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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)*

Monday, February 2, 2026

3:00 PM

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

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by Donna Peyton, to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on January 12, 2026. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Resolution #22156 was adopted and presented at this time. Please see page 7 for details.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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

This year marks the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Jackson County, Missouri and he will issue a trivia fact each week. On February 2, 1940, Senator Harry S Truman chose to seek re-election despite widespread belief that his career was over following the collapse of the Pendergast political machine.

This past weekend at Parks + Rec Longview Lake beach, 800 people participated in the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge. The event raised \$187,000.00.

Fridays With Phil Podcast - he would like the legislators to participate with him.

He claimed due to the technology issues today and a previous time in the Assembly Area, he and his team needed to contact a vendor and consult a professional meeting designer to fix the issues and rearrange the room to make it more accessible.

Declarations for property taxes were mailed out by postcard. Taxpayers are required to respond by mail or online by March 1st. If a postcard has not been received, taxpayers can access their declarations at jacksongov.org. All declarations are due by May 1st. The postcards have a PIN number needed to access an account. To obtain the PIN number email taxquestions@jacksongov.org or call 816.881.4455. There will soon be an instructional video on how to obtain a PIN number.

This past Saturday, January 31st was the last day to pay taxes without penalties or interest. The County Executive reiterated that checks are being posted to accounts and deposited as quickly as possible while dealing with system technology issues.

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator made a clarification to the County Executive's statement regarding mailing in declarations. Currently, the only option available to taxpayers is online.

Chairman Abarca asked the County Executive to give his explanation for painting over the \$100,000.00 permanent artwork displayed on the ceiling of the Second Floor in the Kansas City Courthouse. He responded that he is restoring the historic building back to it's former integrity and he received many complaints about the artwork he categorized as cartoon avatars of employees and a former County Executive.

When asked why none of the legislators were invited to check presentations of the Non-Profit Partnership Grants, he stated he isn't required to do so but if they ask him about any specific organization, he is more than happy to provide that information and have them attend.

There was also discussion about the disparity of reports issued due to the abatement of asbestos in the legislative offices that caused problems with air quality.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[6050](#) Prohibiting law enforcement officers from concealing their faces or badges during performance of their official duties and establishing penalties and exemptions.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[6052](#) Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

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7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[6049](#) Consent Agenda.

Legislator Jeanie Lauer objected to the Consent Agenda. There was no motion to adopt, therefore, Ordinance #6049 remains Perfected.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[22014](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22014 awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of disaster recovery services for use countywide to 21st Enterprise, LLC aka ServPro of Lee's Summit, Missouri, under the terms and conditions of the Junior College District of Metropolitan Kansas City, Missouri (MCC) Contract No. 19-7242-C3R2. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

[22147](#) Requesting the Missouri State Auditor to conduct a full comprehensive performance audit to examine and evaluate the management of Jackson County's fiscal, budgetary, and procurement policies and procedures of the expenditure of ARPA funds.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[22148](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA[6052](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing subsection 5293.2, of Jackson County Code, 1984, related to the subject of wreckers and tow services and enacting in lieu thereof one new subsection relating to the same subject.

(PERFECTED)

[6053](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing sections and subsections 9103., 9104., 9113., 9121., 9120.2., 9125.4., and 9125.5., of Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Board of Equalization, and enacting, in lieu thereof, four new sections and three new subsections relating to the same subject, with an effective date.

(PERFECTED)

[22148](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a permanent utility easement in favor of Missouri Alliance, LLC, dba Bluebird Fiber across a portion of Fleming Park, for a fee payable to the County.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinances #6052 and #6053 were moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection. Resolution #22148 was moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

- [6054](#) Requesting a renewal of a conditional use permit (CUP) in District AG (Agricultural) for continuous operation of a horse boarding facility subject to specified conditions, as to a 48.09± acre tract.
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)
- [6055](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 19.48± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)
- [6056](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 20.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)
- [6057](#) Amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 70.00± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)
- [6058](#) Appropriating \$636,425.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2026 Park Fund for construction services provided by Hartline Construction of North Kansas City, MO for use by the Parks + Rec Department.
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)
- [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 Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)
- [6060](#) Appropriating \$264,216.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Grant Fund in acceptance of the 2024 JAG Grant awarded to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)
- [6061](#) Prohibiting all permit and zoning approvals for non-County or municipal government owned detention facilities.
(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[6062](#)

