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

Jackson County Courthouse
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Kansas City, Missouri 64106
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Monday, May 13, 2024

3:00 PM

Seventeenth Regular Meeting

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

Jeanie Lauer, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. 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 Megan L. Marshall to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on May 06, 2024. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Presentation by JCDC Partners LLC and J.E. Dunn-Axiom regarding the Detention Center Project.

Dan Wehmuller, JCDC Partners, LLC, and Jeff Jenkins, J.E. Dunn, were present to give an update on the Detention Center Project. A copy of the JCDC Partners report is available under the Meeting Details for the May 13, 2024 Legislative Meeting located at

<https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1196519&GUID=E0A7ECAD-BD65-45F2-9FCC-E4ABFED230A5&Options>

Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, asked for an explanation of the mechanical locker shown in the handout. Dan Wehmuller said behind each module is a two-story rear chase so anyone working on the mechanical systems can access the system without entering a secure area.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked about workers who were laid

off and their checks from Axiom bounced. Jeff Jenkins said this is the first time he has heard about this issue, and he will follow up. Mr. Abarca asked about a worker not being paid prevailing wage. Mr. Jenkins said this was a miscommunication issue. Mr. Jenkins said he is in conversation with Colleen White, the compliance contractor, about any prevailing wage issues. Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, asked Mr. Jenkins to report back to the County Legislature by the end of the week or at the latest by May 24th. Mr. Jenkins agreed.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, was present. He had no report.

Manuel Abarca IV asked if there would be a formalized update or report regarding the ransomware attack in Jackson County. Mr. White referred the question to Troy Schulte, County Administrator, who has been working with the Information Technology Department. Mr. Schulte said they will send an updated report on the expenses for legal services and identity theft mitigation related to the ransomware attack. They may need a closed session for in-depth issues. They will be introducing recommendations to strengthen the County's response. They learned that the current cyber vault needs to be updated to provide faster restoration and it will be addressed in the 2025 budget.

Mr. Abarca asked about the Workday plug ins. Mr. Schulte said the County is still on a learning curve on the new system. He expects it to take about a year to work through issues. He said bills and employees are getting paid. Project X is the second phase they will be implementing. This phase will include talent acquisition, streamlining the on-boarding process and the budget module.

Mr. Abarca asked about the connectivity with Assessment. Mr. Schulte said it is tied to the ransomware attack. The VPN connection was turned off which affected Grandview and Lee's Summit car registration systems.

Mr. Abarca asked about the audit. Mr. Schulte said there is a struggle to get the audit complete within 180 days of the end of the fiscal year. He asked the Finance Department to deliver but it may be delayed due to staffing issues. They do not want to be late on any credit bond issue, so Finance is trying to find a balance.

Mr. Abarca asked if there was a response from the sports teams. Mr. White said a letter was sent to the teams a couple of weeks ago. A response came from the Chiefs but nothing yet from the Royals. He said his office will review the Chief's response and share it with the County Legislature next week.

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, asked for an update on the SB190 application process. Scott Lakin, Director of Collections, said they were waiting for the state legislature to adjourn to see if there were any changes to the SB190 requirements. The legislature will adjourn on Friday, May 17. Any bill that is passed will go into effect at the end of August. Taxpayers have until December 31st to apply. The Collections Department wanted to avoid putting taxpayers through additional effort in case the requirements change. New employees are being cross trained on Collections tasks. Applications will be verified September through December.

Mr. Smith asked about additional staff to assist taxpayers who need to file appeals. Mr. Schulte said they are in conversation with the new Board of Equalization chair.

Mr. Abarca asked if there is a verification that applicants receive when they file for the SB190 application. Mr. Lakin recommends that taxpayers apply online for a verification that the application is received. They do not have enough staff to handle paper applications. Mr. Lakin said they have received over 4,000 applications so far. As they go through the applications, an acceptance notification will be sent. Collection Departments are not typically set up for an electronic verification system.

Mr. Abarca asked the County Administrator about the bid process for the health benefits broker. Mr. Schulte said applicants are being interviewed and he needs to follow up to find out where they are in the process.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5847](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21614](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt.
Manuel Abarca IV objected to the Consent Agenda.

[21614](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to adopt Resolution #21614, authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the National WWI Museum and Memorial for a Premier Membership which will support free admission to the Museum and the associated events for veterans and

active-duty military members during the 2024 Memorial Day Weekend and Veterans Day Celebrations, and half-price admission for other attendees at the events. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

No: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Abstain: 1 - Venessa Huskey

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[21615](#)

Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21616](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to hold Resolution #21616, expressing the support of the Jackson County Legislature for the creation of a Jackson County Office of Veterans' Affairs.. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 4 - Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and DaRon McGee

No: 4 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson and Charlie Franklin

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(FAILED)

[21616](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21617](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain outside agencies that provide public health-related and other public services to citizens of Jackson County, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$2,985,000.00.

(Budget Committee - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5847](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 5510., 5520., 5522., 5533., and 5548., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to petty offenses, and enacting, in lieu thereof, five new sections relating to the same subject.

(PERFECTED)

[21615](#)

A RESOLUTION transferring \$100,547.00 within the 2024 General Fund and authorizing payments to cover the cost of emergency replacement of three failed stormwater culverts for use by the Parks + Rec Department.

(ADOPTED)

[21616](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the support of the Jackson County Legislature for the creation of a Jackson County Office of Veterans' Affairs.
(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #5847 was moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection.
Resolutions 21615 and 21616 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

Yes: 5 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Abstain: 3 - Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV and Venessa Huskey

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21618](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with the Independence Chamber of Commerce for use of the County's parking lots and other property located in and around the Independence Square for the upcoming Santa-Cali-Gon Days Festival, at no cost to the County.
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[21619](#) Transferring \$25,075.00 within the 2024 Grant Fund to cover the purchase of new tablets for use by the Jackson County Detention Center.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[21620](#) Transferring \$12,000.00 within the 2024 E-911 System Fund and authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$43,127.00 for the purchase of a new CAD system and integration to Jackson County's CentralSquare software for use by the Greenwood Police Department.
(Assigned to the 911 Oversight Committee.)

[21621](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of parts and repair of dump trucks for use by the Public Works Department to American Equipment of Kansas City, MO, as a sole source purchase.
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[21622](#) Awarding a contract for annual maintenance of the Ascend computer software for use by the Collection and Assessment Departments to Aumentum Technologies of Chicago, IL, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$413,631.00, as a sole source purchase.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[21623](#) Declaring certain County-owned land as surplus property and authorizing its disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Jackson County Code, 1984.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[21624](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to the Agreement with OWN formerly Anderson Engineering, Inc, of Kansas City, Missouri, to extend the project schedule to account for design delays associated with main water relocation as part of the Stoenner Road Bridge Replacement, Federal Project BRO-B048 (59), at an additional cost to the County not to exceed \$5,038.00.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[24-10](#) I hereby appoint Justice Horn to the Plan Commission to fill a vacancy occasioned by the term expiration of Janet Mershon. His term will expire December 31, 2025. His resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said there will be a Blue Summit neighborhood cleanup on May 18 and 19th from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Dumpsters will be available at the Inter-City Fire Protection District parking lot in Blue Summit.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.