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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, July 10, 2023

3:00 PM

Jackson County Courthouse 415 E.12th Street, 2nd floor Kansas City, Missouri 64106 (816)881-3242

Twenty-sixth 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 8 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent 1 - Jeanie Lauer

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Megan L. Marshall to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on June 26, 2023. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Megan L. Marshall, County Legislator, introduced Colonel (Retired) Paul Kirchhoff, Executive Director for the Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC), to present information regarding the organization's services. Col. is a highly experienced leader with an extensive background in resource management with an emphasis in public service. He formerly served as the Director of Missouri Emergency Response Commission. He also formerly served as the Director of the Missouri National Guard's Warrior Support Program as well as Director of the Guard's Missouri Military Funeral Honors Program. MVC is not affiliated with the Veterans Administration, but is a department of the state of Missouri. They operate seven long-term care facilities known as veterans' homes, the closest of which are in Warrensburg and Cameron. The homes provide physician services and 24 hours nursing care and medication at a cost of about \$2,500 per month. The MVC also operates five cemeteries throughout the state, the closest of which is located in Higginsville. These cemeteries provide burial services to veterans and their spouses at no cost.

The third area of emphasis of the MVC is to provide the Veterans Service Officer Program. The staff of the Veterans Service Officers are state employees who act as a liaison with veterans to apply for VA benefits. He encourages all veterans to apply for the benefits they are due. All veterans have earned these benefits, and these are funded off of the number of veterans who apply. The Veterans Service Program has a \$1.6 million grant program that provides funds for local entities hiring veterans. These funds are appropriated by the state of Missouri. It is a competition for that \$1.6 million. The more veterans funded by an organization; the more funding is available for that organization.

Megan L. Marshall asked about data tracking for homelessness related to veterans. Col. Kirchhoff said they rely on the VA to provide tracking data. They provide a web portal to guide veterans to services provided for veterans. There are many federal, state, local, and non-profit organizations assisting veterans. The web portal is located at: https://veteranbenefits.mo.gov/ and will direct veterans to a variety of resources. Kansas City has good organizations that are active in assisting veterans including Tiny Houses which does a great job of providing housing and assisting with benefits. Ms. Marshall asked if there were any challenges in working with County government. Col. Kirchhoff said there is a greater need for veterans' service officers in the Kansas City area than elsewhere in the state. MVC will work with the County to start that program in the County. Col. Kirchhoff distributed the Missouri Benefits and Resource Guide, a copy of which is available at: https://mvc.dps.mo.gov/docs/veterans-benefits-guide.pdf

Fred Dreiling, Noel Torpey, Rodney Bland, and Cara Hoover, of Fred Dreiling and Associates, LLC gave an update on the status of enacted and vetoed legislation. A copy of their presentation is available under the Meeting Details for the July 10, 2023, Legislative Meeting located at: https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx? ID=1111881&GUID=6288F67A-39FA-4F99-9779-96A62E1F7D02&Optio ns=info|notes|&Search=

Mr. Dreiling reported that Governor Parsons signed into law SB190 related to property tax for state residents receiving Social Security. He said there are problems with the bill, including that retired teachers are not eligible for Social Security and would not be included in this tax program, problems implementing the program and identifying those eligible. The bill will not go into effect until August 28. It will require local jurisdictions to enact ordinances to participate in the program. The hope is the problems with the law will be fixed in the next legislative session.

Governor Parsons also line-item vetoed some portions of the budget. There will be a veto session in September and there is strong belief the legislature will override the veto because the state has nearly an \$8 billion surplus.

Mr. Dreiling said he expects in the next session there will be a bi-partisan bill to require the Jackson County Assessor to be elected.

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, asked about funds cut from one of the rural Jackson County Fire Districts. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said the Governor cut \$450,000.00 from the Lone Jack Fire Protection District. It is not clear why these funds were cut.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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

DaRon McGee, County Legislator, thanked Gail McCann Beatty, Director of Assessment, for assisting with the townhalls sponsored by Mr. McGee and Vice Chair Megan L. Marshall.

