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*Donna Peyton (2nd AL) Chairman, Sean E. Smith (6th) Vice Chairman,
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Megan L. Smith (3rd AL),
Manuel Abarca IV (1st), Venessa Huskey (2nd),
Charlie Franklin (3rd), DaRon McGee (4th), Jeanie Lauer (5th)*

Monday, August 17, 2026

3:00 PM

Thirty-first Regular Meeting

**Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, K.C.
Legislative Assembly Area**

Donna Peyton, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

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

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Jalen Anderson to
approve the journal of the previous meeting held on August 10, 2026. The
motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Resolution #22375 was adopted at this time. See page 6 for details.

Presentation of the 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)
by Kevin Smith, Principal, from CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Phil LeVota, County Executive, was present and gave the following report:

He acknowledged the birthdays of Angie Jeffries, Director of
Communications, whose birthday is today; as well as Chairman Donna
Peyton, whose birthday is tomorrow.

He showed a CBIZ PowerPoint presentation regarding negotiations for
Jackson County employee benefits for 2027. The County will remain with
Blue Cross and Blue Shield for health care administration and there will be
no increase in premiums and some new added benefits.

The County Executive has negotiated a collective bargaining agreement with Building Trades. He stated he will work with other unions that represent Jackson County employees on their agreements as well.

To view details from this section of the journal, click on the link below and select the video of the County Legislative meeting dated Monday, August 17, 2026.

<https://jacksonco.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[6077](#) AN ORDINANCE enacting section 6004., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to standards for care and treatment in Jackson County residential facilities with a severability clause.

(Legislature As A Whole - 20th Perfection)

[6097](#) AN ORDINANCE establishing the position of Legislative Intern within the Office of the Jackson County Legislature and setting forth provisions governing the appointment, supervision, and employment of Legislative Interns.

(Legislature As A Whole - 12th Perfection)

[6105](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 1030. and 1040. of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to competitive bidding, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject.

(Finance & Audit Committee - 5th. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[22323](#) A RESOLUTION directing the County Executive, the Department of Public Works, and all appropriate County departments and agencies to develop and implement a comprehensive framework governing the siting, construction, expansion, and operation of artificial intelligence and high-capacity data center facilities within Jackson County, Missouri, and establishing conditions necessary to protect public infrastructure, utility systems, environmental resources, public safety, and neighboring communities.

(Legislature As A Whole - 2nd. Meeting)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV to adopt Resolution #22323. The motion failed for lack of a second.

[22357](#) A RESOLUTION establishing the Jackson County Housing Trust Fund to support the development, preservation, rehabilitation, and accessibility of affordable housing throughout Jackson County, Missouri, and requesting the County Administration to develop policies governing the use of the Fund.

(Budget Committee - 4th. Meeting)

[22368](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22369](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22370](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[22368](#) A RESOLUTION declaring certain County-owned boats as surplus property and authorizing their disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of Jackson County Code, 1984.

(ADOPTED)

[22369](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a six-month extension to a term and supply contract, with two (2) twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of personal computers, miscellaneous computer hardware, software, maintenance, and professional services for use by various County departments to ConvergeOne of Bloomington, MN, under the terms and conditions set forth in Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City Contract No. CO62518, an existing government contract.

(ADOPTED)

[22370](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a split twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one (1) twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of HVAC services for use by various County departments to EMCOR Services-Fagan of Kansas City, KS and Lippert Mechanical Service of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 26-038.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #22368, #22369 and #22370 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[6112](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 11.52± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[6113](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 66.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[6114](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 0.32± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[6115](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 3.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RS (Residential Suburban).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[6116](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 4.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[6117](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 2.07± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing regarding Ordinances #6112 through #6117 on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 2 p.m. in the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Independence, Missouri, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.

[6118](#) Appropriating \$185,600.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Grant Fund, in acceptance of the Family Court Division's Juvenile Court Diversion Program grant received from the State of Missouri, Division of Youth Services.
(Assigned to the Anti-Crime Committee.)

[6119](#) Repealing section 9104., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Board of Equalization, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new section relating to the same subject.

(Assigned to the Rules Committee.)

[6120](#) Repealing Ordinance 6096 and submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, a question authorizing Jackson County to continue its countywide anti-crime sales tax (COMBAT) at the rate of one-quarter of one cent for a period of ten years for the purpose of arrest, prosecution, incarceration, treatment, and prevention of drug-related offenses and violent crimes, and the judicial processing of adult and juvenile violators of such offenses.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR SEAN E. SMITH. CONCURRED BY JALEN ANDERSON AND JEANIE LAUER.)

Melesa Johnson, Prosecuting Attorney and Murray Woodard, Director of COMBAT, were present and voiced their concerns pertaining to the proposed floor amendment for Ordinance #6120. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Woodard opposed Ordinance #6120 and preferred the language used in Ordinance #6096 adopted on June 22, 2026 by the County Legislature.

After much discussion regarding the proposed floor amendment for Ordinance #6120, it was withdrawn.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[22372](#) Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one (1) twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of vehicle maintenance and repair services for use by various County departments to Bird Automotive of Blue Springs, MO, Glenn's Tire and Automotive, Inc. of Independence, MO, Metro Ford, Inc. of Independence, MO, and Take 5 Oil Change of Charlotte, NC, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 26-040.

(Assigned to the Finance & Audit Committee.)

[22373](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an amendment to the 2022 ARPA Agreement with Swope Health Services for the purchase of real estate, at no cost to the County.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[22374](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a 2026 Consolidated Tax Billing and Collection Agreement to provide consolidated property tax billing and reciprocal tax collection services with the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri at no cost to the County.

(Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)

Phil LeVota explained Resolution #22374.

[22374](#) A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22374, The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

[22375](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22375, recognizing the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum's Heart of America Hot Dog Festival. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

[22376](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the Greater Kansas City Building and Trades Council, for the period effective immediately upon execution until December 31, 2028.

(Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, August 24, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.