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*Donna Peyton (2nd AL) Chairman, Sean E. Smith (6th) Vice Chairman,
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Megan L. Smith (3rd AL),
Manuel Abarca IV (1st), Venessa Huskey (2nd),
Charlie Franklin (3rd), DaRon McGee (4th), Jeanie Lauer (5th)*

Monday, July 27, 2026

3:00 PM

Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting

**Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, K.C.
Legislative Assembly Area**

Donna Peyton, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith,
Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon
McGee and Jeanie Lauer

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 July 20, 2026. The
motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Resolution # 22363 was adopted at this time. See page 10 for details.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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

He said \$16 million is available in the 911 Fund. He distributed a list of his
recommendations to all legislators for allocation of \$5 million, leaving a
balance of \$12 million which could be distributed at a later date. A copy of
the list can be found under Meeting Details for this meeting at
<https://jacksonco.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Legislator Jeanie Lauer referenced prior conversations they had about
the creation of a pool so municipalities could request funding. She asked
if municipalities should send in individual requests. The County Executive
recommended the County Legislature allocate funding from his list first,
then set up a pool for the remaining funds. Legislator Charlie Franklin

asked the source of the funds. (**Ordinance #5468**, dated December 7, 2020 authorized the County to impose a monthly fee of \$1 on each subscriber of any communications service that has been enabled to contact 911.)

Two Requests for Proposals (RFP) have been issued regarding McCune School; one is for the sale and required demolition of the property, the second is for demolition only. The deadline to submit proposals is September 1, 2026.

On July 23rd, the County Executive entered a motion with the Court to cancel the delinquent tax sale for 2026. On July 24th, Kevin Harrell, presiding judge for the 16th Circuit Court approved and signed the motion.

There was a joint press conference to announce the end of the class action lawsuit against Jackson County regarding the illegal tax assessments in 2023. There is another follow-up hearing scheduled for August to work out the long range agreement.

Legislators Manuel Abarca IV and Sean E. Smith discussed with the County Executive the timeline to distribute refunds to taxpayers, who will receive refunds vs. who will receive tax credits and clarification regarding those who have currently settled Board of Equalization (BOE) appeals receiving refunds instead of credits.

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, July 27, 2026. <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to perfect Ordinance #6050.

[6050](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to hold Ordinance #6050, The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

No: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Manuel Abarca IV

(APPROVED)

[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.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV to perfect Ordinance #6077.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

(Legislature As A Whole - 17th Perfection)

[6091](#) AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a general election to be held on November 3, 2026, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide sales tax of one half of one percent for public transportation purposes.

(Legislature As A Whole - 2nd. Perfection)

[6097](#) AN ORDINANCE establishing the position of Legislative Intern within the Office of the Jackson County Legislature and setting forth provisions governing the appointment, supervision, and employment of Legislative Interns.

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV to perfect Ordinance #6097.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

(Legislature As A Whole - 9th Perfection)

[6099](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #6099. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[6099](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Ordinance #6099, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 5.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

[6100](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #6100. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[6100](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #6100, requesting a conditional use permit (CUP) of AG (Agricultural) zoning district for continuous operation of an agritourism operation associated with the management of an alpaca farm. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

[6101](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #6101. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[6101](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #6101, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 10.05± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

[6102](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #6102. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[6102](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #6102, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 25.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[6105](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 1030. and 1040. of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to competitive bidding, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject.

(Finance & Audit Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

[6108](#) A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Charlie Franklin to perfect Ordinance #6108. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[6108](#) A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Ordinance #6108, appropriating \$31,248.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 General Fund in acceptance of insurance proceeds for the repair of damage to a Sheriff's Office vehicle and auction proceeds from Purple Wave, Inc of Manhattan, KS. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

[6109](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$32,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund and authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute an agreement with a certain outside agency which is engaged in anti-crime, anti-violence, drug prevention and treatment activities, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$32,000.00.

(Anti-Crime Committee - 1st. Perfection)

The Anti-Crime Committee will have a public hearing regarding Ordinance #6109 at a time to be determined.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[22304](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22304, establishing the Unincorporated Jackson County Fund and directing the County Executive and County Administration to develop policies and procedures for the administration of said fund. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 3 - Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV and Venessa Huskey

No: 2 - Megan L. Smith and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 3 - Donna Peyton, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(DEFEATED)

[22312](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Interim Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$239,121.00 for the purchase of equipment for the City of Buckner.
(Public Works Committee - 8th Meeting)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV to discharge Resolution #22312 from the Public Works Committee to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion failed for lack of a second.

[22323](#)

A RESOLUTION directing the County Executive, the Department of Public Works, and all appropriate County departments and agencies to develop and implement a comprehensive framework governing the siting, construction, expansion, and operation of artificial intelligence and high-capacity data center facilities within Jackson County, Missouri, and establishing conditions necessary to protect public infrastructure, utility systems, environmental resources, public safety, and neighboring communities.
(Public Works Committee - 7th Meeting)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV to discharge Resolution #22323 from the Public Works Committee to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion failed for lack of a second.