Manual Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked for an update on Assessment. Caleb Clifford said both the Director and Deputy Director of Assessment were available. The Board of Equalization voted to extend the deadline for filing appeals until July 31, 2023. Ms. Beatty said they stopped accepting walk ins because the available slots for informal appeals were filling quickly. The staff wanted to make sure appointments were held for senior citizens who would not be able to stand in line. Taxpayers have until July 31, 2023, to file their appeal. They do not have to have a resolution or a hearing by that date. All appeals will be heard, no matter how long the process takes. Troy Schulte said the aggregate assessed values will be sent to taxing jurisdictions by September 1 so the entities can set their tax levy rates by October 1. Those rates are then used to set the tax bill.

Donna Peyton, County Legislator, said she wanted to clarify the terms being used. Ms. Beatty said, the Board refers to the Board of Equalization. The Board of Equalization is an independent, appointed body that hears evidence and decides the values for appealed properties. An informal appeal is a way of setting the value as a settlement between the taxpayer and Assessment staff. The BOE still must sign off on these settlements, but the informal appeals lessen the load on the BOE. Any appeals that are filed in the system will automatically become formal BOE appeals if they are not settled prior to hearing before the BOE. Presently, there have been 33,000 appeals filed and 4,000 have been resolved. The Assessment Department is holding about 400 appointments for senior citizens who may prefer a phone call appointment rather than a zoom or in person appointment. They have evening hours set for Tuesdays and Thursdays.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

<u>5749</u>	Budget Committee	moved to perfect.	Consent Agenda.

5763 Budget Committee moved to perfect.

Jalen Anderson objected to the Consent Agenda.

- 5763 A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to approve the Budget Committee Amendment to Schedule I dated July 10, 2023 for Ordinance #5763. The motion passed by a voice vote.
- 5763 A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to perfect Ordinance #5763. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
 - Yes: 6 DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and Charlie Franklin
 - No: 2 Jalen Anderson and Sean E. Smith
 - Absent: 1 Jeanie Lauer

(PERFECTED)

- 5763 A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Ordinance #5763, 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. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
 - Yes: 7 DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith
 - No: 1 Jalen Anderson

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

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<u>5764</u>	Budget Committee moved to perfect.	
	Jalen Anderson objected to the Consent Agenda.	
<u>5764</u>	A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Manuel to perfect Ordinance #5764. The motion passed by a roll call vo	
	Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Ma IV, Venessa Huskey and Charlie Franklin	nuel Abarca
	No: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Sean E. Smith	
	Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer	
	(P	ERFECTED)
<u>5764</u>	A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Veness to adopt Ordinance #5764, submitting to the qualified voters of J County, Missouri, at a special election to be held on November 7 question authorizing Jackson County to impose a local use tax a authorized by law. The motion passed by a roll call vote:	lackson 7, 2023, a
	Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Donna Peyton, Ma IV, Venessa Huskey and Charlie Franklin	nuel Abarca
	No: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Sean E. Smith	
	Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer	

(ADOPTED)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

5751 Consent Agenda.

8 **RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to approve the Budget Committee Amendment dated July 10, 2023, to insert the second paragraph on page two to read: "WHEREAS, in acknowledgment of the previous vote on a similar matter by Jackson County voters in November 2020, the County Legislature intends to recommend an ordinance to place this matter up for vote in the November 2024 election; now therefore,". The motion passed by a voice vote.

- A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21310, 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, for the installation of a statue of Harry S. Truman at the Downtown Courthouse, and for site repairs of any damages occasioned by the removal and installation. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
 - Yes: 7 DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and Charlie Franklin
 - No: 1 Sean E. Smith

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

- <u>21314</u> Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- <u>21315</u> Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- <u>21316</u> Public Works Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- <u>21317</u> Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- <u>21318</u> Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- <u>21320</u> Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- 21323 A RESOLUTION expressing support of the Legislature for Missouri State Bill 190 for potential real property tax relief and overall support for equitable property taxes.

(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 1st. Meeting)

Discussion regarding Resolution #21324. Manuel Abarca IV offered a floor amendment.

Due to the floor amendment, Megan Marshall recommended holding the Resolution in committee.