Waiving the reimbursement of acquisition cost required by section 1139., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the transfer of ownership of the Sheriff's Office's K-9 unit dog, Spy, to dog handler and companion Deputy Jessica Davidson.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[6063](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to perfect Ordinance #6063 rescinding Resolution 22084 dated October 27, 2025 and transferring \$818,068.00 within the County Improvement Fund and awarding a contract extension to Strategic Workplace Solutions, Inc. of Belton, MO at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$535,214.00 and JCDC Partners at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$282,854.00 for professional services provided in conjunction with the delivery of the New Jackson County Detention Center and requesting a fee schedule be attached. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

No: 2 - Sean E. Smith and Megan L. Smith

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

(PERFECTED)

[6063](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Ordinance #6063 rescinding Resolution 22084 dated October 27, 2025 and transferring \$818,068.00 within the County Improvement Fund and awarding a contract extension to Strategic Workplace Solutions, Inc. of Belton, MO at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$535,214.00 and JCDC Partners at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$282,854.00 for professional services provided in conjunction with the delivery of the New Jackson County Detention Center and requesting a fee schedule be attached. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Manuel Abarca IV, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

No: 3 - Sean E. Smith, Megan L. Smith and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[22149](#)

Approving the 2026-2027 Jackson County Assessment and Equalization Maintenance Plan.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[22150](#) Awarding a thirty-month term and supply contract, with three twenty-four-month options to extend, for the furnishing of information technology products and services for use by various County departments to SHI International Corporation, of Somerset, NJ under the terms and conditions of OMNIA Partners Contract Number 2024056-02, an existing competitively bid government contract.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[22151](#) A motion was made by Megan L. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #22151 honoring the life and legacy of Anita J. Dixon-Brown. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

(ADOPTED)

[22152](#) Honoring Dr. Troy Nash and recognizing his appointment as Director of the Lewis White Real Estate Center.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[22153](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the City of Independence, Missouri, for the use of certain County property for a civic event, at no cost to the County.

(Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)

[22154](#) Authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute a one-year agreement with the City of Grain Valley, with one twelve-month option to extend, to engage in anti-crime, anti-violence, and law enforcement school-based initiatives and purposes, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$75,000.00.

(Assigned to the Anti-Crime Committee.)

[22155](#) Honoring the Kansas City Public Schools Mentoring Program in recognition of National Mentoring Month.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[22156](#) A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #22156 recognizing MINDDRIVE for its contributions during National Mentoring Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

[22157](#) Authorizing the Chair of the Jackson County Drug Task Force to execute a Legal Services Agreement with Williams & Campo, P.C., of Lee's Summit, MO, to provide legal services for the Task Force, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$3,500.00.

(Assigned to the Anti-Crime Committee.)

[22158](#) Recognizing Raytown Quality Schools during Mentoring Month.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[22159](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #22159 directing the Clerk of the County Legislature to establish, pursuant to RSMo 115.395 (2), a system of ballot name order by random drawing for candidates filing for County office. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 3 - Manuel Abarca IV, Sean E. Smith and Charlie Franklin

No: 6 - Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Megan L. Smith, Venessa Huskey, DaRon McGee and Jeanie Lauer

(DEFEATED)

[22160](#) Authorizing the County Counselor to execute a Legal Services Agreement with certain lawyers and law firms at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$50,000.00.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[22161](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of body transportation services for use by the Medical Examiner's Office to First Call, Inc. of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-082.

(Assigned to the Health and Environment Committee.)

[22162](#) Awarding a contract for annual software subscription for use by the Sheriff's Office and Department of Corrections to Lexipol, LLC, of Frisco, TX, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$60,169.00, as a sole source purchase.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[22163](#) Awarding a contract for the furnishing of items for resale by the Parks + Rec Department to Dunlop Sports of Dallas, TX, as proprietary purchases.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[22164](#) Awarding a contract for the furnishing of software maintenance for use by the Public Administrator's Office to SEM Applications, Inc., of Oregon, MO, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$60,000.00, as a sole source purchase.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[22165](#) Awarding a twelve-month contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of independent auditing services for use by the Finance and Purchasing Department to Clifton Larsen Allen, LLP, of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 25-053, at a cost to the County for 2026 not to exceed \$150,000.00.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[22166](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Resolution #22166 authorizing the County Counselor to execute a Legal Services Agreement with a certain law firm at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$120,000.00 as a sole source purchase. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[22167](#) A motion was made by Megan L. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to hold the floor amendment for Resolution #22167. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 2 - Donna Peyton and DaRon McGee

