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County Legislature

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

Monday, January 23, 2023

10:00 AM

Third 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 Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean 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 Jalen Anderson to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on January 17, 2023. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DaRon McGee, County Legislator, asked for an update regarding the County's phone system. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said the phone system is under duress because of the high volume of calls related to the Assessment Department declaration forms. The new system is scheduled to be installed next week. Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, said in addition to the phone system issues, constituents have notified her office of problems changing information on the declaration. Troy Schulte said they will add information to clarify the process for filers. Mr. Schulte requested that Legislators forward constituent emails to him and Gail McCann Beatty, County Assessor, for response.

DaRon McGee asked if the Administration has established departmental

liaisons for the Legislature. Mr. Schulte said that information will be distributed today. Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked about copies of the budget with December 31, 2022 actuals included. Mr. Schulte said that was given to Troy Thomas, Legislative Auditor, on Friday. Mr. Thomas said those will be distributed today. Mr. Abarca asked if this version of the budget book is available online. Mr. Schulte said they will get that uploaded.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5701](#) AN ORDINANCE to adopt the annual budget and set forth appropriations for the various spending agencies and the principal subdivisions thereof, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.
(Legislature As A Whole - 5th. Perfection)

[5702](#) AN ORDINANCE setting the 2023 Jackson County, Missouri tentative tax levy.
(Legislature As A Whole - 5th. Perfection)

[5709](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to substitute back to the original ballot language for Ordinance #5709 submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a special election to be held on April 4, 2023, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide sales tax of three percent on all tangible personal property retail sales of adult use, non-medicinal marijuana. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 4 - Jalen Anderson, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean Smith

No: 5 - DaRon McGee, Megan Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV and Venessa Huskey

(FAILED)

Megan L. Marshall, County Legislator, asked to be added as a sponsor.

[5709](#) Submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a special election to be held on April 4, 2023, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide sales tax of three percent on all tangible personal property retail sales of adult use, non-medicinal marijuana.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR ANDERSON. CONCURRED BY LAUER AND SMITH).

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5708](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21140](#) Health and Environment Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21143](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5708](#) AN ORDINANCE amending subsections 1503.2 and 1503.3, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Employees' Pension Plan.
(ADOPTED)

[21140](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Program Agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for a tracking program for statistical reporting of opioid and violent deaths, for a fee payable to the County.
(ADOPTED)

[21143](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a permanent utility easement in favor of the Kansas City, Missouri Water Department across a portion of the Rock Island Corridor, for a fee payable to the County.
(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #5708 and Resolutions #21140 and #21143 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS[23-05](#)

Pursuant to chapter 95 of the Jackson County Code, I hereby make the following appointment to the Jackson County Freedom Memorial Wall Commission:

Venessa Huskey, Jackson County Legislator-2nd District, is appointed for a term to expire December 31, 2026. Ms. Huskey is appointed as Chair of the Commission. A copy of Ms. Huskey's resume is attached.

[23-06](#)

I hereby appoint Byron Craddolph to the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of David Bower for a term to expire December 31, 2026. A copy of Mr. Craddolph's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, asked if the Legislature would consider calling a legislative meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, since Tuesday is the final deadline for submitting ballot language for the April 4, 2023 election. Mr. McGee said he would take it under advisement.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 11:15 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.