After much discussion Manuel Abarca IV withdrew the floor amendment and Megan Marshall withdrew her recommendation to hold in committee.

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to approve the Finance and Audit Committee Amendment dated July 10, 2023 for Resolution #21324, to delete the word "task" and insert the word "request" after the word "and", to insert the phrase "to use his authority" after the word "Executive" all in the second paragraph on page one; to delete the third paragraph on page one and insert a new paragraph to read: "WHEREAS, because the current statutory authority to limit property assessment increases resides with the County Executive, we are requesting that Frank White Jr. use his authority, as has been exercised by previous County Executives with the support of the State Tax Commission, to halt the enormous challenges being placed on county residents by the current valuations; now therefore,", to insert the word "Executive" after the word "County" in the BE IT RESOLVED paragraph on page two. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Gail McCann Beatty asked to address the issues raised by Resolution #21324. She said raising everyone's taxes by 15% from the 2019 values will further inequities in the valuation of properties in the County. She urged the Legislature to not pass something that will violate state law. The County Executive can fix clerical errors, but he does not have the authority to set all values at a 15% increase.

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, said his constituents brought to his attention that identical properties were not assessed the same and he believes this is clearly an error. He believes something has gone wrong with the assessment process and he does not believe this process can go forward.

Ms. Beatty said she looked at neighborhoods where one house may sell for a vastly different amount than a nearby property. It is not possible to tell what improvements have been made to the interior of a property. They tried to pull out investment properties for this reason. She encourages everyone to allow the appeals process to work.

- A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt the Finance and Audit Committee Amendment dated July 10, 2023 for Resolution #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. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
 - Yes: 7 DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and Sean E. Smith
 - Abstain: 1 Charlie Franklin
 - Absent: 1 Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

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.

(PERFECTED)

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.

(ADOPTED)

- A RESOLUTION 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. (ADOPTED)
- A RESOLUTION 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.

(ADOPTED)

A RESOLUTION 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.

(ADOPTED)

A RESOLUTION 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.

(ADOPTED)

	<u>21318</u>	A RESOLUTION 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 th amount of \$6,844.00, as a sole source purchase. (ADOPTED)	ıe
	<u>21320</u>	A RESOLUTION 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.	
		(ADOPTED)	
		Ordinance #5749 was moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection. Ordinance #5751 and Resolutions #21314, #21315, #21316, #21317, #21318, and #21320 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: 7 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyto Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and Charlie Franklin	
	At	ostain: 1 - Sean E. Smith	
	A	bsent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer	
10	INTRODUCTIO	ON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE	
	<u>5765</u>	Repealing sections 5400. and 5410., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the building code, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject.	I
		(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)	
	<u>5766</u>	Transferring to and appropriating from the undesignated fund balance of the 2023 Grant Fund \$10,000.00 for reimbursement of overtime expenses associated with a joint drug investigation "Operation Twisted Tiger." (Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)	Э
	<u>5767</u>	Appropriating \$23,000,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 ARPA Fund for the purpose of construction improvements and furnishings of the 1300 Washington Administration Building at a cost of \$17,000,000.00, and for improvements to the second floor of the Downtown Courthouse at a cost of \$4,000,000.00 and the Historic Truman Courthouse at a cost of \$2,000,000.00. (Assigned to the Budget Committee.)	

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11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

<u>21325</u>	Awarding a contract for the furnishing of ten Stalker DSR 2- Antenna dash mount radar units for use by the Sheriff's Office to Applied Concepts, Inc. of Richardson, TX, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC191825006, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the total amount of \$29,950.00. <i>(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)</i>
<u>21326</u>	Authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council of Kansas City, MO, for the purpose of conducting a County 911 System Needs Assessment, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$200,000.00. (Assigned to the Budget Committee.)
<u>21327</u>	Transferring \$20,754.00 within the 2023 Parks Enterprise Fund and awarding a contract to purchase an aerator to John Deere & Company of Cary, NC under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract 031121-DAC, an existing competitively bid government contract for use by the Parks + Rec Department. (Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)
<u>21328</u>	Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of HVAC services for use by various County departments to U.S. Engineering Service, LLC of Kansas City, MO and Emcor Services Fagan of Kansas City, KS, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-015. (Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)
<u>21329</u>	Awarding a contract for the furnishing of appointment management software for use by the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature to Q-Less Software of Pasadena, CA, as a sole source purchase, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$9,450.00. (Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)
<u>21330</u>	Amending Rules of the Jackson County Legislature 16, 19, and 22 relating to sponsorship. (Assigned to the Rules Committee.)

