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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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Kansas City, Missouri 64106
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Monday, September 16, 2024

3:00 PM

Thirty-fifth 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 Jalen Anderson to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on September 12, 2024. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Resolutions #21726 and #21727 were adopted at this time. See pages 8 and 9 for details.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Sylvya Stevenson, Chief Administrative Officer, said there were no communications. The County Executive was not present.

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, said there was an incident at the Historic Truman Courthouse. The greeter at the building asked for the taxpayer's identification and he refused to show his ID. This incident was covered in the news, and the taxpayer was arrested by three sheriff deputies.

Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said usually ID is not required. He will find out and report back to the County Legislature.

Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator, said he heard that due to lack of corrections officers, Jackson County is limiting the capacity of the county detention center to 725 from 800. He asked if this information was accurate. Troy Schulte said he is not aware of caps at the detention center, but he will inquire. He said the County has been successful in recruiting corrections officers due to the pay adjustment approved by the County Legislature in the 2023 and 2024 budgets.

Manuel Abarca IV asked for information regarding starting salary and salary ranges for corrections officers.

Mr. Abarca asked about the power outage at the Historic Truman Courthouse today. Troy Schulte said the power went out around 9 a.m. on the entire Independence Square. The power at county offices was fully restored by 11:15 a.m. so appointments will need to be rescheduled.

Manuel Abarca IV asked if the Administration has any information about the water issue in Buckner, Sibley and Levasy. There seems to be a water flow issue from Buckner due to failing infrastructure. Mr. Schulte said he will make some phone calls to find out more information. He believes the water is supplied by a tri-county water district.

Mr. Abarca asked about a recent overlay road project that the Administration denied due to the responsible bidder ordinance. Mr. Schulte said the vendor signed the affidavit and the County Legislature approved it at their meeting last Wednesday, September 11, 2024. It was a \$3.1 million annual project. It was denied but then the vendor signed the affidavit and it was processed.

Manuel Abarca IV asked about the processes for setting tax levies in Jackson County, Missouri.

Troy Schulte said taxing entities were provided their 2024 assessed valuations at the end of August. The taxing entities have until the end of September to submit their levies to the County Clerk, she will submit them to the State Auditor's office for certification. He said adjustments were made based on the number of BOE appeals that have been resolved. Jackson County did not provide any alternative guidance or

direction based on the State Tax Commission legal proceedings.
Discussion.

Manuel Abarca IV said he received a letter from the Board of Equalization which was handwritten on crooked copied letterhead with the website and contact phone number cut off, completely unprofessional. Copies of the letter were given to legislators and administrative staff. Mr. Abarca called the phone number listed at the bottom of the letter and had the most unpleasant experience with a rude representative from the Assessment Department. She had no answers to his questions and then hung up on him, so he called back, and she continued to be rude. The way he was treated is unacceptable. The culture and environment from that department is so vile to constituents and is unacceptable. He asked the Administration to investigate this situation. Mr. Schulte said he will get with Mr. Abarca to obtain more information and immediately follow up on this matter.

Manuel Abarca IV said he received a letter about the security breach that occurred in April in Jackson County, Missouri and personal data being shared. He has received emails from Arctic Wolf for training. He asked that the Administration explain the letter in detail with all employees so they can understand what information was compromised during the cyber-attack.

Sean E. Smith said there have been several reports of data stored in the Tyler Technologies system that has disappeared. He asked what is being done from a quality control perspective. He asked if Jackson County will continue the contract with Tyler Technologies. He asked if there is an independent entity, outside the Assessment Department and BOE, to address concerns as to whether or not the software is operating properly.

Mr. Schulte said he was not aware that data was lost. He thinks hiring a third-party quality review on the data component is a good idea. Mr. Smith said perhaps it could be done internally by our IT Department. Mr. Schulte said he will check.

Manuel Abarca IV said he intentionally filed his appeal on the last day to test the process. He has received emails, phone calls and a few letters regarding his appeal. He said there is inconsistency on how Jackson County is communicating with taxpayers. He suggested sticking with mailing out notices, so it reaches everyone. He suggested they look at

the quality of communications to constituents/taxpayers.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Manuel Abarca IV moved to use Rule 21 of the Rules of the County Legislature to move Ordinance #5865 out of the Rules Committee to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 5 - Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and DaRon McGee
No: 4 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

[5865](#)

Enacting section 5577., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to possession of firearms and age restriction.
(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[5878](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Sean E. Smith to perfect Ordinance #5878. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5878](#)

A motion was made by Venessa Huskey, seconded by DaRon McGee, to adopt Ordinance #5878, 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, Racker, to dog handler and companion Deputy Brad Norton. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21641](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, second by Venessa Huskey, to hold Resolution #21641, 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. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(Legislature As A Whole - 7th. Meeting)

[21691](#) A motion was made by DaRon McGee, second by Donna Peyton, to hold Resolution #21691, 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. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 6 - Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith
No: 3 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall and Jalen Anderson
(Legislature As A Whole - 6th. 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 - 5th. Meeting)

[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 - 4th. Meeting)

[21713](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21714](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21716](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt.
Manuel Abarca IV objected to the Consent Agenda. Discussion.

