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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)*

Monday, March 20, 2023

3:00 PM

Eleventh Regular Meeting

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

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 Venessa Huskey to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on March 14, 2023. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

Resolution #21206 was adopted and presented at this time. See page 8 for details.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, said there is no report from the County Executive.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked for an update on the plumbing situation at the Historic Truman Courthouse. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said the Courthouse is back open as of a week ago. The port-a-potties are on the south side of the building. The Administration received an estimate of \$190,000.00 to make the repairs to the sewer line and the clean up costs. The Administration will be bringing an appropriation request in the near future. Mr. Abarca asked if they anticipated other situations like this in the future? Mr. Schulte said it

is a matter of time given the age and condition of the facility. The building was not designed to handle the level of traffic from the public that occurs now.

DaRon McGee, County Legislator, asked for a timeline once the repair is completed for the building to be up and running. Mr. Schulte said the building is operational now, but it is operating without the public restrooms. It will be at least 90 days to get the work scheduled and completed.

Manuel Abarca IV asked if the County had applied for any federal earmarks. The deadline for Congressman Cleaver was this past Friday. Caleb Clifford said the County has worked with Congressman Cleaver in the past to share priorities. However, he is not aware of any formal application for earmarks. The County continues to promote its priorities, particularly concerning University Health. Mr. Abarca said he believes the failure to apply for federal resources is a missed opportunity.

Megan L. Marshall, County Legislator, asked if there is an update on the grant application related to the detention facility. Mr. Schulte said they have not had an update from the state on the request for funding related to jail improvements.

6 PERFECTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5711](#)

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee moved to perfect.

Sean Smith objected to the Consent Agenda. Sean Smith offered Amendment I, II and III to Ordinance #5711.

[5711](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Floor Amendment I dated March 20, 2023 for Ordinance #5711, to delete the "s" on the word "section" and "667. and" in the heading and first sentence in Section A on page 3; to delete the word "are" and insert the word "is" after the numbers "1984" in Section A on page 3; to delete "667. Debarment of Agencies that Employ Persons Convicted of Conversion Therapy No contract shall be awarded to any public or private outside agency that the County is not legally obligated to fund, if such agency employs any person convicted of conversion therapy of a minor, in violation of section 5575. of this code or any equivalent provision any state law or municipal or county code. This bar shall specifically apply to contracts awarded pursuant to sections 9056. and chapter 93 of this code." all on page four. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 2 - Donna Peyton and Sean E. Smith

No: 7 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer
(FAILED)

[5711](#)

A motion was made by Sean Smith to adopt Floor Amendment II of Ordinance #5711, enacting sections 667. and 5575., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a ban on conversion therapy for minors, with a penalty provision.

This motion failed for lack of a second.

[5711](#)

A motion was made by Sean Smith to adopt Floor Amendment III of Ordinance #5711, enacting sections 667. and 5575., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a ban on conversion therapy for minors, with a penalty provision and an effective date.

This motion failed for lack of a second.

[5711](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to perfect the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Substitute dated March 14, 2023 for Ordinance #5711 enacting sections 667. and 5575., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a ban on conversion therapy for minors, with a penalty provision. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

No: 1 - Sean E. Smith

Abstain: 3 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton and Venessa Huskey

(PERFECTED)

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, presented a statement regarding his personal experiences with abuse and conversion therapy as a child. He said this legislation protects children. This legislation is about saving lives. Mr. Anderson said his fellow students that were gay took their lives.

He said all legislators ran for their seats on platforms of pragmatism and progressivism. They all wanted to change the County to be better.

Manuel Abarca IV acknowledged and thanked Legislator Anderson for sharing his personal story and his advocacy. Mr. Abarca said they have endured countless roadblocks on this legislation. They talked to prosecutors and sheriffs to make this functional and enforceable legislation. The Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee had ten faith leaders from across the region begging them to pass this to protect children. They had children show up, asking the Legislature to protect them. They had two men show up opposed to adopting the ordinance, who stated they love everyone, but they hate "them." Mr. Abarca said, we must lead as Jackson County. Children must come first. He asked the legislature to make this a priority.

Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, clarified that the motion to perfect is on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Substitute, dated March 14, 2023.

Venessa Huskey objected to the final passage of Ordinance #5711.

Jay Haden said, pursuant to the Rules of the Legislature (Rule 18), because there is an objection to the adoption of Ordinance #5711 at the same meeting in which it was perfected, the adoption will require six affirmative votes to be adopted.

