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# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

### County Legislature

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

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**Monday, June 26, 2023**

**3:00 PM**

**Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting**

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

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DaRon McGee, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

**1 ROLL CALL**

Present 9 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. 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 Manuel Abarca IV to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on June 15, 2023. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**4 HEARINGS**

*Representatives Dan Wehmuller, Project Coordinator and Jeff Jenkins, Project Director, from JCDC Partners LLC and JE Dunn – Axiom, gave an update on the Detention Center Project. A copy of the Monthly Progress Report is available under the Meeting Details for the June 26, 2023, Legislative Meeting located at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1109954&GUID=FA7FF6A0-8CDD-4546-A255-39322FBD9854&Options=info%7Cnotes%7C&Search=&Refresh=1>*

*Gail McCann Beatty, Director of Assessment, and William Birkle, from Tyler Technologies, gave an update on the assessment process. Ms. McCann Beatty said her role is to place a market value on properties in Jackson County, pursuant to state statutes. She does not set the tax rate. The tax levies are set by the taxing jurisdictions in the fall. Tax levies are set annually which is why a tax bill may vary even if the property value*

*remains the same. Each taxing jurisdiction will have public hearings on its tax rates. Jackson County is responsible for collecting the taxes which are then distributed to the taxing jurisdictions.*

*Ms. McCann Beatty said that the Chapter 20 report, states:*

*On or before May 31 of each year, the Director of Assessment shall file with the clerk of the county legislature and the legislative auditor a report showing every real estate tax parcel classified "residential" with an increase in assessed valuation from the previous year in excess of 50% of the previous valuation or in excess of \$50,000, and every parcel classified "commercial" with an increase in assessed valuation from the previous year in excess of 50% of the previous year's valuation or in excess of \$100,000. The report need not include any parcel classified "agricultural" or assessed by the Missouri State Tax Commission as railroad or utility property.*

*This is required by Jackson County Code to be sent to the County Clerk on May 31. State law changed after this code section was adopted, requiring values to be certified by July 1. The Assessment Department sent values as of May 31 to comply with the County Code, but those values will change as the valuation process continues through June. Once the values are certified July 1, her office will produce an updated Chapter 20 report.*

*Jackson County has 300,000 parcels. Jackson County is the second largest county in the state. It is impossible to get every property correct. One property may vary from another property because of upgrades and remodels. There could also be an input error. The 2020-2021 assessment process was interrupted by Covid, which caused property values to be even more behind. To date there have been 12,143 appeals which is 4% of the total parcels. In 2019 there were 22,000 appeals which account for 7.3% of the total parcels. St. Louis County is estimated to have 33,000 appeals representing 8% of its parcels. The standard is to have about 10% appeals. Jackson County is no different than any other large county. Staff are meeting with about 250 people per day to review their property. The Assessment Department is trying to accommodate more people. People who have gone through the evaluation process have stated that they are treated fairly, and the staff is polite. It takes about 10 minutes to complete an appeal online. If a taxpayer does not have access to a computer, the Assessment staff are available to help. The Board of Equalization deadline to appeal is July 10. This date is set by state statute. Taxpayers have adequate time to file an appeal. They are not required to have all*

*information at the time they appeal. The BOE will start hearings July 10. That is not the last day. Property owners may consult with the County's real estate brokers at no cost. Ms. McCann Beatty said she does not encourage people to spend money on an appraisal.*

*Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, asked if they could schedule expanded hours. Ms. McCann Beatty said on Tuesday and Thursday the staff work until 6 p.m. Walk-ins are allowed until 5 p.m. Ms. McCann Beatty said this informal review process is part of the reassessment process. Part of this year's problems occurred because of an update to the software while also conducting a parcel by parcel review. Property owners can see the date their property was reviewed by looking at the date stamp on Parcel Viewer (<https://jcgis.jacksongov.org/parcelviewer/>). Every property should have a photo in the parcel viewer system. When a property owner files an appeal, staff will pull the comps used to set the value. If those comps seem off, then updated comps may be pulled from the MLS system. There is a discussion, and the staff will reach an agreement on the value. If the taxpayer is still not satisfied with the value, they can go before the BOE and the State Tax Commission (STC). The goal is to get the properties within a 10% +/- range of the fair market value.*

*Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said he is requesting the Board of Equalization extend the deadline from July 10 to the end of July. He also requests that the BOE find a place to have hearings in Eastern Jackson County and for the County to help people understand the process.*

*Donna Peyton, County Legislator, asked what options are available to the Legislature and the County to help people. Ms. McCann Beatty said the Collection Department has a quad pay system to allow taxes to be paid in four installments. There is also a new law freezing values for certain citizens on Social Security, but that has not yet been signed by the governor. Everyone has the right to appeal their value. The tax rates will not be set until the fall when jurisdictions set the levies. The school districts receive the greatest portion of the taxes, followed by municipalities.*

*Resolutions #21321 and #21322 were adopted at this time. See pages 10 and 11 for details.*

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

*None.*

*Manual Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked for an update on the Historic*

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*Truman Courthouse repairs. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said the water is now back on in the building and restrooms are working. The repairs are nearing completion.*

**6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

[5749](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$400,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 County Improvement Fund for the purpose of providing additional project management services for the ongoing Workday implementation project.