Abstain: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(APPROVED)

[22167](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Megan L. Smith, to hold Resolution #22167 awarding a contract for the furnishing of developer services for a mixed housing program and a 99-year lease to Pate-Campbell Properties, Inc of Olathe, Kansas, under the terms and conditions of Request for Qualifications No. 25-045. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 1 - DaRon McGee

Abstain: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(APPROVED)

[22167](#)

Awarding a contract for the furnishing of developer services for a mixed housing program and a 99-year lease to Pate-Campbell Properties, Inc of Olathe, Kansas, under the terms and conditions of Request for Qualifications No. 25-045.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

Donna Peyton asked any legislator who has questions regarding this legislation to send them to her prior to the meeting scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026.

[22168](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #22168 authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, February 2, 2026, for the purpose of conducting privileged and confidential communications under section 610.021(12) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and closing all records prepared for discussion at said meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

(ADOPTED)

[22169](#)

Appropriating \$20,683.00 within the 2026 General Fund and awarding a contract to LCPTracker of Orange, CA, for an additional single software package for use by the Compliance Review Office for non-profit partnership grants, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$20,683.00, as a sole source purchase.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[26-02](#)

I hereby make the following appointments/reappointments to the Children's Services Fund Board:

Amy Harris is hereby reappointed to complete her current term as a District 1 Director, which is set to expire on 03/31/2027. Ms. Harris' resume is attached for reference.

Brian Kaberline is hereby reappointed to finish his current term as the District Director, which is set to expire on 03/31/2027. Mr. Kaberline's resume is attached for reference.

Monica Meeks is hereby reappointed to a successive term as the District 6 Director, which is set to expire on 03/31/2029. Ms. Meeks' resume is attached for reference.

Judy Morgan is hereby reappointed to finish her current term as a District 1 Director, which is set to expire on 03/31/2028. Ms. Morgan's resume is attached for reference.

Daniel Nelson is hereby reappointed to a successive term as a District 1 Director, which is set to expire on 03/31/2029. Mr. Nelson's resume is attached for reference.

Jessica Ramirez is hereby reappointed to finish her current term as the District 5 Director, which is set to expire on 03/31/2028. Ms. Ramirez's resume is attached for reference.

Ralph Teran is hereby reappointed to finish his current term as a District 1 Director, which is set to expire on 03/31/2028. Mr. Teran's resume is attached for reference.

Oneta J. Templeton is hereby appointed to a new term as the District 4 Director. This appointment fills a previously vacant seat, and the term is set to expire on 3/31/2029. Ms. Templeton's resume is attached for reference.

Sherae Honeycutt is hereby appointed to a new term as the District 2 Director. This appointment fills a previously vacant seat, and the term is set to expire on 1/31/2029. Ms. Honeycutt's resume is attached for reference.

[26-03](#)

WHEREAS, the continued operation of essential county services requires an uninterrupted supply of gasoline; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department, Sheriff's department, and Public Works (Road & Bridge) rely on gasoline to carry out critical daily operations necessary for public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and essential services; and

WHEREAS, an immediate need has arisen that cannot be met through standard procurement procedures without risking disruption to these operations; and

WHEREAS, Frazier Oil is able to provide gasoline in a timely manner to meet these urgent operational needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby authorize direct Emergency Purchase of gasoline from Frazier Oil in an amount not to exceed Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00). This amount is deemed necessary and adequate to support the operational requirements of the Parks Department, Sheriff's department, and Public Works (Road & Bridge); and

This emergency procurement is authorized in accordance with applicable laws and policies governing emergency purchases and is necessary to ensure continuity of essential county operations.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

[26-04](#)

I hereby make the following appointment to the Community Mental Health Fund Board:

Crystal Hart-Johnson is hereby appointed to a new term set to expire 1/31/2029. The seat was previously vacant. Ms. Hart-Johnson's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Closed meeting per Resolution #22168.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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