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*Charlie Franklin (3rd) Chairman,
Theresa Cass Galvin (6th) Vice Chairman,
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Crystal Williams (2nd AL), Tony Miller (3rd AL),
Scott Burnett (1st), Ronald E. Finley (2nd), Dan Tarwater III (4th),
Jeanie Lauer (5th)*

Jackson County Courthouse
415 E. 12th Street, 2nd floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
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Tuesday, January 18, 2022

10:00 AM

Third Regular Meeting

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

Theresa Cass Galvin, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Charlie Franklin, Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

Absent 1 - Ronald E. Finley

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Scott Burnett to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on January 10, 2022. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, said he has invited Ray Dlugolecki, Acting Director of the Jackson County Health Department, to give an update on the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic. He said certain Legislators requested the introduction of an ordinance requiring face masks to be worn in school settings because local school districts have encountered staffing shortages and high case numbers in schools. He understands the seriousness of having children in school and parents needing to be at work. He is concerned about hospitals being overwhelmed. He is requesting the mask order to protect children, teachers, and administrators. He believes the current situation should not

be taken lightly.

Ray Dlugolecki said current case rates have increased from about 400 cases per 100,000 residents in December 2021 to 1,227 cases per 100,000 residents today. The case rate for unvaccinated residents is two to four times higher than for vaccinated. They are seeing more cases in children under five. A copy of Mr. Dlugolecki's presentation is available under the Meeting Details for the January 18, 2022 Legislative Meeting located at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=924120&GUID=E887782F-9AF4-4849-B094-BC8400EFFAD1&Options>

Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator, said a constituent asked about the removal of deaths and hospitalizations by age from the Health Department's dashboard. Mr. Dlugolecki said these are important metrics and he will follow up to see if that data can be included on the dashboard.

Theresa Cass Galvin invited Christi Johnson to speak as a representative of citizens opposed to the mask order in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Johnson said many sources indicate the Omicron is the dominant variant of COVID. Omicron is known to be highly contagious but has milder symptoms than other variants. She said experts agree that cloth masks are ineffective against Omicron. Children infected with COVID have minor symptoms. Mask mandates are not helping to stop closures. COVID policies are having a crushing impact on children. Face masks were designed to be used in a medical setting. Making children wear masks for seven hours a day damages their mental health.

Tony Miller, County Legislator, asked about case rates for Omicron versus case rates for Delta. Mr. Dlugolecki said the current transmission levels of COVID are higher than ever. Case rates are one metric, but death rates and hospitalizations should also be considered when developing guidelines. The Health Department does not have adequate genome sequencing for all positive cases, making it difficult to categorize whether the current spike is because of Delta or Omicron. The most significant concern is the impact on hospitals ability to manage cases. Mr. Miller asked whether vaccination status is an important factor. Mr. Dlugolecki agreed that vaccinations are important, but they also recognize that some people will refuse to be vaccinated and the Health Department must work within that reality.

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, asked Mr. Dlugolecki to address the belief that Omicron is no worse than having a cold or the flu. Ms. Williams

said she has heard reports that Children’s Mercy Hospital is getting hammered by COVID cases among children. Mr. Dlugolecki said reports are that Omicron is less severe, but the sheer volume of people impacted means that more vulnerable people are getting infected increasing the hospitalization and death rates.

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, asked about the sudden, dramatic increase in cases from when the Delta variant spiked in August and September. Mr. Dlugolecki said cases are higher now than at any other point in the pandemic. They see consistent side effects such as cough and respiratory distress. The loss of smell and taste has varied. Experts have found through research that masks have an effectiveness spectrum in which single layer cloth masks are not effective, double layer cloth or surgical masks are more effective, and N95 masks as the most effective option. He said there are a variety of tools available to address the pandemic including vaccines, social distancing, quarantines, isolation, masks, contact tracing, and testing.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5588](#)

Enacting chapter 39, Jackson County Code, 1984, to be titled “Public Health,” consisting of thirteen sections, with a penalty provision.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR CRYSTAL WILLIAMS. CONCURRED BY JALEN ANDERSON AND SCOTT BURNETT.)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

None.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

None.

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5589](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Tony Miller to perfect Ordinance #5589. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5589](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Tony Miller, to adopt Ordinance #5589 appropriating \$10,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 Grant Fund in acceptance of funding provided by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force for "Operation Nose to the Grindstone." The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Charlie Franklin, Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1 - Ronald E. Finley

(ADOPTED)

[5590](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Scott Burnett to perfect Ordinance #5590. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5590](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Scott Burnett, to adopt Ordinance #5590, repealing section 1401., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to County holidays, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new section relating to the same subject. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Charlie Franklin, Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1 - Ronald E. Finley

(ADOPTED)

[5591](#)

Issuing a mask mandate for schools where children grades K-12 attend class and on school buses, for the health and safety of the County's citizens, with an effective date and penalty provision.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR SCOTT BURNETT. CONCURRED BY DAN TARWATER III and CRYSTAL WILLIAMS.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[20850](#)

Awarding a fourteen-month term and supply contract with two twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of a cloud-based software-as-a-service solution for use by the Collection Department to PayIt, LLC, of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of the National Association of State Procurement Officers Contract No. AR3761, a competitively-bid government contract.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[20851](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a twelve-month Lease with Crane Brewing Company, LLC, of Raytown, MO, for certain County property in the Rock Island Rail Corridor located adjacent to 6515 Railroad Street, Raytown, MO, 64133, for an annual rental fee payable to the County in the amount of \$3,000.00.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[20852](#) Transferring \$166,110.00 within the 2022 County Improvement Fund to pay the costs of necessary architectural services relating to renovations at the Downtown Courthouse to be provided by an existing County term and supply vendor.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[22-02](#) I hereby make the following appointment and reappointments to the Plan Commission:

William D. Farrar is appointed as occasioned by the resignation of Sandy A. Querry for a term to expire December 31, 2025. A copy of Mr. Farrar's resume is attached.

Terral (Terry) S. Akins is reappointed for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

Janet Mershon is reappointed for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Scott Burnett, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, January 24, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area