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County Legislature

*Jeanie Lauer (5th) 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), DaRon McGee (4th),
Sean E. Smith (6th)*

Monday, February 26, 2024

3:00 PM

Sixth Regular Meeting

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

Jeanie Lauer, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

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

Excused 1 - Jalen Anderson

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on February 19, 2024. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, said the Administration is nearly ready to roll out the process to implement SB190. This program was authorized by the State of Missouri to freeze property tax bills for eligible taxpayers. The Collections Department is finalizing the applications and preparing frequently asked questions for the website. The Collections Department will begin accepting applications on Friday, March 1, 2024. A member of the Collections Department will attend the legislative meeting on Monday, March 4, 2024 to explain the program.

Charlie Franklin, County Legislator, asked what the last day will be for taxpayers to submit an application. Mr. White said tax bills are due December 31, 2024. Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, said the first year of

SB190 is the implementation year. So, taxpayers can submit an application up to December 31, 2024. More information will be available on Monday.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked to clarify the cut off date on when the tax rates are frozen. Mr. Clifford said the levels will remain where they are set for 2024. There will be additional information next week.

Mr. Abarca asked about the posting and position approvals for the Compliance Office. Sylvya Stevenson, Chief Administrative Officer, said Chief Compliance Review Officer has been completed and the Compliance Review Officer and Senior Compliance Officer positions have been posted. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said the appropriate reclassifications are complete and two additional positions are posted with the proper salary grades. Mr. Schulte said if there is a backpay issue, they will get that resolved.

Mr. Abarca asked for an update on the County health insurance benefits. Mr. Schulte said they will request an extension to the County's benefits advisor position so the evaluation of a new health benefit plan can be expedited. The Director of Human Resources, in consultation with the advisor, will manage the re-bid process of the County benefits programs.

Mr. Abarca asked the County Executive for an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund. Mr. White said the plan has always been from day one to use the funds for infrastructure needs of the County including improvements to the Courthouse and the new Administration Building. The County supplied \$150 million to address needs within the community during Covid. The remaining funds have been set aside for infrastructure improvements. The County Executive has a responsibility to maintain the County-owned buildings and it would be remiss to spend those dollars in other areas. The plan is to get the funds approved to repair the steps to enter the Courthouse and to renovate the new Administration building. If there are funds remaining after these are completed, then they may be available for additional community benefits.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5823](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 9103. and 9104., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Board of Equalization, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject, with an effective date.
(Finance and Audit Committee - 4th. Perfection)

[5824](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$22,000,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the General Fund and authorizing the construction of two floors of office space in the Health Sciences building for use by University Health.
(Budget Committee - 7th. Perfection)

[5828](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Sean E. Smith to perfect Ordinance #5828. The motion passed by a voice vote.
(PERFECTED)

[5828](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Ordinance #5828, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 10.7± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette). The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 7 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith
Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee
Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

[5829](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Donna Peyton to perfect Ordinance #5829. The motion passed by a voice vote.
(PERFECTED)

[5829](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Ordinance #5829, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 3.34± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates). The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 7 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith
Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee
Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

[5830](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Donna Peyton to perfect Ordinance #5830. The motion passed by a voice vote.
(PERFECTED)

[5830](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Ordinance #5830, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 11.4± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

[5831](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Donna Peyton to perfect Ordinance #5831. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5831](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Ordinance #5831, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 7.99± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District LI (Light Industrial). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

[5832](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Donna Peyton to perfect Ordinance #5832. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5832](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Charlie Franklin, to adopt Ordinance #5832, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 9.43± acre tract from District LB-p (Local Business-Planned) to District LI-p (Light Industrial-Planned). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

[5833](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Sean E. Smith to perfect Ordinance #5833. The motion passed by a voice vote.
(PERFECTED)

[5833](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Ordinance #5833, requesting a conditional use permit (CUP) in District AG (Agricultural) for a period of three years to operate an archery range, as to a 4.36± acre tract. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 7 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith
Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee
Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson
(ADOPTED)

[5834](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Donna Peyton to perfect Ordinance #5834. The motion passed by a voice vote.
(PERFECTED)

[5834](#) A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Ordinance #5834, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 5.74± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette). The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 7 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith
Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee
Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson
(ADOPTED)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21519](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive or the Chairman of the Legislature to sell the County-owned property located at 1300 Washington Street, Kansas City, MO 64105 via the competitive bidding process.
(Land Use Committee - 3rd. Meeting)

[21529](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21530](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

- [21531](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21533](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21534](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21536](#) A RESOLUTION approving the 2024-2025 Jackson County Assessment and Equalization Maintenance Plan.
(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Meeting)
- [21537](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of greater local controls for Jackson County.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 1st. Meeting)
- [21538](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate in support of trans rights to the Missouri General Assembly.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 1st. Meeting)
- [21539](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21540](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in opposition to House Bills 2367, 2470, and 2523.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 1st. Meeting)
- [21542](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21544](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21546](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of maintaining a fair and equitable citizen initiative petition process.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

- [21529](#) 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)
- [21530](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a permanent

utility easement in favor of the Kansas City, Missouri Water Department across a portion of the Rock Island Corridor, for a fee payable to the County.

