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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
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Monday, March 23, 2026

3:00 PM

Ninth Regular Meeting

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

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, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Absent 1 - Donna Peyton

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 March 16, 2026. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Resolutions #22214, #22221, #22215, #22210, #22220, #22222 and #22223 were adopted at this time. See pages 6, 7, 9 and 10 for details.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

None.

6 PERFECTION 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 - 7th. Perfection)

The Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee made no recommendation on Ordinance #6059.

[6059](#)

Submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the general election to be held on April 7, 2026, a question to amend the Jackson County Charter, with an effective date.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[6064](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #6064. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[6064](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #6064, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 161.00± acre tract from District AGp (Agricultural Planned) to District AG (Agricultural). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Donna Peyton

(ADOPTED)

[6065](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by DaRon McGee to perfect Ordinance #6065. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[6065](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by DaRon McGee, to adopt Ordinance #6065, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 4.87± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Donna Peyton

(ADOPTED)

Sean E. Smith, Vice Chairman, assumed the Chair.

[6066](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by DaRon McGee to perfect Ordinance #6066. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[6066](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by DaRon McGee, to adopt Ordinance #6066, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 10.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Manuel Abarca IV and Donna Peyton

(ADOPTED)

[6067](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 3.05± acre tract from District B (Two Family) to District LI (Light Industrial).

(Land Use Committee - 5th. Perfection)

[6068](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #6068. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[6068](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #6068, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 9.75± acre tract from District LB (Local Business) to District LI (Light Industrial). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Manuel Abarca IV, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - Sean E. Smith

Absent: 1 - Donna Peyton

(ADOPTED)

Manuel Abarca IV, Chairman, resumed the Chair.

[6071](#)

AN ORDINANCE transferring and appropriating \$4,164,475.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Park Enterprise Fund and awarding a contract for the replacement of the irrigation system at the Fred Arbanas Golf Course and the Frank White, Jr. Sports Complex to Verde Sports Construction, LLC., of Langley, WA, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid 25-047, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$4,164,475.00.

(Public Works Committee - 1st. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- [6049](#) AN ORDINANCE establishing a third-party monitoring program for Jackson County projects and authorizing access for qualified contracted third parties to conduct site visits.
(PERFECTED)
- [6070](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

- [22163](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of items for resale by the Parks + Rec Department to Dunlop Sports of Dallas, TX, as proprietary purchases.
(Public Works Committee - 7th. Meeting)
- [22170](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of a deep core aerifier for use by the Parks + Rec Department for the Fred Arbanas Golf Course to Redexim North America, Inc. of Valley Park, MO, under the terms and conditions of invitation to Bid No. 25-055 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$52,541.00.
(Public Works Committee - 6th. Meeting)
- [22172](#) Recognizing honorarium payments to community volunteers who assisted in the evaluation of non-profit grant applications.
(WITHDRAWN BY SEAN E. SMITH. CONCURRED BY JALEN ANDERSON AND JEANIE LAUER.) Discussion.

The Finance and Audit Committee recommended adoption of Resolution #22175. Discussion.
- [22175](#) Awarding a twelve-month contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for training, consulting services, and software maintenance on the Mobile Assessor Software for use by the Assessment Department to Woolpert, Inc. of Dayton, OH, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$114,355.00.
(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)
- [22184](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for annual software maintenance for use by the Collection Department to Aumentum Technologies of Niagara Falls, NY, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$642,563.00, as a sole source purchase.
(Finance & Audit Committee - 4th. Meeting)

Phil LeVota, County Executive, asked the County Legislature to hold

Resolution #22184 to allow him to meet with Tyler Technology as he has already met with Aumentum Technologies.

[22193](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to execute a Consulting Agreement with Marcus Winn of Heartland Communications, LLC, of Kansas City, MO, to provide communication and policy services to the Legislature, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting)

[22194](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the purchase of six (6) pontoon boats for use by the Parks + Rec Department to LSK Lebanon, Inc., of Lebanon, MO under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC232078005, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$209,346.00.

(Public Works Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

[22198](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Jackson County Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled - EITAS to provide for partial funding of various Parks + Rec Department's Special Population Services Division programs.

