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County Legislature

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Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Donna Peyton (2nd AL), Megan L. Smith (3rd AL),
Venessa Huskey (2nd), Charlie Franklin (3rd),
DaRon McGee (4th), Jeanie Lauer (5th)*

Monday, April 27, 2026

3:00 PM

Thirteenth Regular Meeting

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

Manuel Abarca IV, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer
Excused 3 - Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith and DaRon McGee

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Jeanie Lauer to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on April 20, 2026. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

The County Legislature held a public hearing on Ordinance #6077 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.

Tyler Collins, Maurice Harris and Jill Hanlin were present to speak in favor of the ordinance.

With no further testimony, the public hearing was closed.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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

The Jackson County Volunteer Banquet was held last weekend, for those who support the Parks + Rec Department. He attended the event with Legislator Venessa Huskey. He stated there are over 500 volunteers who

last year, donated over 35,000 hours of service which equates to over \$500,000 in service to the County.

The 43rd Annual Kids Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at Lake Jacomo at 8:00 AM. The Derby is open to kids age 2-15. Gifts and prizes will be distributed to attendees.

The Sheep Shindig at Missouri Town will be held on Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. There will be sheep sheering and a host of other family activities.

The County Executive will be at Clinton's Soda Fountain in Independence on Saturday, May 2nd at noon, to celebrate Truman's birthday. The community is invited to celebrate with free birthday cake, take pictures, sign a birthday card as well as join in on a host of other related activities and events over the weekend.

Phil LeVota made a presentation regarding Oppenstein Brothers Memorial Park for the placement of the WWII Monument with a funding request for \$25,000 to be paid from Jackson County's General Fund. There was additional discussion with Chairman Abarca regarding County Veteran's issues.

The Administration distributed to the Legislature, by email via the Clerk of the Legislature, the monthly financial information requested at previous meetings.

He announced Chairman Abarca's Town Hall meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 21 at 6 p.m. at the Mid-Continent Public Library, 1000 NE Colbern Road, Lee's Summit, regarding watercraft horsepower (Ordinance #6073).

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, asked about taxpayers who paid under protest and when they would receive their refund. The County Executive replied all the recalculations and repayments to taxpayers should be done by the end of May.

Manuel Abarca IV asked about taxpayers with escrows. Mr. LeVota said those accounts are being recalculated. He said the Assessment Department is prioritizing these accounts and no penalties or interest will be charged.

Mr. Abarca asked about his request to appoint the Legislative Auditor to the Pension Plan Board. Mr. LeVota said he is not familiar with the Jackson County Code pertaining to this Board but it seems to be a reasonable request.

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, April 27, 2026.

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6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Charlie Franklin to waive the reading of Ordinance #6050, #6074 - #6078. The motion passed by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson to hold the above-named ordinances in committee. The motion passed by a voice vote.

[6050](#)

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting law enforcement officers from concealing their faces or badges during performance of their official duties and establishing penalties and exemptions.

(Legislature As A Whole - 11th Perfection)

[6074](#)

AN ORDINANCE implementing a 120-day moratorium on the processing of data center land use applications and Battery Energy Storage System land use applications by Jackson County for the purpose of developing a long-term policy and accompanying County Code provisions related to such applications, including the direction of regulatory standards and enhanced public notification requirements.

(Health & Environment Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

[6075](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 126± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

(Land Use Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

The Land Use Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area regarding Ordinance #6075.

[6076](#)

AN ORDINANCE transferring and appropriating \$27,260.00 from the undesignated balance of the 2026 Park Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with She Digs It, LLC of Blue Springs, MO to cover construction and installation of a drinking fountain at Fleming Park at a cost to the County not to exceed \$27,260.00.

(Public Works Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

[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 - 2nd. Perfection)

[6078](#) AN ORDINANCE transferring and appropriating \$378,162.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Park Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with Tarkett Sports Construction-Central, LLC, of Lee's Summit, MO to cover construction and planning of pickleball courts at Fleming Park at a cost to the County not to exceed \$378,162.00.

(Public Works Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[6049](#) AN ORDINANCE establishing a third-party monitoring program for Jackson County projects and authorizing access for qualified contracted third parties to conduct site visits.

(PERFECTED)

[6073](#) Repealing sections 5055., 5056., and 5057., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to watercraft horsepower, and enacting, in lieu thereof, four new sections relating to the same subject.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR CHARLIE FRANKLIN. CONCURRED BY JALEN ANDERSON AND SEAN E. SMITH.)