*(Budget Committee - 3rd. Perfection)*

[5751](#) Health and Environment Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

*A motion was made by Jeanie Lauer, seconded by Jalen Anderson to waive the reading of Ordinances #5753 through #5762. The motion passed by a voice vote.*

[5753](#) Land Use Committee moved to perfect.

*Charlie Franklin objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[5753](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5753. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

*Consent Agenda.*

[5754](#) Land Use Committee moved to perfect.

*Charlie Franklin objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[5754](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5754. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

*Consent Agenda.*

[5755](#) Land Use Committee moved to perfect.

*Charlie Franklin objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[5755](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5755. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

*Consent Agenda.*

[5756](#) Land Use Committee moved to perfect.

*Charlie Franklin objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[5756](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5756. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

*Consent Agenda.*

[5757](#)

Land Use Committee moved to perfect.

*Charlie Franklin objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[5757](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5757. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

*Consent Agenda.*

[5758](#)

Land Use Committee moved to perfect.

*Charlie Franklin objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[5758](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5758. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

*Consent Agenda.*

[5759](#)

Land Use Committee moved to perfect.

*Charlie Franklin objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[5759](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5759. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

*Consent Agenda.*

[5760](#)

Land Use Committee moved to perfect.

*Charlie Franklin objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[5760](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5760. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

*Consent Agenda.*

[5761](#)

Land Use Committee moved to perfect.

*Charlie Franklin objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[5761](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5761. The motion passed by a voice vote.  
(PERFECTED)

*Consent Agenda.*

[5762](#) Land Use Committee moved to perfect.

*Charlie Franklin objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[5762](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5762. The motion passed by a voice vote.  
(PERFECTED)

*Consent Agenda.*

[5763](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing schedule I to chapter 2, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to County associates not within the Merit System, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new schedule relating to the same subject.  
*(Budget Committee - 1st. Perfection)*

## 7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

*None.*

## 8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21285](#) Legislature As A Whole moved to adopt.

*Manuel Abarca IV objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[21285](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #21285, awarding a contract for the furnishing of ten full-size SUVs for use by the Sheriff's Office to Reed Motors STJ, LLC, dba Reed Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Saint Joseph, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC222374007, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$401,880.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:  
Yes: 8 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith  
No: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

[21304](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21305](#) Health and Environment Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21308](#) Anti-Crime Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21310](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature that the County award contracts for the removal and storage of the Andrew Jackson statues on the grounds of the Downtown and Historic Truman Courthouses and for site repairs of any damages occasioned by the removal.  
*(Budget Committee - 2nd. Meeting)*

**9 CONSENT AGENDA**

[5751](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 4510., 4525., 4531., 4532., 4538., 4541., 4542., 4546., and 4547., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to animal control and enacting, in lieu thereof, nine new sections relating to the same subject, with a penalty provision.  

(PERFECTED)

[5753](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 1.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RS (Residential Suburban).  

(ADOPTED)

[5754](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 5.29± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District LI (Light Industrial).  

(ADOPTED)

[5755](#) AN ORDINANCE 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).  

(ADOPTED)

[5756](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 5.24± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District LI (Light Industrial).  

(ADOPTED)

[5757](#) AN ORDINANCE renewing a conditional use permit (CUP) in District B (Two Family Dwelling) for a period of twenty years to operate a mobile home park, as to a 12.08± acre tract.  

(ADOPTED)

- [5758](#) AN ORDINANCE renewing a conditional use permit (CUP) in District AG (Agricultural) for a period of ten years to operate a private airport and landing strip, as to an 80.00± acre tract.  
(ADOPTED)
- [5759](#) AN ORDINANCE renewing a conditional use permit (CUP) in District GB (General Business) for a period of twenty-five years to operate three satellite dish earth stations, as to a 10.00± acre tract.  
(ADOPTED)
- [5760](#) AN ORDINANCE renewing a conditional use permit (CUP) in District GB (General Business) for a period of twenty-five years to operate a 150-ft microwave antenna, on a 10.00± acre tract.  
(ADOPTED)
- [5761](#) AN ORDINANCE renewing a conditional use permit (CUP) in District AG (Agricultural) for a period of ten years to operate a group home, as to a .05± acre tract.  
(ADOPTED)
- [5762](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 13.24± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).  
(ADOPTED)
- [21304](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Sheriff to execute a contract for services with the Family Court Division of the 16th Circuit Court of Missouri to provide deputies to assist with the Family Court's Connections supervised visitation program.  
(ADOPTED)
- [21305](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Participation Agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services relating to its summer food service program, with costs to be reimbursed to the County.  
(ADOPTED)
- [21308](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of three passenger vehicles for use by the Drug Task Force to Lou Fusz Motor Company of St. Louis, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC222374009, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the total amount of \$147,222.00.  
(ADOPTED)

*Ordinance #5751 was sent to the Consent Agenda for Perfection.*



*Ordinances #5753, #5754, #5755, #5756, #5757, #5758, #5759, #5760, #5761, #5762 and Resolutions #21304, #21305, and #21308 were sent to the Consent Agenda for adoption.*

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

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

[5764](#)

Submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a special election to be held on November 7, 2023, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a local use tax at the rate authorized by law.

