



# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

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### County Legislature

Office of  
**Mary Jo Spino**  
Clerk of the County Legislature

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

**Monday, October 7, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting**

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

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

**1 ROLL CALL**

Present 9 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Galvin

**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 September 30, 2019. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**4 HEARINGS**

None.

**5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

*Ed Stoll, Chief Administrative Officer, said Frank White Jr., County Executive, regrets that he is unable to attend the legislative meeting today. He said that representatives from the Kansas City Public School District were present and wanted to speak to Resolution #20274.*

*Crystal Williams, County Legislator, asked Mr. Stoll if the Administration had asked the school district to come to the meeting today.*

*Mr. Stoll said that it was the request of the County Executive to have them understand the impact on the school district if the assessed values were rolled back to the 2018 levels.*

*Crystal Williams said that was fascinating information to her because the*

*County Executive also sent out a press release calling on the Kansas City School Board to roll back their levy in order to accommodate the heightened assessments. She said she was confused because many of the school districts had called today thinking there was a tax hearing or a discussion of policy.*

*Tony Miller, County Legislator, said that he had similar conversations but once he walked through the procedures and explained that this was simply a messaging campaign, the school district representative decided not to come to the meeting. He said that once he walked through the information with the suburban district it was clear that there was no forest fire.*

*Crystal Williams said that we all know that there is no vote on actual tax policy that is going to impact the school district. This resolution has no power to change anything. Yet again the school districts are being used as a pawn.*

*Theresa Galvin said that Resolution #20274 is a courtesy resolution and has no power to change anything. She said that she found it insulting.*

*Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, said that while she understands that this courtesy resolution does not mandate anything, she believes it gives a level of false hope. From a policy standpoint she said, the resolution has not been vetted properly from the taxing entities and it is therefore not good policy and could be setting the County up for liability.*

*Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, said that the only reason this was up for reconsideration today is because he wanted to add additional information to the body of the courtesy resolution, and this was the only way to revise what was adopted last week.*

*A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Scott Burnett to reconsider Resolution #20274. The motion passed by a voice vote.*

*A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Scott Burnett, to approve the Floor Substitute for Resolution #20274. The motion passed by a voice vote.*

*A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Scott Burnett to adopt the Floor Substitute for Resolution #20274.*

*Discussion.*

*Crystal Williams said this resolution is the Legislature saying that they think there were problems with the reassessment. The problems now are that people have filed appeals months ago and haven't heard anything and that people are having no notice of their hearing date. The Board of Equalization process is going to go on through the first of the year and taxpayers will have to pay under protest, but they still have to pay. If the taxpayer does not pay, the County will impose penalties and interest. She said that everyone needs to understand the level of fear among their constituents.*

*Scott Burnett, County Legislator, added that even for those taxpayers that have their values lowered by the BOE, it may be months before they are able to get a refund of their overpayment.*

*Dan Tarwater said that he was surprised by the number of calls this morning. He said that they, as Legislators, represent the taxpayers. He said they have been talking about this for months and have been unable to get the Administration to recognize that there are errors in the system. The data put into the system was wrong and that increased values 200, 300, and 400 percent in some cases.*

*Scott Burnett said that in fairness to the BOE, the hearing officers are helping and are successful at rapidly reviewing cases and bringing matters to the BOE. He said that he still thinks it will be months before this is complete.*

*Theresa Galvin said that she has heard that even if the BOE reduces a value, taxpayers are still going to get a bill from the County for the original value.*

*Ed Stoll said that the Collection Department is going to help figure these questions out.*

*Tony Miller suggested that it might be helpful to have a sit down in a different forum with the taxing entities to address their concerns.*

*Theresa Galvin invited one school district representative to come forward to address any concerns with this resolution.*

*Linda Quinley, Chief of Finance and Operations with the Kansas City Public School District, came forward to speak. She said she understands this is a long and difficult process. She said that rolling the assessment values back would have a detrimental impact on the school district's*

*budget. These funds also serve as a pass through for the charter schools in Kansas City. She said they support the appeal process and they are hopeful the process is fair and valid.*

*Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked Ms. Quinley about the impact on the school district of tax financing agreements by the City of Kansas City for hotels and other new construction. Ms. Quinley stated that these actions by the City cost the school district about \$30 million.*

*Tony Miller said that he was concerned about the impact on the school district of taxpayers losing their homes and being forced out of the district by the reassessment process.*

*Crystal Williams said that she is disappointed that the school district representatives are here speaking in support of an unfair reassessment by the Administration that is going to force more people into homelessness in our community.*

*The Floor Substitute for Resolution #20274 dated October 7, 2019 was adopted at this time. See page 10 for details.*

*Theresa Galvin asked for a report from the Administration regarding fixing the issue of taxpayers not receiving their notice of hearing before the BOE in a timely manner.*

*Ed Stoll said that they are working with the Assessment staff on rectifying this situation and he will have an update next week.*

## **6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to perfect Ordinance #5267.

Ed Stoll reminded the County Legislature that there was a Floor Substitute for Ordinance #5267 dated September 30, 2018.

Dan Tarwater III and Jalen Anderson withdrew their motion to perfect Ordinance #5267.

[5267](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to approve the Floor Substitute for Ordinance #5267 dated September 30, 2019. The motion passed by voice vote.

(APPROVED)

[5267](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to perfect the Floor Substitute for Ordinance #5267 dated September 30, 2019. The motion passed by voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5267](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt the Floor Substitute for Ordinance #5267 dated September 30, 2019, enacting section 2002., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to assessment procedures, with an effective date. The motion carried by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[5271](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending sections 24002. 24004., and 24005., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to land use and development.

