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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)*

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Monday, October 9, 2023

3:00 PM

Thirty-seventh 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, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, 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 Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on October 02, 2023. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Resolutions #21418, #21423, #21424, #21425, #21428, and #21422 were adopted at this time. See pages 5 through 7 for details.

Colleen White, Strategic Workplace Solutions, Inc. (SWS), and David Kirkpatrick, Kirkway Investments LLC, presented an update regarding compliance oversight for the Detention Center Project. Ms. White introduced herself. She has been in business in the Kansas City area for 17 years on prevailing wage, minority workforce, and women's workforce matters. She and her team, David Kirkpatrick, and Gayle Holliday had met with the previous Legislature and were chosen for compliance oversight on the Detention Center Project. The project is just getting started. They have met with the professional design teams working with J.E. Dunn-Axiom. They are keeping compliance oversight on J.E. Dunn and the workforce with which it contracts. SWS is coordinating its work with Melinda Bolling, the Chief Compliance Officer for the County. SWS sends a monthly report to Ms. Bolling, who forwards the information to the Legislature. Ms. White said she was involved in the development of the County's prevailing wage, WBE and

MBE programs. There are three areas they will watch: 1) Funding that is spent on the minority (17% goal), women (11% goal), and veterans (.05% goal) business owners that have contracts on this project. 2) They are watching the workforce goals, which is a 35% goal, and 3) they monitor prevailing wage compliance. There is minor prevailing wage work being done so far. This part of the project will gear up in November and December. SWS watches to make sure the workers are being classified and paid properly. They make sure no one is doing pass-through work, where they claim they are performing the work, but they hire someone else to do the work. The problems SWS typically finds are in the lower-tiered subs. David Kirkpatrick will conduct site visits and interview the workers on a regular basis. The workers on-site may tell SWS information that is not reflected on the filed paperwork. Mr. Kirkpatrick said he worked as a business manager for Local 518, Plasterers and Cement Masons Union. In that role he did similar work to ensure workers were treated fairly.

Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, asked what are some of the things that are going well on the project? Ms. White said there is not a lot going on, but the reporting has been timely and accurate. Ms. Lauer asked what things might not be going as smoothly? Ms. White said there are always issues with prevailing wage and classification problems. She normally wants to dig deeper into the fringe benefits. Other issues that may come up are paying apprenticeship wages, which has its own compliance issues, including registration with a training program with the U.S. Department of Labor. They also watch out for pass-through issues by hiring subs to do the work. Jeanie Lauer asked about measures put in place. Ms. White said the contractors have to be certified. Her team will double check all of the vendors - the prime contractor and the subcontractors.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked about situations with no compliance monitoring. Ms. White said most problems are found on the job site. The LCPtracker software system might flag some problems. But talking to workers onsite makes the difference. It is comparable to a quality control system. Compliance is a lot of work, and a full staff is needed.

Mr. Abarca asked the Administration for a status update on the process to approve the open compliance positions. Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, said he had no information but will look into the matter this week.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Caleb Clifford said there was no report. The County Executive was not present.

Manuel Abarca IV asked about issues with an inappropriate email being sent out executive distribution and problems in the Information Technology

Department. Mr. Clifford said he had no information on the matter. Mr. Clifford said he would be happy to have the IT Director speak to the County Legislature about it.

Mr. Abarca said he has reports that the Assessment Department modified the values of some properties after the value was certified, without notifying the property owners. Mr. Clifford said he will ask the Assessment Department to address the questions. Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, said he is not aware of this issue. Mr. Abarca said the constituent has an image of the value that was certified. He did not appeal. He also has an image of the changed value online that is different than value on the notice he received in the mail. The Assessment Department acknowledged the change and claimed they had sent a notice of the change, but when he looked again, the value was changed back to the original value in the original notice. Mr. Abarca asked how this occurs and why did this occur. Caleb Clifford requested more information so the issue can be investigated. Mr. Abarca said he is frustrated with the standard answer "We will look into it." with no follow up.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