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson to waive the reading of Resolutions #22207, #22211 - #22213, #22225, #22228, #22232 - #22237, and #22244 - #22248. The motion passed by a voice vote.

[22207](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$42,857.00 within the 2026 General Fund and awarding a contract for the purchase of communication equipment for use by the Sheriff's Office to MRA International, Inc., of Long Branch, NJ under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-057, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$42,857.00.

(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 5th. Meeting)

- [22211](#) 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 \$109,568.00.
(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 4th. Meeting)
- [22212](#) A RESOLUTION declaring certain vehicles assigned to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office as surplus property and authorizing their transfer to the Jackson County Department of Civil Process.
(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 4th. Meeting)
- [22213](#) 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 \$152,400.00.
(Health & Environment Committee - 4th. Meeting)
- [22225](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of fifteen (15) new 2026 Dodge Durango vehicles for use by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office to Corwin Motors of Springfield, LLC, of Springfield, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. MC250182004, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$645,420.00.
(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 3rd. Meeting)
- [22228](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a seven month term and supply contract, with two (2) twelve month options to extend, for the furnishing of law enforcement public safety gear for use by various County departments to G.T. Distributors, Inc., of Pflugerville, TX under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC250070 (007), an existing competitively bid government contract.
(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 3rd. Meeting)
- [22232](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of rental vehicle services for use by various County Departments to Enterprise Mobility dba Enterprise Leasing of Kansas of Lee's Summit, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 25-052.
(Finance & Audit Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[22233](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Jackson County Finance and Purchasing Department to draft and present an ACH (Automated Clearing House) payment policy so that ACH payments, or otherwise commercially advantageous electronic transactions, may be paid and accepted on behalf of the county.

(Finance & Audit Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[22234](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of a Bobcat S64 Skid Steer, a UW 56 Toolcat, a Swing Arm Brush Cutter with seven pin wiring harness, a 72" Landplane, two (2) 80" Vibratory Rollers with Smoother Drums, a Snow Blade and an 80" Combination Bucket with Port Relief for use by the Parks + Rec Department to K.C. Bobcat dba Berry Companies, Inc. of Blue Springs, MO under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 020223-CEC, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$175,899.00.

(Public Works Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[22235](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute an agreement with the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners for anti-drug and anti-crime law enforcement activities and programs at a cost to the County not to exceed \$3,657,651.00.

(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[22236](#) A RESOLUTION declaring certain County-owned vehicles as surplus property and authorizing their disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of Jackson County Code, 1984.

(Public Works Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[22237](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the replacement of HVAC systems at two radio communication tower sites for use by the Sheriff's Office to Motorola Solutions, Inc., of Chicago, IL, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. MT250038001, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$76,002.00.

(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[22244](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of a John Deere TruFinish Utility Rake for use by the Parks + Rec Department to John Deere & Company of Cary, NC under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 112624-DAC, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$21,714.00.

(Public Works Committee - 1st. Meeting)

- [22245](#) A RESOLUTION declaring certain County-owned vehicles as surplus property and authorizing their disposal pursuant to Chapter 11 of Jackson County Code, 1984.
(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 1st. Meeting)
- [22246](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Management Agreement with the Downtown Community Improvement District for the furnishing of maintenance and safety-related services at the Oppenstein Brothers Memorial Park in the Central Business District of downtown Kansas City, MO, at an annual cost to the County not to exceed \$75,000.00.
(Public Works Committee - 1st. Meeting)
- [22247](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$150,000.00 within the 2025 County Improvement Fund to cover costs for inmate clothing and costs associated with relocating items from the Detention Center at 1300 Cherry Street, Kansas City, Missouri, to the East Campus at 7000 E. U.S. 40 Highway.
(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 1st. Meeting)
- [22248](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Jackson County Executive to execute a Professional Services Agreement with KC Digital Drive of Kansas City, MO, for Jackson County Broadband and Digital Equity Plan Phase 1 services, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$100,000.00.
(Public Works Committee - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

None.

