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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)

Jackson County Courthouse
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Monday, August 26, 2024

3:00 PM

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

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Venessa Huskey to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on August 22, 2024. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Dan Wehmuller, JCDC Partners, LLC, and Jeff Jenkins, J.E. Dunn, were present to give an update on the Detention Center Project. Mr. Wehmuller said the project is on schedule and on budget with a completion date of December 16, 2025. A copy of the JCDC Partners report is available under the Meeting Details for the August 26, 2024, Legislative Meeting located at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1226988&GUID=99944851-80D5-40E5-A50E-7FEEB149C636&Options>

Discussion regarding compliance and restitution payrolls. Mr. Jenkins said his team will reply to the questions within two weeks.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, suggested holding Ordinance #5875 until the issues are resolved.

Mr. Wehmuller explained the procurement process using term and supply contractors. Mr. Abarca asked how the materials from term and supply

contractors will be installed. Mr. Jenkins responded.

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, asked Mr. Jenkins to provide answers to the County Legislature to all the questions in one week. Mr. Jenkins said his team agreed on 2 weeks.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The County Executive was not present. Sylvia Stevenson, Chief Administrative Officer, said in response to Congressman Cleaver's concerns of property deed fraud in Jackson County, the County Executive's office with support from the Recorder of Deeds office will launch the New Property Deed Fraud Alert Program. There will be a press conference with Congressman Cleaver and the County Executive for the launch on Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 10 a.m. at 1300 Washington in Kansas City, Missouri.

Discussion regarding the ARPA Plan for Jackson County, Missouri.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5861](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to perfect Ordinance #5861, submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a General Election to be held on November 5, 2024, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide capital improvement sales tax of one-fourths of one percent for a period of twenty years for the purpose of retaining the Kansas City Chiefs sports team in Jackson County, Missouri.. The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 4 - Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and DaRon McGee

No: 5 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

(FAILED)

[5865](#)

AN ORDINANCE enacting section 5577., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to possession of firearms and age restriction.

(Rules Committee - 5th. Perfection)

The Land Use Committee made no recommendation on Ordinance #5873.

Randy Diehl, Development Division Administrator in the Public Works Department, answered questions regarding Ordinance #5873. Discussion.

[5873](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by DaRon McGee, to perfect Ordinance #5873, amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 1.01± acre tract from District LB (Local Business) to District GB (General Business). The motion failed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 4 - Jeanie Lauer, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton and Charlie Franklin

No: 4 - Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and DaRon McGee

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(FAILED)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, second by DaRon McGee to hold Ordinance #5875. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

[5875](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,500,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2024 County Improvement Fund, transferring \$2,500,000.00 within the 2024 New Detention Center C/P Fund, and authorizing the County Executive to execute an amendment to the contract with J.E. Dunn-Axiom of Kansas City, MO, for the construction of the new Jackson County Detention Center to cover Component Packages 3 and 4 related to the final design, construction, and furnishing costs of the new Detention Center Project, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$19,698,551.00.

(Budget Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

[5876](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to approve the Floor Amendment dated August 26, 2024 for Ordinance #5876. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and DaRon McGee

No: 3 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall and Charlie Franklin

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[5876](#)

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Donna Peyton to perfect Ordinance #5876. The motion passed by a voice vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(PERFECTED)

[5876](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Ordinance #5876, submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, a question authorizing Jackson County to levy a countywide tax at the rate of five cents per each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, for the purpose of providing services to persons sixty years of age or older, with an effective date. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5869](#)

Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

Manuel Abarca IV moved to hold Resolution #21641, seconded by Charlie Franklin, the motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

[21641](#)

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.

(Legislature As A Whole - 4th. Meeting)

[21667](#)

A RESOLUTION amending Rules 16 and 19 of the Rules of the Jackson County Legislature relating to the transfer of legislation between committees.

(Rules Committee - 8th. Meeting)