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<u>21331</u>	options to auto, and Factory N Bulbs of I	twelve-month term and supply contracts, with two extend, for the furnishing of batteries for boats, to heavy equipment for use by various County depa lotor Parts of Kansas City, MO, DSR Partners dba ndependence, MO and RKJ Batteries, Inc. of Age and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-040.	urf equipment, artments to a Batteries Plus
	(Assigned	t to the Finance and Audit Committee.)	
<u>21332</u>	trailers fo Lebanon, No. CC23 an actual	a contract for the purchase of thirty-eight boats as r use by the Parks + Rec Department to LSK Leba MO under the terms and conditions of State of M 2078005, an existing, competitively bid governme cost to the County in the amount of \$1,270,618.0 d to the Land Use Committee.)	anon, Inc., of issouri Contract ent contract, at
<u>21333</u>	the COM County in	a contract for the furnishing of software maintena BAT website to CivicPlus of Manhattan, KS, at an the amount of \$10,554.00, as a sole source purc I to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.	actual cost to the hase.
<u>21334</u>	Equalizat taxpayers jurisdictio	ng the intent of the Legislature to request that the lipion extend the appeals deadline for real property of adequate time to file their appeals and to allow tins to consider rolling back their respective levies.	valuation to allow me for the taxing
<u>21335</u>	awarding Valencia, equipmer in the am	ing \$11,357.00 within the 2023 Inmate Security Fu a contract to Precision Dynamics Corp, DBA PDC CA, for the clincher identification wristbands and at for use by the Detention Center, at an actual co ount of \$11,357.00, as a sole source purchase. If to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.	C IDenticard of supportive ost to the County
<u>21336</u>	adopt Re that the C to help co call vote: Yes: 8 -	was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Se solution #21336, expressing the intent of the Legis county Executive issue a request for proposals aw onstituents find their fair market value. The motion DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderso	slature to request varding contracts passed by a roll on, Donna Peyton,
		Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Fran Smith	klin and Sean E.
	Absent: 1 -	Jeanie Lauer	
			(ADOPTED)

<u>21337</u>	Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of car wash and detailing services for use by various County departments to Cable Dahmer Automotive of Lee's Summit, MO, Rynse Inc. of Santa Monica, CA, and Tidal Wave Auto Spa of Thomaston, GA under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 23-001.
	(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)
<u>21338</u>	Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding and Declaration of Restrictive Covenant with University Health relating to the construction of a new exterior canopy, at no cost to the County.
	(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)
<u>21339</u>	A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to adopt Resolution #21339, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, July 10, 2023, for the purpose of conducting privileged and confidential communications between itself and the Jackson County Counselor under section 610.021(18) 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: 8 - DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith
	Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer
	(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

23-16 I hereby appoint Anthony Mitts as Acting Director of Collections, effective July 1, 2023, until a permanent Director is selected. A copy of Mr. Mitts' resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Manual Abarca IV asked the County Counselor if there is a time limit for interim directors appointed by the County Executive and if the Legislature has the authority to disapprove interim appointments. Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, said he would research the issue.

Donna Peyton requested to read into the record the amendment to Resolution #21310, regarding the Andrew Jackson statue. The amendment states: In acknowledgment of the previous vote on a similar matter by Jackson County voters in November of 2020, the County Legislature intends to recommend an ordinance to place this matter up for vote in the November 2024 election.

14 NEW BUSINESS

The County Legislature recessed and went into closed session.

The County Legislature reconvened.

Donna Peyton read into the record the amendment to Resolution #21310. See Unfinished Business for details.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, July 17, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.