



Office of
Mary Jo Spino
Clerk of the County Legislature

Jackson County Missouri

JOURNAL

County Legislature

*Manuel Abarca IV (1st) Chairman, Sean E. Smith (6th) Vice Chairman,
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)*

Jackson County Courthouse
415 E. 12th Street, 2nd floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
(816)881-3242

Monday, June 29, 2026

3:00 PM

Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting

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

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

1 ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton,
Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie
Lauer

Excused 1 - Megan L. 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 Venessa Huskey to
approve the journal of the previous meeting held on June 25, 2026. The
motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Public Hearing regarding Ordinance #6089 enacting subsection 2067.
Jackson County Code, 1984 relating to tax credits and assessment
adjustments.

The following people testified at the public hearing:

Bill Haley
Preston Smith
Tammy Queen
Dennis Rowland
Paul Cunningham
Aaron Mason
Abby Yellman
Mark Dunning

There was also a Q & A after the testimonies.

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, June 29, 2026.

<https://jacksonco.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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

A pet alligator, released into Longview Lake nicknamed "Longview Lou", was captured by the Missouri Conservation Department, Kansas City Animal Control and the Jackson County Parks + Rec Department. It is now safely contained and waiting for its owner to claim and pick it up.

Mr. LeVota has been in discussions with the Courts regarding the aging Family Court building. One of the possible solutions is to relocate the courts to the 1300 Washington building, where the Assessment Department is currently housed. He said the building is underutilized. He encouraged those he met with to take a tour of the building to determine if it can be suitable to their needs.

The County Executive reiterated the need to pass Ordinance #6090 regarding the design, creation and installation of a WWII monument in Openstein Brothers Memorial Park.

He asked that everyone be mindful when filing RLAs (Request for Legislative Action). Many, including himself, have been lax in following the proper guidelines and deadlines that ensure legislation follows the required procedures to be successfully added to the weekly agenda. When processes are not followed, it places an unnecessary burden on the Counselor's and Legislative Clerk's offices.

Mr. LeVota reiterated the need to pass Ordinance #6092 regarding spending the remaining ARPA money on infrastructure projects throughout the County as well as requests from municipalities.

There was discussion with Chairman Abarca and the County Executive regarding tax credits remaining with the parcel when the owner moves, timelines for sending out notices of tax credits and the impact of tax credits.

Mr. Abarca said he learned that the Director of the Collections Department retired on Friday, June 26, 2026. Mr. LeVota said he has replaced the Director with a leadership team consisting of Whitney Miller, Anthony Mitts, Leslie Herring and two deputies in the Collections Department.

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, June 29, 2026
<https://jacksonco.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[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 - 22nd 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 - 13th Perfection)

[6089](#) AN ORDINANCE enacting subsection 2067. Jackson County Code, 1984 relating to tax credits and assessment adjustments.

(Legislature As A Whole - 4th. Perfection)

[6090](#) Transferring and appropriating \$25,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Park Fund for installation services provided by Frisbie Monuments of Independence, MO for use by the Parks + Rec Department.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Sean E. Smith to discharge Ordinance #6090 from the World War II Memorial Committee to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 8 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer
Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

Manuel Abarca IV asked if this was sent out for bid or a sole source. Phil LeVota indicated it was a sole source.

Whitney Miller, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said sole source language was not included in the RLA or ordinance. Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the County Legislature, said a sole source memo was not attached to the Request for Legislative Action (RLA).

[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.

(Regional Transit Committee (Ad Hoc) - 6th. Perfection)

[6092](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$15,415,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of various funds and authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements to fund infrastructure projects with certain municipalities within Jackson County in an amount not to exceed \$15,415,000.00.

(County Infrastructure & Strategic Planning Committee (Ad Hoc) - 6th. 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.

