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of pavement marking services for use by various County departments to Streetwise, Inc. of Grandview, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid 25-024.

(ADOPTED)

[21975](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of miscellaneous pipes and plumbing supplies for use by various County departments to Reeves-Wiedeman Company of Kansas City, Missouri, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-088.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #5994 was moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection.
Resolutions #21960, #21968, #21969, #21970, #21971, #21972, #21973 and #21975 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5998](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 3.94± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[5999](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 5.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[6000](#)

Renewing a conditional use permit (CUP) in District AG (Agricultural) for continuous operation of a short-term rental subject to specified conditions, as to a 9.56± acre tract.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[6001](#)

Enacting sections 7800., 7801., 7802., 7803., 7804., and 7805., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the establishment of the Senior Citizens' Services Fund, with an effective date.

(Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)

[6002](#)

Repealing Section 5577., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to possession of firearms and age restriction, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections, relating to the same subject, with a severability clause and a penalty provision.

(Assigned to the Anti-Crime Committee.)

No objection to the consideration of Ordinance #6003 - not on printed agenda.

[6003](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to perfect Ordinance #6003, repealing subsection 2066.7., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a senior tax credit, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new subsection relating to the same subject. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Abstain: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(FAILED)

Since this ordinance was not included on the printed agenda, unanimous consent of the members present was required per Rule 14 B in the Rules of the Jackson County Legislature.

Legislator Megan L. Smith, who attended the meeting virtually, was asked if she would reconsider her vote if she was sent the legislation by email. She declined stating she did not feel comfortable changing her vote without seeing the legislation for herself .

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[21978](#)

Awarding a fifteen month contract with four twelve month options to extend for the leasing of golf carts, beverage cars, a six passenger car, and a range picker for use by the Parks + Rec Department to M&M Golf Cars LLC of Lee's Summit, MO at a cost not to exceed \$32,756.00, under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Partners Contract No. EV2671.1, an existing government contract.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[21979](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #21979 authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, July 28, 2025, 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 carried by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21980](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #21980 celebrating the life and legacy of Nicholas Paul "Nick" Cervantes. The motion carried by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

[21981](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21981 approving the settlement for a claim to Joanne Martin, for a total payment by the County of \$5,973.00. The motion carried by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Megan L. Smith and Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman DaRon McGee had two items to discuss:

(1) Reminding members of the County Legislature that courtesy resolutions should only be introduced on the first and third Monday of each month.

(2) For the County Counselor's (Bryan Covinsky and Whitney Miller) Effective immediately, please contact or have staff contact legislators prior to adding their names as a sponsor on legislation. This is so legislators are aware, as well as to allow the opportunity for legislators to ask questions and understand what they are sponsoring. If Legislators cannot be reached do NOT include their name as a sponsor.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Closed meeting per Resolution #21979. The closed meeting may be followed by the introduction and adoption of a Resolution in open session to authorize the settlement of a legal action, cause of action, or litigation matter.

The County Legislature went into closed session.

The County Legislature reconvened.

Resolution #21981 was introduced and adopted at this time. See page 8 for details.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, August 4, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.