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## JOURNAL

### County Legislature

Theresa Cass 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)

Jackson County Courthouse  
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Kansas City, Missouri 64106  
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**Monday, August 3, 2020**

**10:00 AM**

**Twenty-ninth 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 9 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass 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 July 27, 2020. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**4 HEARINGS**

*Jennifer Schmidt, Chassidi Mitchell, and Andrew Washburn, Union Representatives for AFSCME, the union representing the Jackson County Department of Corrections, presented grievances from the union regarding issues at the Detention Center. Ms. Schmidt said the County has issued two employee policies relating to COVID-19 which she says the Administration at the Detention Center is not following. She stated that there is a contradiction between whether an associate has to have two negative COVID-19 tests before returning to work. Also, there are instances of associates testing positive and only management being told about these positive tests. Employees that were exposed to the virus were not told until several days later. Ms. Schmidt also said that staffing levels have been reduced at the jail, creating a safety hazard for employees and inmates. She said that Diana Turner, the Director of the Department of Corrections refused to meet with union representatives about these grievances. Ms. Turner has submitted written responses to these grievances.*

*Discussion.*

*Theresa Cass Galvin, Chairman, said he had spoke to Sheriff Forte' to let him know about this discussion today.*

*Jennifer Schmidt said that under the union's Memorandum of Understanding, the union is not allowed to arbitrate these types of grievances.*

*The documents distributed by Ms. Schmidt are available under the Meeting Details for the August 3, 2020 meeting located at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=799945&GUID=F94EBAD4-D5A4-450C-88E5-9B9404C303C6&Options=info%7Cnotes%7C&Search=&Refresh=1>*

*Bridgette Shaffer, Director of the Jackson County Health Department, provided a status update of the Health Department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Shaffer said there have been 3,374 COVID cases in Eastern Jackson County and 59 deaths. Ms. Shaffer said that 85% of the cases have been symptomatic and 15% have been asymptomatic. The City of Kansas City reports 3,711 cases and 69 deaths. The metropolitan area has over 19,945 cases and 373 deaths. Last week was the highest week of reported cases in Eastern Jackson County and percentage of positive cases over the last 14 days is over 15%. These are concerning areas that are continually monitored.*

*Discussion.*

*Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, asked about people not having symptoms getting tested. Ms. Shaffer said these cases come from people who have had an exposure or who work in a high-risk industry. She said the test lines fill up rapidly.*

*Crystal Williams, County Legislator, asked if it may be necessary to have targeted closures due to the spikes in COVID cases. Ms. Shaffer said the CORE 4 municipalities meet regularly to discuss possible next steps. The clusters in Eastern Jackson County have been mostly due to gatherings and parties.*

*Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said that the only way the County can go back to closing down businesses would be to do that on a regional basis. Right now, Eastern Jackson County and Wyandotte County have*

*the highest level of restrictions, but other municipalities in our region have much looser regulations. Ms. Shaffer said the biggest effort needs to be toward wearing a mask to limit the spread of the virus. Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, said there are no discussions in the region to easing restrictions yet.*

*Theresa Cass Galvin asked about the statistics listed in the weekly Health Department reports. Ms. Shaffer said that the 15% rate is an average of the cases from the most recent 14-day period. Ms. Shaffer confirmed that there is no fine issued to businesses that fail to comply with the mask order. If a business is non-compliant a letter is sent, and the matter is referred to Environmental Health. Environmental Health will conduct a site visit and if there is no compliance the business will be closed for 24 hours.*

## 5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

*Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, said Frank White Jr., County Executive was absent due to a family loss. The County Executive asked Mr. Clifford to extend his gratitude to Ronald E. Finley for the idea of the mask giveaway. He also wanted to thank all legislators for their help in promoting and giving out masks to residents of Jackson County.*

## 6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Dan Tarwater III, Vice Chairman, assumed the Chair.

Ordinance #5377 was withdrawn by sponsor Theresa Cass Galvin. Jalen Anderson and Scott Burnett concurred.

Theresa Cass Galvin resumed as Chairman.

[5377](#)

Appropriating \$1,000,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 CARES Act Fund to support a regional COVID-19 contact tracing and testing hub and authorizing the County Executive to execute a cooperative agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council and pay other costs necessary in connection with the fight against the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

*Discussion.*

*(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR GALVIN. CONCURRED BY ANDERSON AND BURNETT.)*

[5379](#)

Budget Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[5380](#)

Budget Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

**7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

*None.*

**8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE**

[20462](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$750,000.00 within the 2020 County Improvement Fund to cover the costs of three projects to make critical and mandated repairs in the Jackson County parks system as identified by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

*(Legislature As A Whole - 2nd. Meeting)*

[20468](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

**9 CONSENT AGENDA**

[5379](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$23,855.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 Federal Forfeiture Fund to provide for the purchase of software packages for use by the Sheriff's Office from an existing term and supply vendor.

(PERFECTED)

[5380](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$7,260.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 Health Fund to reimburse the City of Independence for unbudgeted plumbing repairs performed by the City at the animal shelter.

(PERFECTED)

[20468](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$5,000.00 within the 2020 General Fund and authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute a one-month extension to the contract with Zamkus and Associates, LLC, of Jefferson City, MO, for governmental consulting services for use by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, at a cost to the County in the amount of \$5,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

*Ordinances #5379 and #5380 were moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection. Resolution #20468 was moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.*

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Jalen Anderson, 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 Cass Galvin

**10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**

[5381](#) Transferring \$183,421.00 within the 2020 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund and appropriating \$315,859.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 Grant Fund in acceptance of the DART Grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

*(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)*

[5382](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 9.80± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*

[5383](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 3.81± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).

*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*

[5384](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 6.64± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).

*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*

*The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing regarding Ordinances #5382, #5383 and #5384 on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area.*

[5385](#) A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5385. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5385](#) A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5385, appropriating \$2,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 Park Fund in acceptance of a donation from Barbara Garwood and Kathy Flaherty to the Parks + Rec Department, to be used for a new commemorative park bench at Lake Jacomo. 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 Cass Galvin

(ADOPTED)

**11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**[20469](#)

Awarding a thirty-six month term and supply contract for the furnishing of on-line legal publications and legal research services for use by the Prosecuting Attorney's, County Counselor's, and County Executive's Offices, and Collections and Assessment Departments to Thomson Reuters/West Law of Eagan, MN, as a sole source purchase.

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

**12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

*None.*

**13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Theresa Cass Galvin said that on May 26, 2020, the Legislature approved a contract for copiers. Since that time many departments have submitted paperwork to get a new copier but are still waiting. Barb Casamento, Purchasing Administrator, said that purchase orders are being entered today and the installation process is being coordinated with the IT Department. She said a loaner has been arranged for the Jackson County Election Board.

Scott Burnett, County Legislator, said that he and Crytal Williams lost a good man recently with the death of Matt Levi.

Tony Miller, County Legislator, asked Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, about a moratorium on landlord evictions. Mr. Haden reported this would not be something with which the Legislature has authority.

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

*None.*

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

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

*Meeting adjourned until Monday, August 10, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.*