(Legislature As A Whole - 5th. Perfection)

[6098](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Donna Peyton, to approve the Finance and Audit Committee Amendment dated June 29, 2026 for Ordinance #6098, to delete the words "full voting" and insert the words "permanent non-voting" before the word "member"; to delete the comma and insert a semi-colon after the word "body"; to delete the phrase "and may designate a qualified representative from the Auditor's Office to attend meetings and exercise such authority in the Auditor's absence, unless otherwise prohibited by law;" all in the BE IT ORDAINED paragraph on page 1. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[6098](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to perfect Ordinance #6098. The motion passed by voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[6098](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Ordinance #6098 repealing section 1540.1, of the Jackson County Code, 1984 and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new section relating to the same subject requiring that the Legislative County Auditor maintain a permanent position on the Board responsible for the Administration and Oversight of County Pension and Retirement Systems with an effective date. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[6099](#)

AN ORDINANCE 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).

(Land Use Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to waive the reading of Ordinances #6099 through Ordinance #6102. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Charlie Franklin, County Legislator, said a public hearing will be scheduled for these ordinances.

[6100](#)

AN ORDINANCE 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.

(Land Use Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

[6101](#)

AN ORDINANCE 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).

(Land Use Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

[6102](#)

AN ORDINANCE 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).

(Land Use Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

[6103](#)

Appropriating \$13,022.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 General Fund in acceptance of the Missouri Western Interdiction and Narcotics Task Force grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Donna Peyton, to discharge Ordinance #6103 from the Anti-Crime Committee to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 8 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer
Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

[6103](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton to perfect Ordinance #6103. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[6103](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Ordinance #6103 appropriating \$13,022.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 General Fund in acceptance of the Missouri Western Interdiction and Narcotics Task Force grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Public Safety. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 8 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Jeanie Lauer objected to the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Jeanie Lauer to hold Ordinance #6049. The motion **failed** by a roll call vote:
Yes: 4 - Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith
No: 4 - Manuel Abarca IV, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton and Venessa Huskey
Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

[6049](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Ordinance #6049, establishing a third-party monitoring program for Jackson County projects and authorizing access for qualified contracted third parties to conduct site visits.. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

No: 7 - Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(DEFEATED)

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

- [22281](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a thirty-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of automation control products and services for use by the Jackson County Detention Center to Control Service Company of Lee's Summit, Missouri under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Cooperative Contract #159051, an existing competitively bid government contract.
(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 6th. Meeting)
- [22304](#) A RESOLUTION 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.
(Legislature As A Whole - 3rd. Meeting)
- A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22304.
- After much discussion, Jalen Anderson and Donna Peyton withdrew their motion to adopt.
- [22311](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of personal computers, miscellaneous computer hardware, software, maintenance and professional services for use by various County departments to SHI International Corporation, of Somerset, NJ under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract Number CT220337001, an existing competitively bid government contract.
(Public Works Committee - 4th. Meeting)
- [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 - 4th. Meeting)
- [22313](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Interim Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the Mattie Rhodes Center to fund the creation of a youth employment and community arts pilot program.
(Arts & Culture Committee (Ad Hoc) - 4th. Meeting)
- [22314](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[22315](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one (1) twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of Workday professional services for use by the Information Technology Department to Remy Corporation of Denver, CO, under the terms and conditions of State of Oklahoma contract No. SW1025, as an acquisition from another governmental entity.

(Budget Committee - 4th. Meeting)

[22316](#) Declaring certain County-owned land as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling fifteen (15) surplus parcels.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR CHARLIE FRANKLIN. CONCURRED BY DONNA PEYTON AND SEAN E. SMITH.)

[22319](#) Transferring \$150,000.00 within the 2026 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund to fully fund the Jackson County Sheriff's Office's 2026 Law Enforcement School Based Initiative program (LESBI).

