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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)*

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Monday, October 27, 2025

3:00 PM

Forty-second 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 8 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Excused 1 - Jalen Anderson

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Megan L. Smith, seconded by Sean E. Smith to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on October 20, 2025. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Megan L. Smith, County Legislator, said she objected to the approval of the journal of the October 20, 2025 legislative meeting. She said the journal reflected that Legislator Sean E. Smith changed his vote on Ordinance #6009 after the legislative meeting was adjourned. Whitney Miller, Deputy County Counselor, said Section 45 of Roberts Rules of Order states that votes cannot be changed after the meeting is adjourned. Sean E. Smith, explained why he changed his vote and said he has no problem leaving his vote as "abstain."

A motion was made by Megan L. Smith, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to amend the journal of October 20, 2025 to reflect Ordinance #6009 perfection failed and Legislator Smith abstained from the vote. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Under UNFINISHED BUSINESS, there was a motion to excuse the absence of Jalen Anderson, therefore the October 20, 2025 journal was accepted as amended to change the status and roll call vote of Ordinance #6009 and to record Jalen Anderson as excused.

4 HEARINGS

Pam Kramer, CEO and Lindsey Douglas, COO of KC2026 made a presentation and funding request for the FIFA World Cup to be hosted in the Kansas City region next summer.

For a copy of the presentation please see the attachment under Meeting details for the October 27, 2025 legislative meeting.

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

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Phil LeVota, County Executive, was not present.

Theresa Garza, Chief of Staff, gave the following report:

Jennifer Nussbeck was introduced as the Chief Public Affairs Officer in the County Executive's Office.

The application process for Non-Profit Partnership Grants went live on Friday with a deadline of November 20th.

On Tuesday, October 21st several members of the Legislature toured the Justice Center and for those who were unable to attend, Ms. Garza extended an invitation to visit at a later time.

The Eastern Jackson County Yard Waste Collection Center opens on Saturday, November 1st and is open until November 22nd. The Center is located at 37910 E. Pink Hill Road, Oak Grove, MO.

The new employee intranet site went live last week.

A Halloween Memories Contest is being sponsored for Jackson County employees. Winners will receive a gift card.

The County Executive attended the Streetcar Grand Opening Ceremony last Friday and the Independence Square Streetscape Ribbon Cutting over the weekend.

Stephen Arbo, County Manager, reported he has two significant budget sessions with the department head team planned for this week.

Additional discussion with Legislators Manuel Abarca IV, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith and Sean E. Smith. Refer to online video for details.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[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 - 25th Perfection)

[6007](#) AN ORDINANCE enacting section 5542., of Jackson County Code, 1984, related to the use of unlicensed gambling devices with severability clause.

(Legislature As A Whole - 10th Perfection)

[6011](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to approve the Budget Committee Substitute dated October 27, 2025 for Ordinance #6011. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(APPROVED)

[6011](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV to perfect Ordinance #6011. The motion passed by a voice vote.

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

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(PERFECTED)

[6011](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt the Budget Committee Substitute dated October 27, 2025 for Ordinance #6011, 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, with an effective date. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #22088, #22089 and #22091 were adopted at this time. See pages 9 and 10 for details.

[6026](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 17.68± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).

(Land Use Committee - 4th. Perfection)

[6027](#) AN ORDINANCE vacating a portion of an unnamed and unimproved right of way within Breezy Meadows, a subdivision in Jackson County.

(Land Use Committee - 4th. Perfection)

[6028](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 10.13± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

(Land Use Committee - 4th. Perfection)

Under UNFINISHED BUSINESS, Megan L. Smith announced there will be a public hearing on Ordinances #6026, #6027 and #6028 on Monday, November 10, 2025 in Independence, Missouri.

[6031](#) A motion was made by Megan L. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to approve the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee Amendment dated October 27, 2025 for Ordinance #6031 to delete the words "Juvenile Justice Program Assistance" and insert the words "Treatment Court Funding" after the word "OSCA" in the heading and the first paragraph on page one. The motion passed by a voice vote.

[6031](#) A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV to perfect Ordinance #6031. The motion passed by a voice vote.

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

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(PERFECTED)

[6031](#) Venessa Huskey moved the passage of Ordinance #6031 as perfected, appropriating \$566,113.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund in acceptance of the OSCA Treatment Court Funding Grant received from the Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator. Seconded by Manuel Abarca IV.

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

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

[6033](#) A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to approve the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee Amendment dated October 27, 2025 for Ordinance #6033, to delete the figure "\$371,200.00" and insert the figure "\$185,600.00" in the heading and first paragraph on page 1 and in the fiscal note on page 4. The motion passed by a voice vote.

[6033](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV to perfect Ordinance #6033. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[6033](#) Sean E. Smith moved the passage of Ordinance #6033 as perfected, appropriating \$185,600.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 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. Seconded by Manuel Abarca IV.

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

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[6016](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Ordinance #6016, prohibiting County employees from knowingly making false material statements to the County Legislature by amending Chapter 74 and incorporating such prohibition into the Jackson County Code of Conduct. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21992](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of broker and consulting services for the County's employee group health, life, and dental insurances for use countywide to CBIZ Benefits & Insurance, Inc. of Kansas City, MO, under terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 25-019, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$250,000.00.

