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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)*

Friday, December 29, 2023

10:00 AM

Fiftieth 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 Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on December 18, 2023. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, was not present.

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

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, asked if the Administration has a response regarding the Missouri Attorney General's lawsuit or any plans to give taxpayers relief. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said the Board of Equalization took two weeks off for the holidays. They will begin hearings again after the first of the year. Taxpayers may pay under protest, but the Administration recommends that taxpayers pay the tax bill, and if they are due a refund, the process to issue is quicker than if the taxpayer pays under protest. The lawsuits will need to work through the legal process. Manuel

Abarca IV said he has concerns about the grave impact on citizens. Caleb Clifford said he will pass along those concerns to the County Executive.

Donna Peyton, County Legislator, asked about the payment under protest process. Troy Schulte said all taxpayers have the right to pay under protest or appeal to the State Tax Commission (STC). If an appeal is filed and not yet resolved, it is easier to issue a refund if the payment is not “under protest”. Taxpayers may file an appeal to the STC if they believe they did not receive a timely notice or if they disagree with the BOE decision. If the County is able to verify that notice was received timely, the STC may invalidate the appeal if the taxpayer did not first appeal to the BOE.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5822](#)

AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a special election to be held on April 2, 2024, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide sales tax of three-eighths of one percent for a period of forty years for the purpose of retaining the Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Chiefs sports teams in Jackson County, Missouri

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)

[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.

(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)

[5824](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$22,000,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the General Fund and authorizing the construction of a new Health Sciences building for use by University Health.

(Budget Committee - 1st. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5815](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Ordinance #5815, to adopt the annual budget and set forth appropriations for the various spending agencies and the principal subdivisions thereof, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. 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

Abstain: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

Donna Peyton said she has concerns that this budget does not address the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act funds. She hopes this can be resolved quickly.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21506](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[21506](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a thirty-six-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of on-line legal publications and legal research services for use by various County departments to Thomson Reuters/West Publishing Corporation of Eagan, MN, as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

Resolution #21506 was moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson, 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

[5825](#) Enacting sections 1074., 1075., 1076., 1077., 1078., and 1079., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to County development incentives and responsible bidding on County projects.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21507](#) Encouraging the County Executive to appropriate \$22,000,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the General Fund and authorizing the construction of a new Health Sciences building for use by University Health.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

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 next legislative meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.