[22335](#)

Justice & Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22336](#)

Justice & Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22337](#)

Justice & Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22338](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of three (3) 2026 Ford F-150 Police Responder vehicles for use by the Sheriff's Office to CFLR Auto, LLC, of Republic, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. MC250182003, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$146,967.00.

(Finance & Audit Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[22343](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to discharge Resolution #22343 to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by voice vote.

(APPROVED)

[22343](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22343, transferring \$933,880.00 within the 2026 General Fund, and \$74,880.00 within the County Improvement Fund to hire additional staff and provide such staff with necessary equipment and vehicles for security for the Public Safety Campus courtrooms use by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

Captain Chuck DeGroff with the Sheriff's Office explained Resolution #22343.

[22345](#)

A RESOLUTION declaring certain County owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling one (1) surplus parcel.

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting)

[22346](#)

A RESOLUTION declaring certain County owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling five (5) surplus parcels.

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting)

[22347](#)

A RESOLUTION declaring certain County owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling two (2) surplus parcels.

(County Infrastructure & Strategic Planning Committee (Ad Hoc) - 2nd. Meeting)

[22348](#)

A RESOLUTION declaring certain County owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling five (5) surplus parcels.

(County Infrastructure & Strategic Planning Committee (Ad Hoc) - 2nd. Meeting)

[22349](#)

Justice & Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22355](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Department related to the maintenance of the parks facilities within the County's Park System.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

The Public Works Committee made no recommendation on Resolution

#22355 so it was assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to hold Resolution #22355 in Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

No: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

Abstain: 1 - Venessa Huskey

[22356](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to discharge Resolution #22356 to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by voice vote.

(APPROVED)

[22356](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22356, awarding a twelve month term and supply contract, with two (2) twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of batteries for boats, turf equipment, automobiles, and heavy equipment for use by various County Departments to Continental Battery Company of Irving, TX and Factory Motor Parts of Lee's Summit, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 26-034. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Donna Peyton, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

[22357](#)

A RESOLUTION establishing the Jackson County Housing Trust Fund to support the development, preservation, rehabilitation, and accessibility of affordable housing throughout Jackson County, Missouri, and requesting the County Administration to develop policies governing the use of the Fund.

(Budget Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[22358](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of records management and CAD systems software maintenance for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Central Square Technologies, LLC, of Lake Mary, FL, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$29,810.00, as a sole source purchase.

(Budget Committee - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[22335](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of new rifles and declaring as surplus, existing rifles to use as trade-in for the Sheriff's Office to Precision Arms of Indiana, LLC, dba PAI Defense of Columbia City, IN, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 26-035 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$52,356.00.

(ADOPTED)

[22336](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of one (1) Ford Transit van for use by the Sheriff's Office to CFLR Auto, LLC, of Republic, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. MC250182003, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$47,470.00.

(ADOPTED)

[22337](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a renewal of a five-year Lease Agreement for office space for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force with EL, LLC, of Blue Springs, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 60-21, at a cost to the County for 2027 in the amount of \$78,000.00, and a total five-year cost of \$401,832.00.

(ADOPTED)

[22349](#) A RESOLUTION declaring certain County owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling one (1) surplus parcel.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #22335, #2336, #2337 and #2349 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[22360](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with three (3) twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of custodial services for use by Public Works, Facilities Management Division to Cleaning Up LLC of Lenexa, KS under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 26-031.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[22361](#) Authorizing the final sale of one (1) surplus parcel of real property within the Public Works Department.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[22362](#) Awarding a contract for the furnishing of construction services for exterior improvements to the Jackson County Courthouse for use by the Public Works Department to Rand Construction Corporation of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 26-001.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[22363](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #22363, recognizing and honoring Ability KC in observance of Disability Independence Day and for more than seventy-five years of empowering children and adults with complex illnesses, injuries, and disabilities through exceptional rehabilitation, education, and vocational services. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS[26-32](#)

I hereby make the following appointments/reappointments to the Jackson County Senior Services Board:

Susan Culpepper is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term of Cheryl Campos, representing District 5, set to expire 9/30/2027. Ms. Culpepper's resume is attached.

Jami Henry is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term of Rochelle Parker, representing District 6, set to expire 9/30/2029. Ms. Henry's resume is attached.

Gary Thompson is hereby reappointed to a successive term, representing District 1, set to expire 9/30/2030. Mr. Thompson's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Venessa Huskey announced that there will be a public hearing on Ordinance #6109 on Monday, August 10, 2026 at a time to be determined.

Jalen Anderson recognized and congratulated Donna Peyton for being the first African American woman elected as Chairman of the County Legislature. He presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

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