- [21668](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the support of the Jackson County Legislature for the creation of a Jackson County Office of Gun Violence Prevention.
(Budget Committee - 7th. Meeting)
- [21691](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to work with the County Executive to develop a plan to commit federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds and begin the required procurement process to ensure funds are under contract by the end of 2024.
(Legislature As A Whole - 3rd. Meeting)
- [21693](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the support of the Jackson County Legislature for a contribution to the City of Raymore, Missouri to offset the cost of settling the dispute regarding a landfill to be built in south Kansas City.
(Finance and Audit Committee - 2nd. Meeting)
- [21696](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by DaRon McGee, to adopt Resolution #21696, awarding a contract for the purchase of three Towmaster trailers for use by the Parks + Rec Department to K.C. Bobcat of Blue Springs, MO under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 092922-MNR, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$51,080.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 8 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee
Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith
- (ADOPTED)
- [21697](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Donna Peyton, to approve the Public Works Committee Amendment dated August 26, 2024 for Resolution #21697, awarding a contract for construction services for Buckner Tarsney Road Bridge Replacement over Fire Prairie Creek project to Phillips Hardy, Inc. of Columbia, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-037 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$1,347,099.00. to the Public Works Committee The motion passed by a voice vote.
Consent Agenda
- [21698](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21699](#) A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by DaRon McGee, to adopt Resolution #21699, transferring \$100,000.00 within the 2024 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund and \$50,000.00 within the 2024 General Fund to cover hygiene products, laundry, and kitchen supplies for use by the Jackson County Detention Center. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[21704](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to develop a plan with County Administration, the County Counselor's Office, and the Taxing Jurisdictions to address 2023 tax assessment concerns.

(Finance and Audit Committee - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5869](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$185,600.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2024 Grant Fund, in acceptance of the Family Court Division's Juvenile Court Diversion Program grant received from the State of Missouri, Division of Youth Services.

(ADOPTED)

[21697](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for construction services for Buckner Tarsney Road Bridge Replacement over Fire Prairie Creek project to Phillips Hardy, Inc. of Columbia, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-037 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$1,347,099.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21698](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of a high-density mobile shelving system for use by the Sheriff's Office to Spacesaver Corporation c/o Southwest Solutions Group, Inc., of Lewisville, Texas, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC241766001, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$96,291.00.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #5869 and Resolutions #21697 and #21698 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5877](#)

Appropriating \$40,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2024 Health Fund in acceptance of funds received from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for its Opioid and Violent Death tracking program and to cover contracted locum services provided by Dr. Tracy Dyer.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21705](#)

Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of mowing, lawncare, and landscaping services for use by various County departments to Eyedead Lawn Care of Olathe, KS and RC Landscape Services of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-022.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[21706](#)

Awarding a contract for the purchase of one Skid-Steer for use by the Public Works Department to Murphy Tractor & Equipment of Olathe, KS under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 011723-JDC, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$64,639.00.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[21707](#)

Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract with three twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of holiday lighting supplies for use by the Parks+Rec Department to Jolt Lighting LLC, of Richmond, MO and Reindeers, Inc of Sussex WI, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-040.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[21708](#) Awarding a twenty-four-month contract for the furnishing of software maintenance services for the COMBAT Community CareLink and COMBAT Connections databases for use by the COMBAT staff to First Call Technologies, LLC, of Kansas City, MO, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$182,435.00 for 2024, as a sole source purchase.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[21709](#) Authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$539,845.00 from the 911 System Fund for the purchase of an updated CAD system and integration to Jackson County's CentralSquare software for use by the Independence Police Department.
(Assigned to the 911 Oversight Committee.)

[21710](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Transportation Alternatives Fund Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to allow for construction relating to the Little Blue Trace/Rock Island Trail Connector Grant Project, at no cost to the County.
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #21711 and #21712 - not on printed agenda.

[21711](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21711, recognizing Pastor John Modest Miles on his ten years of service on the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority Commission from 2013 to 2023. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 8 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

[21712](#) A motion was made by DaRon McGee, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #21712, recognizing Emmet Pierson Jr. as newly appointed commissioner for the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority Commission. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 8 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and DaRon McGee

Absent: 1 - Sean E. Smith

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS[24-13](#)

I hereby make the following appointment to the Jackson County Board of Equalization:

Earnest J. Rouse is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Lauren Allen, for a term set to expire December 31, 2025. A copy of Mr. Rouse's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Donna Peyton, County Legislator, said she would like clarity regarding a decision made by Chairman Lauer despite recommendations by the County Counselor and the Clerk of the County Legislature. She referenced Rule 9F of the Rules of the Legislature and the Sunshine Law. She said she does not believe the Chairman had the authority to cancel the Housing & Homelessness Committee meeting scheduled for today and she is disappointed the Chairman did not take the advice of legal counsel.

Manuel Abarca IV asked if the County Legislature has ever had a parliamentarian. Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, responded no. Mr. Abarca recommended hiring a parliamentarian. Mr. Covinsky agreed.

Jeanie Lauer said they will agree to disagree. Donna Peyton responded that this issue needs to be resolved and the rules should be followed.

Discussion regarding Resolution #21617 (outside agencies).

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said he appreciates the dedication of Chairman Lauer to the body and Jackson County government.

Ms. Lauer said on November 25, 2024 several legislators will be attending the MAC Conference so the legislative meeting will be cancelled.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the County Legislature will not meet on Monday, September 2, 2024.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, September 9, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. at the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Independence, Missouri, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.