[21716](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21716, awarding a contract for the furnishing of a full-size SUV for use by the Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Unit to BELKOH II, Inc. dba Behlmann Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Troy, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC240138001, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$44,832.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 8 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith
Abstain: 1 - Manuel Abarca IV

(ADOPTED)

[21717](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

- [21718](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt.
Manuel Abarca IV objected to the Consent Agenda. Discussion.
- [21718](#) A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21718, awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of sludge and debris removal services for use by various County departments to K Jett Services, LLC, of Belton, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-018. The motion passed by a roll call vote:
Yes: 7 - Jeanie Lauer, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith
No: 2 - Manuel Abarca IV and DaRon McGee
(ADOPTED)
- [21719](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [21720](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

- [21713](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Jackson County Historical Society for record archiving services, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$36,000.00 and authorizing the County Executive to renew this agreement in future years as long as funds are budgeted for this purpose.
(ADOPTED)
- [21714](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the purchase of a 2021 Ford Explorer Utility Vehicle from the Missouri State Highway Patrol for use by the Medical Examiner's Office, as an acquisition from another government, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$31,000.00.
(ADOPTED)
- [21717](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$11,357.00 within the 2024 Inmate Security Fund and awarding a contract to Precision Dynamics Corp, DBA PDC IDenticard of Valencia, CA, for the clincher identification wristbands and supportive equipment for use by the Detention Center, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$11,357.00, as a sole source purchase.
(ADOPTED)

[21719](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of herbicides for use by various County Departments to Helena Agri Enterprises, of Shawnee, KS and Van Diest Supply Company of Webster City, IA, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-030.

(ADOPTED)

[21720](#) A RESOLUTION accepting \$108,974.00 of insurance proceeds from water damage caused by a Necco coffee maker.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #21713, #21714, #21717, #21719 and #21720 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

John Gordon with the Jackson County Finance Department explained each tax levy in the Ordinances listed below.

[5879](#) Setting the 2024 merchants' and manufacturers' inventory replacement tax levy.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[5880](#) Setting the 2024 Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund Levy.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[5881](#) Setting the 2024 Jackson County Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled (Sheltered Workshop) Levy.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[5882](#) Setting the 2024 Jackson County, Missouri, tax levy.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

The Legislature As A Whole will have a public hearing on Ordinances #5879, #5880, #5881 and #5882 on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 3 p.m. during the legislative meeting.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21722](#) Awarding a thirty-six month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of lockbox services for use by the Collection Department to UMB Bank of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 23-084.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[21723](#) Awarding a nine-month term and supply contract for the furnishing of temporary staffing for use by various departments to Robert Half International Inc. of Menlo Park, California under the terms and conditions of H-GACBuy Contract TS06-21 and MARC ILA #04-1443, an existing competitively bid government contract.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[21724](#) Awarding a contract for the purchase of a 2024 Ford Transit T-350 Cargo Van for use by the Sheriff's Office to MCMFO, LLC d/b/a Joe Machens Ford Lincoln of Columbia, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC240138008, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$57,540.00.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[21725](#) Awarding a twelve-month contract for the furnishing of maintenance services for the Oak Grove and Lone Jack, MO communication tower subsites for use by the Sheriff's Office to Motorola Solutions, Inc. of Chicago, IL, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$85,002.00 for 2024, as a sole source purchase.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[21726](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21726, recognizing Pawsperity on their achievements in the community and their endeavors regarding helping families gain employment through pet grooming services. 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 Sean E. Smith

Absent: 1 - DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

[21727](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Megan L. Marshall, to adopt Resolution #21727, recognizing Christine Banks, a Pawsperity graduate, on her achievement in owning a pet grooming business in Lee's Summit, MO. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

[21728](#) Authorizing the County Counselor to execute a twelve-month Legal Services Agreement with Cheri Simpkins of Lee's Summit, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Qualifications No. 24-060, at a cost to the County of \$600.00 per day not to exceed \$60,000.00.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[21729](#) Transferring \$200,000.00 within the 2024 Self-Insurance Fund and awarding a twelve-month contract with four twelve month options to extend for the furnishing of a broker for property insurance for use by the Finance Department to Lockton Companies of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No.24-066, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$2,575,950.00.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[24-14](#) I hereby make the following appointment to the Jackson County Pension Board:
Kathleen Cooper is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Scott Brinkman, for a term set to expire February 17, 2028. A copy of Ms. Cooper's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Manuel Abarca IV acknowledged that September 15th marked the beginning of Hispanic Heritage month. He will be bringing forth opportunities to recognize different organizations, entities and events within the Hispanic community over the next 30 days. He welcomes colleagues and others to share in the festivities and celebrations as well.

15 **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Megan L. Marshall, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, September 23, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.

Jeanie Lauer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the County Legislature