(Public Works Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

[22204](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by DaRon McGee, to adopt the Budget Committee Substitute dated March 18, 2026 for Resolution #22204, authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain outside agencies that provide public health related and other public services to citizens of Jackson County, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$2,905,000.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Manuel Abarca IV, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 2 - Sean E. Smith and Donna Peyton

(ADOPTED)

[22207](#)

A RESOLUTION transferring \$42,857.00 within the 2026 General Fund and awarding a contract for the purchase of communication equipment for use by the Sheriff's Office to MRA International, Inc., of Long Branch, NJ under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-057, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$42,857.00.

(Justice & Law Enforcement Committee - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA[6070](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$64,322.00 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.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #6070 was moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

Yes: 7 - Manuel Abarca IV, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 2 - Sean E. Smith and Donna Peyton

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[6072](#)

Transferring \$233,100.00 within the 2026 Grant Fund and appropriating \$233,100.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Grant Fund in acceptance of a supplemental grant and authorizing the Director of Parks + Rec to execute an agreement received from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for use by the Parks + Rec Department.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[6073](#)

Repealing sections 5055., 5056., and 5057., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to watercraft horsepower, and enacting, in lieu thereof, four new sections relating to the same subject.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[22210](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22210, recognizing and congratulating Dr. Ashton R. Sellers during Women's History Month on becoming the first African American/Native American female veterinarian to own a hospital in the Kansas City Area. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Donna Peyton

(ADOPTED)

[22211](#) Awarding a contract for the purchase of mobile radios for use by the Sheriff's Office to Motorola Solutions, Inc., of Chicago, IL, under the terms and conditions of MARC/KCRPC Contract No. 113, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$109,568.00.

(Assigned to the Justice & Law Enforcement Committee.)

[22212](#) Declaring certain vehicles assigned to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office as surplus property and authorizing their transfer to the Jackson County Department of Civil Process.

(Assigned to the Justice & Law Enforcement Committee.)

[22213](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain agencies that provide services and assistance to victims of domestic violence, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$152,400.00.

(Assigned to the Health & Environment Committee.)

[22214](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22214, recognizing and congratulating Dr. Jennifer Collier during Women's Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Donna Peyton and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

[22215](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22215, congratulating Becky Blades during Women's History Month and recognizing the leadership, accomplishments, and impact of women like her who strengthen their communities. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Donna Peyton and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

[22216](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22216, recognizing and congratulating the Grandview Girls Varsity Basketball Team and their coach, Coach Stuart Wright on winning State Quarterfinals. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Manuel Abarca IV, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 2 - Sean E. Smith and Donna Peyton

(ADOPTED)

[22217](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22217, authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain outside agencies that provide public health related and other public services to citizens of Jackson County, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$40,000.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 2 - Sean E. Smith and DaRon McGee

Absent: 1 - Donna Peyton

(ADOPTED)

[22218](#)

A motion was made by DaRon McGee, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22218, authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with an outside agency that provides public health related and other public services to citizens of Jackson County, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$55,000.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Manuel Abarca IV, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - Sean E. Smith

Absent: 1 - Donna Peyton

(ADOPTED)

[22219](#)

A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22219, authorizing the Jackson County Counselor's Office to execute a limited Professional Services Agreement addendum with Branch Recruiting of Kansas City, MO, for legal recruitment at a cost to the County not to exceed \$20,000.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Donna Peyton

(ADOPTED)

Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, explained Resolution #22219.

[22220](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22220, recognizing and congratulating Vickie Wolgast Wolverton during Women's Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Donna Peyton

(ADOPTED)

[22221](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #22221, recognizing and congratulating Ramona Arroyo during Women's Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Donna Peyton

(ADOPTED)

[22222](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22222, recognizing and congratulating Cathleen "Katie" Lillis during Women's Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Donna Peyton

(ADOPTED)

[22223](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #22223, recognizing and congratulating Estella Morales during Women's Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Donna Peyton

(ADOPTED)

[22224](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22224, recognizing and congratulating Charline "Donna Ruth" Mansfield during Women's Month and for her 80th birthday. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Donna Peyton

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to cancel the legislative meeting scheduled to be held on Monday, March 30, 2026. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 1 - Jalen Anderson

Absent: 1 - Donna Peyton

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

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