(Legislature As A Whole - 6th. Meeting)

Sean E. Smith asked to be added as a sponsor.

Discussion regarding the withdrawal of Resolution #21992. Whitney Miller, Deputy County Counselor, referred to Rule 22 of the Rules of the County Legislature which states the original sponsor is needed to withdraw legislation.

[22014](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of disaster recovery services for use countywide to 21st Enterprise, LLC aka ServPro of Lee's Summit, Missouri, under the terms and conditions of the Junior College District of Metropolitan Kansas City, Missouri (MCC) Contract No. 19-7242-C3R2.

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting)

[22054](#) Health and Environment Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22074](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

The Budget Committee made no recommendation on Resolution #22075.

[22075](#) A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #22075, awarding a twelve-month contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of third-party administrator services for the worker's compensation program for use by the Human Resources Department to Cowell Insurance Services of Overland Park, KS, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 23-069. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

[22076](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

- [22078](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a fourteen-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 \$21,838.00, under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Partners Contract No. EV2671.1, an existing government contract.
(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Meeting)
- [22079](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [22082](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [22084](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to approve the Public Works Committee Substitute dated October 27, 2025 for Resolution #22084. The motion passed by a voice vote.
(APPROVED)
- [22084](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt the Public Works Committee Substitute dated October 27, 2025 for Resolution #22084, transferring \$818,068.00 within the County Improvement Fund and awarding a contract extension to Strategic Workplace Solutions, Inc. of Belton, MO at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$535,214.00 and JCDC Partners at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$282,854.00 for professional services provided in conjunction with the delivery of the New Jackson County Detention Center. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 8 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith
Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson
(ADOPTED)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

- [22054](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain agencies that provide services and assistance to victims of domestic violence, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$46,705.00.
(ADOPTED)
- [22074](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of a DRACO gas delivery system for use by the Sheriff's Office to J&N Tactical, LLC of South Haven, MN at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$26,225.00 as a sole source purchase.
(ADOPTED)

[22076](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a sixty-month term and supply contract, for the furnishing of video product solutions for use by the Sheriff's Office to Motorola Solutions, Inc. of Chicago, IL, under the terms and conditions of the Sourcewell Contract No. 101223-MOT, an existing, competitively bid government contract.

(ADOPTED)

[22079](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of mobile radios for use by the Sheriff's Office to Motorola Solutions, Inc., of Chicago, IL, under the terms and conditions of MARC/KCRPC Contract No. 113, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$92,157.00.

(ADOPTED)

[22082](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, MO, for the furnishing of employee group health insurance as an employee benefit for use countywide.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #22054, #22074, #22076, #22079 and #22082 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[6034](#) Repealing Schedule I, Chapter 50, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to park fees and charges and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new schedule relating to the same subject.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[6035](#) Appropriating \$320,484.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Grant Fund, in acceptance of the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant awarded to the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force.

(Assigned to the Anti-Crime Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[22085](#) Awarding a twenty-one-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of dry goods, paper products, refrigerated and frozen foods, and beverages for use by the Parks + Rec Department to U.S. Foods of Lenexa, KS, under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Contract No. 42356 an existing competitively bid government contract.
(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[22086](#) Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of shredding services for use by various County departments to Midwest Shredding Service, LLC of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-035.
(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[22087](#) Awarding a contract for the purchase of a Flex Wing rotary cutter for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Van Wall Equipment of Lenexa, KS under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Ag Tractors Contract No. 082923-DAC, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$32,487.00.
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[22088](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #22088, honoring key community advocates in raising awareness and addressing the needs of victims of domestic violence, in light of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 8 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith
Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

All legislators requested to be added as sponsors for Resolution #22088.

[22089](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22089, honoring Margarita's Amigos Mexican Restaurant for 40 Years of Service. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 8 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith
Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

[22090](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22090, authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a sponsorship of its 18th annual Urban Summit Conference. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #22090 - not on printed agenda.

[22091](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #22091, recognizing Mattie Rhodes Center's Dia de Los Muertos Celebration and community partnership. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #22091 - not on printed agenda.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Manuel Abarca IV urged other members of the County Legislature to reconsider their vote on Ordinance #6009.

Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, asked the Chairman to excuse the absence of Jalen Anderson on October 20 and 27, 2025. The Chairman agreed and instructed the Clerk of the County Legislature to make the necessary changes.

Megan L. Smith announced there will be a public hearing on Ordinances #6026, #6027 and #6028 on November 10, 2025 in the Eastern Jackson County Legislative Chambers.

14 NEW BUSINESS

DaRon McGee announced the three (3) upcoming dates for the Nonprofit Partnership Grant informational meetings. On Monday, October 27, 2025 the meeting will be held at the Midwest Genealogy Center located at 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. On Tuesday, October 28, 2025 the meeting will be held at the Palestine Senior Center located at 3325 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, MO. On Wednesday, October 29, 2025 the meeting will be held at Longview Community College located at 500 SW Longview Road, Lee's Summit, MO. All meetings will be held from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

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