[5711](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5711 as perfected, enacting sections 667. and 5575., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a ban on conversion therapy for minors, with a penalty provision. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin and Jeanie Lauer

No: 1 - Sean E. Smith

Abstain: 3 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton and Venessa Huskey

(DEFEATED)

[5718](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,000,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the American Rescue Plan Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with the University of Missouri - Kansas City (UMKC) for the purpose of continuing the Our Healthy KC Eastside program for COVID-19 vaccination and minority health outreach for the calendar year 2023, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$5,000,000.00.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Perfection)

[5723](#) Budget Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[5725](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Megan L. Marshall to perfect Ordinance #5725. The motion passed by a voice vote.
(PERFECTED)

[5725](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to adopt Ordinance #5725 appropriating \$502,501.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 General Fund and authorizing payments in the aggregate amount of \$502,501.00 to cover costs to be incurred in connection with the April 4, 2023, special election. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5722](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21175](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21183](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21192](#) Public Works Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21193](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21194](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21195](#) Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5723](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$8,377.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Health Fund and authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check to the Mid-America Regional Council in the amount of \$46,377.00 relating to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

(PERFECTED)

[5722](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 8200. and 8205., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Community Children's Services Fund, with an effective date.

(ADOPTED)

[21175](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a grant agreement with the City of Greenwood, Missouri, and the Mid-America Regional Council, as part of a Planning Sustainable Places project, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$5,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21183](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a permanent utility easement in favor of the Kansas City, Missouri Water Department across certain County-owned property for a fee payable to the County.

(ADOPTED)

[21192](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of liquid asphalt for use by the Public Works Department to Vance Brothers, Inc., of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 84-22.

(ADOPTED)

[21193](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Houston High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area member agencies relating to the sharing of electronic data information in support of law enforcement and public safety, at no cost to the County.

(ADOPTED)

[21194](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of paint and painting supplies for use by various County departments to the Sherwin Williams Company of Cleveland, OH, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-006.

(ADOPTED)

[21195](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District to provide access to the regional household hazardous waste centers for the residents of the unincorporated County, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$26,093.10.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #5723 was moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection.

Ordinance #5722 and Resolutions #21175, #21183, #21192, #21193, #21194, and #21195 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21202](#)

Awarding a three-year contract for the furnishing of mortgage loan information services to Trepp, Inc., of New York City, New York as a sole source purchase, at an actual first year cost to the County in the amount of \$90,023.00.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[21203](#)

Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with two twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of LEWeb law enforcement computer information services for use by various County departments to the Regional Justice Information Service (REJIS) Commission of St. Louis, MO, as an acquisition from another governmental entity.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[21204](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21204, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023, 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: 9 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[21205](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21205, recognizing Justice Horn for his service on the Board of Directors of the Jackson County Children's Services Fund. 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)

[21206](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21206, honoring the life and accomplishments of Kansas City Chiefs great Otis Taylor. 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)

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #21207 - not on printed agenda.

[21207](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21207, approving the settlement of the claim of Servpro of Lee's Summit, MO, for a total payment by the County of \$103,164.53. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jalen Anderson

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[23-09](#)

Pursuant to RSMo 141.981 and the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, chapter 74, article IV, section 74-73.(a), I hereby reappoint Jason T. Ormiston to the Land Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, for a new term to expire on March 18, 2027.

[23-10](#)

I hereby make the following appointments to the Board of Trustees of the Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund:

Appointments

Jessica Garcia, is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Traci Pettis Johnson, for a term to expire September 30,

2025. A copy of Ms. Garcia's resume is attached.

James M. Walden, M.D., is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Ron Eiman, for a term to expire September 30, 2025. A copy of Dr. Walden's resume is attached.

Andrea Rodriguez, is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mercedes Mora, for a term to expire September 30, 2024. A copy of Ms. Rodriguez's resume is attached.

Suzie Schuckman, is appointed for a term to expire September 30, 2025. A copy of Ms. Shuckman's resume is attached.

Sean E. Smith asked the County Counselor about procedures to object to an executive order. Jay Haden said the Legislature has 15 days to consider an appointment to a director position or a County board or commission. Normally the clerk's office is made aware of an impending action and place notice on the agenda under unfinished business. Mr. Smith asked if there is a way to request more information outside of a motion to disapprove. Mr. Haden said that could be accomplished with a call to the County Executive's office.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jalen Anderson said the new majority is failing the people of Jackson County and each of them will be held accountable by the people of Jackson County. He said the cowardice that was shown today shows that the next election cannot come soon enough.

14 NEW BUSINESS

The County Legislature recessed for closed session per Resolution #21204.

The County Legislature reconvened.

Resolution #21207 was adopted at this time. See page 8 for details.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, March 27, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.