(ADOPTED)

[21531](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a permanent utility easement in favor of the Kansas City, Missouri Water Department across a portion of the Rock Island Corridor, for a fee payable to the County.

(ADOPTED)

[21533](#)

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

(ADOPTED)

[21534](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of fishing supplies for resale by the Parks + Rec Department at County-owned marinas to Robinson Wholesale of Genoa, WI, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-089.

(ADOPTED)

[21539](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute cooperative agreements with certain organizations which provide assistance and services to homeless persons, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$207,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21542](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of floating structure maintenance, inspection, and repair services for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Ozark Barge and Dock Services of Gravois Mills, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-087.

(ADOPTED)

[21544](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of ammunition for use by various County law enforcement agencies to Bald Ridge Outdoors, LLC of Van Buren, MO, Gulf States Distributors, Inc. of Montgomery, AL, Howards Premium Ammo, LLC of Florence, SC, On Target Ammunition of Grain Valley, MO, Precision Delta Corporation of Ruleville, MS, S1 Armory, LLC of Weatherford, TX, Specialty Cartridge Inc. of Covington, GA, and Sunset Law Enforcement, LLC of Ackley, IA under the terms and conditions of the State of Missouri Contract No. CC240449 Series 001 through 008, an existing, competitively-bid government contract.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #21529, #21530, #21531, #21533, #21534, #21539, #21542, and #21544 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21551](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21551, honoring the life and achievements of Clara Reyes, founder of Dos Mundos bilingual newspaper, who passed away on February 17, 2024, at the age of 86. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

[21552](#)

Expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of Blair's Law and greater local gun control for Jackson County.

(Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)

[21553](#)

Expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to

advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of the County Assessor being an elected position in Jackson County.

(Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)

[21554](#)

Expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of the Missouri Nondiscrimination Act in Jackson County.

(Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)

[21555](#)

Awarding a contract for the furnishing of three new vehicles for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force to Corwin Motors of Springfield, MO and Corwin Ford Lincoln Republic of Republic, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC240138001-011, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the total amount of \$146,134.00.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[21556](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute a permanent utility easement in favor of Evergy across a portion of the Rock Island Corridor, for a fee payable to the County.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[21557](#)

Awarding a sixty-month term and supply contract with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of grounds maintenance equipment, parts, accessories, supplies, and related services for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Professional Turf Products of Lenexa, KS, under the terms and conditions of the City of Mesa, AZ/OMNIA Partners Contract No. 2023261, an existing competitively bid government contract.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[21558](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21558, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024, for the purpose of conducting privileged and confidential communications between itself and the Jackson County Counselor under section 610.021(1) 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: 6 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Venessa Huskey and DaRon McGee

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

[21559](#)

Awarding a contract for video closed captioning services 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 \$25,278.75, as a sole source purchase.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[21560](#)

Authorizing the County Counselor to execute a Legal Services Agreement and Addendums to existing Legal Services Agreements with certain lawyers and law firms at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$142,000.00, for services to be performed in 2024.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

Unfinished Business was discussed at this time. See below for details.

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #21561 - not on printed agenda.

[21561](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to adopt Resolution #21561, approving the settlement by the County Counselor of the claims of Shannon Ohms related to employment with the Assessment Department, for a total payment by the County of \$55,000.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Manuel Abarca IV and DaRon McGee

Excused: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[24-04](#)

I hereby appoint Scott Lakin as Director of Collections to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mari Ruck, effective immediately. A copy of his resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to reconsider Resolution #21545.

Whitney Miller, Chief Deputy County Counselor, explained that at the last meeting held on February 19, 2024, Resolution #21545 was introduced. This resolution includes a transfer of funds within the E-911 Fund. A motion to adopt was made and seconded and a roll call vote was recorded with 5 yes, 2 no and 2 absent.

Pursuant to section 533.2 Jackson County Code, 1984, *the County Legislature may, by resolution at any time, transfer any unencumbered*

appropriation balance or any portion of that balance from one (1) appropriation account to another within the same agency without the recommendation of the County Executive, provided that any such resolution received the affirmative vote of six members of the County Legislature.

The County Executive does not recommend this transfer. Therefore, the motion failed. A motion to reconsider will allow the resolution to either be assigned to a committee or adopted with six affirmative votes.

Discussion.

The motion to reconsider passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: - 5 Donna Peyton, Megan L. Marshall, Charlie Franklin, Sean E. Smith, and Jeanie Lauer

No: - 3 Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, and DaRon McGee

Excused: -1 Jalen Anderson

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt resolution #21545, transferring \$414,356.00 within the 2024 E-911 System Fund and authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$414,356.00 for the purchase of Unified Computer Aided Dispatch workstations and Auto Attendant software for the Kansas City Police Department Communications unit. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: - 2 Megan L. Marshall and Jeanie Lauer

Excused: - 1 Jalen Anderson

14 NEW BUSINESS

Closed meeting per Resolution #21558.

The County Legislature recessed and went into closed session.

The County Legislature reconvened.

Resolution #21561 was adopted at this time. See page 10 for details.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, March 4, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.