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Donna Peyton, to discharge Resolution #22319 from the Anti Crime Committee to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

[22319](#) A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22319, transferring \$150,000.00 within the 2026 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund to fully fund the Jackson County Sheriff's Office's 2026 Law Enforcement School Based Initiative program (LESBI). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[22320](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[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 - 3rd. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[22314](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing a thirty-six-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of Workday timeclock hardware, software, and support services for use by the 16th Circuit Court and various Jackson County departments to Accu-Time Systems of Windsor, CT, as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

[22320](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for stage, sound, and lighting services for the 2026 Christmas in the Sky event for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Sound Check Enterprises of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of invitation to Bid No. 26-025 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$25,760.00.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #22314 and #22320 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: 8 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

- [6104](#) Appropriating \$1,000,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund to create the Public Safety Education Cost Center Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute a consulting agreement with TJP Strategies, LLC, of Kansas City, MO, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.
(Assigned to the Finance & Audit Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

- [22324](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of electronic monitoring services for use by the Jackson County Sheriff's Community Supervision Office, to BI Incorporated of Boulder, CO, under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Partners Contract No. 2022118, an existing competitively bid government contract.
(Assigned to the Justice & Law Enforcement Committee.)

- [22325](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22325, of respect in loving memory of Aldon Smith. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 8 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer
Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

- [22326](#) A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22326, to congratulate Annie McGinnis on her appointment as President of the National Black Brewers Association. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 8 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer
Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[22327](#) Awarding a thirty-six-month term and supply contract, with three (3) twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of fleet fuel cards for use by various County Departments, to Openlane Technology Corporation dba Roadflex of Brooklyn, NY under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 030625-RDFX, an existing competitively bid government contract.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[22328](#) Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one (1) twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of trailer maintenance and repair services for use by various County departments to Croft Trailer Supply of Kansas City, MO under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 26-027.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[22329](#) Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two (2) twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of janitorial supplies for use by various County departments to Hillyard Inc., of Kansas City, MO, Imperial Bag & Paper Co. LLC dba Imperial Dade of Kansas City, MO, and RJ Kool Company of Missouri dba Controlled Environment Products, LLC of North Kansas City, MO under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 26-022.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[22330](#) Nominating candidates for appointment to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, for a term to expire July 15, 2031.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

Manuel Abarca IV, Chairman, said Resolution #22330 is nominating candidates to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of Mark Bredemeier who is a Republican.

He announced the process including the timeline for applications and resumes:

*Application and resume must be emailed to Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the County Legislature, at mspino@jacksongov.org

*Thursday July 2, 2026 - Noon is the deadline for application and resume.

*Monday, July 6, 2026 - Interviews will be conducted by the County Legislature.

*Monday, July 6th - The County Legislature will vote on the resolution, inserting three names, for submission to the Governor for his selection.

The application can be found online at <https://www.jacksongov.org/Government/Boards-Commissions/Sports-Com>

plex-Authority or <https://www.jacksongov.org/clerk>

[22331](#)

Authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the National World War I Museum for the Centennial Gala and Liberty Beacon Tower Lighting Celebration.

(Assigned to the Arts & Culture Committee (Ad Hoc).)

[22332](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22332, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, June 29, 2026, for the purpose of conducting privileged and confidential communications under section 610.021(3) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and closing all records prepared for discussion at said meeting. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Megan L. Smith

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[26-26](#)

I hereby make the following reappointment to the Merit System Commission:

Meghan Litecky is hereby reappointed to a second term set to expire 6/30/2030. Ms. Litecky's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Manuel Abarca IV asked the County Executive if he had anything to report regarding his most recent appointment to the EHRCC. Phil LeVota, County Executive, responded no.

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the County Legislature, said Megan L. Smith requested to be excused today and June 23, 2026. With no objection, it will be noted in the journals.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Manuel Abarca IV had his staff distribute copies of Ordinance #6005 adopted August 18, 2025 by the County Legislature regarding the Senior Tax Credit. Discussion regarding the date on the county's website not corresponding with the date as stated in the Ordinance. The County Executive said he will make sure the website is updated to reflect the August date. He indicated that they are complying with the ordinance.

Closed meeting per Resolution #22332. The County Legislature went into closed session. The County Legislature reconvened.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, July 6, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.