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

- [6079](#) Appropriating \$5,250.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Grant Fund in acceptance of the OSCA Domestic Relations Resolution Fund Mediation grant received from the Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator.
(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)
- [6080](#) Appropriating \$60,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 General Fund and awarding a contract for the purchase of a new fire notification and alarm system for use by the Public Works Department for the Historic Truman Courthouse to Johnson Controls Inc., of Lenexa, KS, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$60,000.00.
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[22251](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22251, declaring April 27th as Start by Believing Day in Jackson County, Missouri and recognizing the Metropolitan Organization Countering Sexual Assault for fifty years of combating sexual offenses and supporting victims. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Excused: 3 - Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

[22252](#)

Awarding a twelve month term and supply contract, with two (2) twelve month options to extend, for the furnishing of end user computing, peripherals, device lifecycle management solutions and associated services at discounted rates for use by various County departments to Dell Marketing, LP of Round Rock, TX under the terms and conditions of Midwestern Higher Education Compact Contract No. MHEC-04152022 an existing competitively bid government contract.

(Assigned to the Finance & Audit Committee.)

[22253](#)

Transferring \$305,509.00 within the County Improvement Fund and awarding a contract for the purchase of mobile radios to include software licenses, programming, and chargers for use by the Sheriff's Office Detention Center to Motorola Solutions, Inc., of Chicago, IL, under the terms and conditions of KC/RPC Contract No. 34733, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$305,509.00.

(Assigned to the Justice & Law Enforcement Committee.)

[22254](#)

Awarding a contract for the purchase of two Kubota utility vehicles for use by the Sheriff's Office Detention Center to Coleman Equipment, Inc., of Lee's Summit, MO under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 112624, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$57,751.00.

(Assigned to the Justice & Law Enforcement Committee.)

[22255](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute a lease agreement with the State of Missouri for parking spaces at the County-owned parking garage located at 14th and Locust in Kansas City, MO at no cost to the County.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[22256](#) Declaring certain County-owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling the surplus parcels.
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[22257](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #22257, transferring \$80,000.00 within the General Fund and authorizing the Jackson County Executive to execute a Professional Services Agreement with OMNI Recruiting of Kansas City, MO, for human resources recruitment at a cost to the County not to exceed \$80,000.00 as a sole source purchase. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Excused: 3 - Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

Comments made by Whitney Miller, Deputy County Counselor, Phil LeVota, County Executive and Stephen Arbo, County Administrator.

[22258](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22258, for the 100TH celebration of Guadalupe Centers' Cinco de Mayo Fiesta. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Excused: 3 - Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

[22259](#) Recognizing personnel that attended Professional Development Training.
(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[22260](#) Regarding Proposed Ordinance 6050, as amended by Proposed Ordinance 6050A, known as the Renee Nicole Macklin Good Transparency and Accountability Ordinance (the "Good Ordinance").
(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[26-16](#) I hereby make the following appointment to the Community Mental Health Fund Board:

Bobby Hines is hereby appointed to a new term as a Board Member set to expire 4/30/2029. Mr. Hines' resume is attached.

[26-17](#)

I hereby make the following appointment to the Pension Plan Board of Trustees:

Stephen Arbo, Jackson County Administrator, is hereby appointed to a new term. Mr. Arbo's resume is attached.

Robin Wheeler-Sanders, Jackson County Assistant County Administrator, is hereby appointed to a new term. Mr. Wheeler-Sanders' resume is attached.

[26-18](#)

Pursuant to Jackson County Charter, Section 7, Paragraph 3, I hereby appoint Brandi Lancaster, as the Interim Jackson County Municipal Court Administrator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mackenzie Smith. A copy of Ms. Lancaster's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Manuel Abarca IV announced that due to the withdrawal of the incumbent County Executive and according to Missouri State statute, candidate filing for the August Primary Election will reopen for five days on Wednesday, April 29 through Tuesday, May 5, 2026. For additional information see the Clerk of the County Legislature's webpage at www.jacksongov.org/clerk

Phil LeVota explained that due to the withdrawal of the incumbent candidate for Jackson County Executive (Democratic) and the withdrawal of the only candidate for the 1st District At Large (Republican) for the August 4, 2026 Primary Election, and in accordance with Missouri Election Law, Section 115.361, filing for these offices must be reopened.

Section 115.361 states that when an incumbent or only candidate for nomination withdraws before 5:00 p.m. on the eighth Tuesday prior to a primary election, "filing for the office or position shall be reopened for a period of five working days, excluding holidays and weekends, following the withdrawal, during which period new candidates may file declarations of candidacy."

Manuel Abarca IV suggested scheduling a legislative meeting on Wednesday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m. as well as a closed session.

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jalen Anderson that the County Legislature have a regular meeting with a closed session on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. in the Kansas City Legislative

Assembly Area. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Excused: 3 - Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith and DaRon McGee

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15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.