*(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)*

*A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Tony Miller, to waive the reading of Ordinance #5272. The motion passed by a voice vote.*

[5272](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 11.94 ± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

*(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)*

*A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to waive the reading of Ordinance #5273. The motion passed by a voice vote.*

[5273](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 3.00 ± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) and District GB (General Business) to District LI (Light Industrial).

*(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)*

*The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing regarding Ordinances #5271, #5272 and #5273 on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 12:40 p.m. at the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.*

## 7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

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**8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE**

- [20237](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority concerning the disposition of County-owned personal property located at the Harry S. Truman Sports Complex.  
*(Rules Committee - 5th. Meeting)*
- [20268](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [20269](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [20270](#) Public Works Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [20271](#) Health and Environment Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [20272](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Tony Miller, to approve the Health and Environment Committee Amendment for Resolution #20272 dated October 7 2019, to delete the word "four" and insert the word "two" after the word "with" in the heading and BE IT RESOLVED paragraph. The motion passed by voice vote. Consent Agenda.
- [20273](#) Health and Environment Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

**9 CONSENT AGENDA**

- [20268](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$22,200.00 within the 2019 General Fund to cover the purchase of emergency vehicle equipment for use by the Sheriff's Office.  
(ADOPTED)
- [20269](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$40,000.00 within the 2019 Special Road & Bridge Fund to cover a budget shortfall for overtime within the Public Works Department.  
(ADOPTED)
- [20270](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the Office of the County Counselor to institute condemnation proceedings as to certain tracts of land required for the Tarsney Lake Bridge Replacement Federal Project, No. Bro-B048(55).  
(ADOPTED)

[20271](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with two twelve-month options to extend 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, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 26-19.

(ADOPTED)

[20272](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of vision care insurance coverage as an employee benefit for use countywide to EyeMed Vision Care of Mason, OH, pursuant to the recommendation of the County's benefits broker, Garry and Associates.

(ADOPTED)

[20273](#) A RESOLUTION awarding twelve-month term and supply contracts with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of group dental insurance as an employee benefit for use countywide to Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company of Overland Park, KS, and FCL Dental of Sugar Land, TX, pursuant to the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 27-19.

(ADOPTED)

*Resolutions #20268, #20269, #20270, #20271, #20272 and #20273 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.*

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Scott Burnett, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Galvin

## 10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5274](#) A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Dan Tarwater III to perfect Ordinance #5274. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5274](#)

A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Ordinance #5274, appropriating \$23,500.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2018 Grant Fund in acceptance of the Sheriff's Office's DWI Saturation Patrol Enforcement grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Transportation, Traffic and Highway Safety Division, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Missouri Highway Safety Division for the expenditure of grant funds. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[5275](#)

A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5275. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5275](#)

A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Ordinance #5275, appropriating \$17,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2019 Grant Fund, in acceptance of the Sheriff's Office's Hazardous Moving Violation Enforcement grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Transportation, Traffic and Highway Safety Division, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Missouri Traffic and Highway Safety Division for the expenditure of grant funds. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

## 11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[20275](#)

Transferring \$120,000.00 within the 2019 General Fund, to cover the costs of maintenance and repairs within Department of Corrections' facilities.

*(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)*

[20276](#)

Transferring \$26,000.00 within the 2019 General Fund to cover the cost of plat scanners, copiers, and printers for use by the Recorder of Deeds Department.

*(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)*

*Later in the meeting under New Business, Scott Burnett asked that Resolution #20276 be taken out of committee so that it could be adopted.*



[20276](#)

A motion was made by Scott Burnett, seconded by Crystal Williams, to adopt Resolution #20276, transferring \$26,000.00 within the 2019 General Fund to cover the cost of plat scanners, copiers, and printers for use by the Recorder of Deeds Department. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[20277](#)

Transferring \$39,950.00 within the 2019 General Fund and authorizing the County Counselor to execute an addendum to the Legal Services Agreement with Hogan Lovells LLP of Washington, D.C., at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$169,000.00, for services to be performed in 2019.

*(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)*

*Diana Smith, Assistant Director of Collections, explained Resolution #20278.*

[20278](#)

A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #20278, authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperation Agreement with the Kansas City Downtown Streetcar Transportation Development District (TDD) for the collection of Kansas City Downtown Streetcar Transportation Development District special assessments. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[20279](#)

A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #20279, recognizing October 2019 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and supporting all Americans and their families who are affected by a breast cancer diagnosis. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

*Comments by Ronald E. Finley.*

**12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS**[19-24](#)

Pursuant to article VII, section 7 of the 2010 Jackson County Charter and section 1801 of the Jackson County Code, I hereby appoint Sherry Cosby as Jackson County Municipal Court Administrator. A copy of Ms. Cosby's resume is attached.

[19-25](#)

I hereby make the following appointment to the Jackson County COMBAT Commission:

Arimeta Renae DuPree, ESQ. is appointed as a District 2 member for a term to expire December 31, 2019, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Melesa N. Johnson. A copy of Ms. DuPree's resume is attached.

**13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**[20274](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Scott Burnett, to adopt the Floor Substitute for Resolution #20274 dated October 7, 2019, expressing the support of the Legislature for moving the reassessment values back to the 2018 levels and working with the State to fix the problems with the data. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Theresa Galvin

No: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - Charlie Franklin

(ADOPTED)

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

Scott Burnett recognized former Mayor Charlie Wheeler in the audience.

Ronald E. Finley asked about the zoning for medical marijuana.

Tony Miller said it is assigned to the Land Use Committee and that a public hearing is scheduled to be held on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 12:40 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers in Independence, Missouri.

Scott Burnett read the heading of Resolution #20276, requested it be taken out of committee so that it could be adopted at this time. See page 9 for details

**15     ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Scott Burnett, seconded by Crystal Williams, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

*Meeting adjourned until Monday, October 14, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. at the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Independence, Missouri, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.*