- [5789](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$110,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Assessment Fund to cover the cost of salaries and overtime for the remainder of the 2023 Board of Equalization (BOE) appeals docket.
(Budget Committee - 4th. Perfection)
- [5797](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 9103. and 9104., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Board of Equalization, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject.
(Budget Committee - 1st. Perfection)
- [5798](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$16,748.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Grant Fund in acceptance of funding provided by the Organized Crime Enforcement Task Force for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force for "Operation Bad Cookie."
(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 1st. Perfection)
- [5799](#) AN ORDINANCE transferring \$242,374.00 within the 2023 Sheriff's Office General Fund and appropriating \$302,374.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 General Fund, in acceptance of the Sheriff's Office's DWI/Traffic Safety Unit Salary Grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Transportation, Traffic and Highway Safety Division, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Missouri Highway Safety Division for the acceptance and expenditure of grant funds.
(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[5800](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$34,600.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Grant Fund in acceptance of the Sheriff's Office's Impaired Driving Enforcement grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety and Traffic Division, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Missouri Highway Safety Division for the expenditure of grant funds.
(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[5801](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$40,425.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Grant Fund, in acceptance of the Sheriff's Office's Hazardous Moving Violation Enforcement grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety and Traffic Division, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Missouri Traffic and Highway Safety Division for the expenditure of grant funds.
(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 1st. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21402](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Counselor to execute an Addendum to the existing Legal Services Agreement with Husch Blackwell, LLP of Kansas City, MO, for county-wide anti-discrimination and anti-harassment training at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$20,000.00.
(Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[21409](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of annual software maintenance for use by the Sheriff's Office to Omnigo Software of St. Louis, MO, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$89,090.00.
(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[21410](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$104,000.00 within the 2023 E-911 System Fund and authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$104,000.00 for assisting in the purchase of a Unified Computer Aided Dispatch System for the Lone Jack Police Department.
(911 Oversight Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[21411](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of dry goods, refrigerated foods, and frozen foods for use by Parks + Rec Department to U.S. Foods of Lenexa, KS, under the terms and conditions of the U.S. Communities Contract No. 42356, an existing competitively bid government contract.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[21413](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of Environmental Management Services for use by various County departments to EcoSafe Environmental Services of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-027.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

None.

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21418](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21418, congratulating the Kansas City Hispanic News on the occasion of its 27th Anniversary. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 9 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[21419](#) Expressing the intent of the Legislature to request that the Board of Equalization finalize hearings to determine property assessed value before tax notices are sent out to the citizens of Jackson County.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[21420](#) Transferring \$234,723.00 within the 2023 Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund to cover the costs of salaries and overtime pay of officers from other law enforcement agencies working for the Jackson County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[21421](#) Transferring \$70,000.00 within the County Improvement Fund to cover the cost of project management services for use by the Collections Department from an existing term and supply vendor.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[21422](#) A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21422, recognizing the 25th Anniversary of Urban American Outdoors, Meet & Greet, Conference, and Gala weekend being held at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, The Loews Kansas City Hotel, and the Buck O'Neil Education and Research Center on October 13-14, 2023. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21423](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21423, congratulating Rudy's Tenampa Taqueria restaurant on its 30th Anniversary. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21424](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21424, recognizing George Medina, the Honorary Mayor of Waldo. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21425](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21425, recognizing the contributions of Mexican American Softball Leagues. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21426](#) Congratulating Susan Dunham on the occasion of her retirement after 35 years of service to the Grandview School District.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[21427](#)

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21427, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023, for the purpose of conducting privileged and confidential communications under section 610.021(12) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and closing all records prepared for discussion at said meeting. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21428](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21428, recognizing the Guadalupe Centers for their exceptional contributions to the Hispanic Community in Jackson County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

The County Legislature went into closed meeting per Resolution #21427.

The County Legislature reconvened.

Due to upcoming conflicts with the Missouri Association of Counties conference and meetings related to the 2024 budget, motions were made to change the date and times of future legislative meetings.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton to reschedule the November 20th legislative meeting to TUESDAY, November 21, 2023 at 3 p.m. The motion passed by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton to schedule a legislative meeting on Tuesday, November 28 at 10 A.M.,

Wednesday, November 29 at 12:30 P.M. and Friday December 1 at 9 A.M. to coincide with budget hearings. The motion passed by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton to reschedule the December 4th legislative meeting to Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 3 P.M. The motion passed by a voice vote.

The County Legislature will schedule a public hearing on the 2024 budget at this meeting.

The Clerk of the County Legislature will email and post the revised legislative meeting schedule.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, October 16, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.