*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

#### 11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21314](#)

Awarding twelve-month term and supply contracts, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of safety equipment and supplies for use by various County departments to Anixter, Inc., of Overland Park, KS, RJ Kool Company of Missouri dba Controlled Environmental Products of North Kansas City, MO, and Medline Industries, LP, of Northfield, IL, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-030.

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

[21315](#)

Transferring \$13,618.00 within the 2023 County Improvement Fund and authorizing three change orders to the contract with CentralSquare Technology LLC of Lake Mary, FL, for additional services for the Jail Information and Computer-Aided Dispatch Project at an additional cost to the County in the amount of \$13,617.49 and a new total cost of \$1,559,423.45.

*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

[21316](#)

Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of on-call geotechnical testing services for use by the Public Works and Parks + Rec Departments to Olsson, Inc., of Olathe, KS, under the terms and conditions of Request for Qualifications No. 23-021.

*(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)*

[21317](#) Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of roofing services for use by various County departments to Delta Innovative Services of Kansas City, KS, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-016.

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

[21318](#) Awarding a contract for an upgrade of hardware and software maintenance for use by the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature to Granicus of St. Paul, MN, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$6,844.00, as a sole source purchase.

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

[21319](#) A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21319, recognizing the Jackson County Pro X Program interns. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21320](#) Transferring \$13,670.00 within the 2023 Inmate Security Fund and awarding a contract to TimeKeeping Systems, Inc., of Solon, OH, for the annual support and hosting fee for software maintenance services for the electronic inmate movement tracking system for use by the County's Detention Center, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$35,670.00, as a sole source purchase.

*(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)*

*No objection to the consideration of Resolutions #21321 and #21322 - not on printed agenda.*

[21321](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution, congratulating Miriam Hennosy, Executive Assistant to the County Executive, on the occasion of her retirement. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21322](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #21322, honoring Jay D. Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of service to Jackson County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21323](#)

Expressing the support of the Legislature for Missouri State Bill 190 for potential real property tax relief.

*(Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)*

[21324](#)

Expressing the intent of the Legislature to recommend setting aside the current 2023 valuations and utilize a flat real property tax rate increase of 15% of the 2019 tax valuations.

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

## 12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[23-14](#)

Pursuant to section 706.1, Jackson County Code, 1984, I hereby promulgate the following amendment to Rule 9 of the Jackson County Personnel Rules for Jackson County associates. This amendment shall be effective immediately.

Rule 9 is amended to the revision of 9.15, to reads as follows:

### Personnel Rule 9.15 - Active Duty

Associates called to active duty, active-duty training, and or inactive duty training in the National Guard or any reserve component of the armed forces of the United States shall be entitled to receive their county compensation for a period not to exceed one hundred and twenty hours in the period bound by law, October 1 through September 30, (the federal fiscal year). An associate may receive military leave only for hours that the associate would otherwise have worked and received pay.

Members of the National Guard or any reserve component of the armed forces intending to use military leave, (paid or unpaid) for periods of active duty, active-duty training or inactive duty training shall provide their orders in advance, when possible, to their Appointing Authority of any period of military leave. This verification at attendance may include applicable pay documents or other written confirmation from the associate's military unit of assignment. Any period of applicable service or training in the National Guard or reserve components of the armed forces, beyond the limit of one hundred and twenty hours per federal fiscal year will be designated as unpaid military leave.

[23-15](#)

Pursuant to chapter 82 of the Jackson County Code, I hereby make the following appointments to the Jackson County Community Children's Services Fund Board of Directors:

Monica Meeks is appointed as a District 6 member to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of Justice Horn's term for a new term to expire March 31, 2026. A copy of Ms. Meek's resume is attached.

Meg McCall is appointed as a District 4 member to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Anthony Mondaine for a new term to expire March 31, 2026. A copy of Ms. McCall's resume is attached.

**13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Manuel Abarca IV introduced two resolutions at this time. See pages 10 and 11 for details.

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

Jalen Anderson congratulated his aide, Winifred Jamieson, and her partner Steve Young for their recognition as Emerging Advocates of the Year by the Kansas City Law Enforcement Accountability Project (KC LEAP) at its awards brunch on June 24, 2023.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

*The Legislature will not meet next week because of the Independence Day holiday. Meeting adjourned until Monday, July 10, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.*