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# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

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### County Legislature

*DaRon McGee (4th) Chairman,  
Donna Peyton (2nd AL) Vice Chairman,  
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Megan L. Marshall (3rd AL),  
Manuel Abarca IV (1st), Venessa Huskey (2nd),  
Charlie Franklin (3rd), Jeanie Lauer (5th)  
Sean E. Smith (6th)*

**Monday, March 31, 2025**

**3:00 PM**

**Ninth 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, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith  
Absent 1 - Megan L. Marshall

**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 24, 2025. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**4 HEARINGS**

None.

**5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

The County Executive was not present. No one from his office was present to answer questions from the County Legislature. See **Unfinished Business**.

**6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

[5904](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 5577., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to possession of firearms and age restriction, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections, Sections 5577. and 5578., relating to the same subject, with a severability clause and a penalty provision.

*(Legislature As A Whole - 19th Perfection)*

[5909](#)

AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the primary election to be held on August 5, 2025, a question to amend the Jackson County Charter, with an effective date.

*(Legislature As A Whole - 10th Perfection)*

[5958](#)

AN ORDINANCE requiring the Jackson County Assessor to provide an Assessment Roll that complies with the Missouri State Tax Commission's Order and rolls back the 2023 value of any parcel that exceeded a 15% increase in 2023 to be changed and to be valued at no more than 15% more than the 2022 property value.

*(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Perfection)*

[5965](#)

AN ORDINANCE repealing subsections 2066.6., 2066.7., and 2066.8., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a senior tax credit, and enacting, in lieu thereof, four new subsections relating to the same subject.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 4th. Perfection)*

During the report from Sean E. Smith, Finance and Audit Committee Chair, he stated Ordinance #5965 was voted out of committee and the sponsor, Legislator Megan L. Marshall had withdrawn the Ordinance. Whitney Miller, County Counselor, recounted she had a conversation with Legislator Marshall after the meeting last week, at which time she said her intention was to withdraw the Ordinance after the adoption of Ordinance #5968, which included required language that not used in Ordinance #5965. Legislator Donna Peyton asked what the journal recorded regarding the statement to withdraw made by Legislator Marshall. After much discussion, Chairman McGee determined Ordinance #5965 will be held in committee.

[5966](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,688,456.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the General Fund, \$293,956.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the Health Fund, \$708,172.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund, and making the necessary transfers within the General Fund, Health Fund, Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund, and the County Improvement Fund to provide the Circuit Court, Family Court, and Family Court Facilities with their portion of the 2025 Recommended Budget.

*(Budget Committee - 4th. Perfection)*

The Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee recommended perfection of Ordinance 5967. Legislator Smith said an amendment was needed but was not ready yet. He said therefore it should be assigned to Legislature As A Whole.

[5967](#) Repealing subsections 7401.2., 7405.4., and 7406.5., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to protections against retaliation for complaints, cooperating with complaint investigations, and amending the discretionary authority to decline a complaint and enacting, in lieu thereof, three new subsections relating to the same subject.  
*(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)*

The Finance and Audit Committee recommended perfection of Ordinance 5968, with no further action, this ordinance will be assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.

[5968](#) Repealing subsections 2066.6., 2066.7., and 2066.8., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a senior tax credit, and enacting, in lieu thereof, five new subsections relating to the same subject.  
*(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)*

## 7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5959](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$71,751.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 General Fund in acceptance of the Missouri Western Interdiction and Narcotics Task Force grant awarded by the Missouri Department of Public Safety.  
*(PERFECTED)*

## 8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[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 - 38th Meeting)*

[21766](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$49,500.00 within the 2024 General Fund and authorizing a contract to cover the cost of consultation and proposal services to Colette Holt & Associates Law Firm of San Antonio, TX, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$49,500.00.  
*(Legislature As A Whole - 25th Meeting)*

[21843](#) A RESOLUTION requiring the Jackson County property cards provided by the Assessment Department to include photographs of the property inspection and related property comparable sales that were used to determine the Fair Market Value (FMV) and property classification.  
*(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting )*

[21850](#) A RESOLUTION declaring certain real property as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling the six surplus parcels.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 8th. Meeting)*

[21851](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$25,500.00 within the 2025 Park Fund for offsite server hosting services provided by Vermont Systems Inc. for use by the Parks + Rec Department.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 8th. Meeting)*

[21852](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21852, awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of professional mortuary services for use by the Public Administrator to Charter Funerals of Missouri, LLC of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 24-085. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

No: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(DEFEATED)

Since the County Executive approved an emergency purchase for professional mortuary services, the Finance and Audit Committee recommended do not pass Resolution #21852.

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV to waive the reading of Resolutions #21853, #21854, #21855 and #21857.

The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

No: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1- Megan L. Marshall

[21853](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of HVAC filters for use by various County departments, as a split award to Kansas City Air Filter of Kansas City, MO and Inspection Experts, Inc., of Columbia, Maryland, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-081.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 8th. Meeting)*

[21854](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of office furniture for use by various County departments, as a split award to Encompas Corporation, Kansas City Office Design, LLC, K&M Office Products dba Office Products Alliance, Color Art Integrated Interiors of Kansas City, LLC, dba Scott Rice Office Works, all of Kansas City, MO and Rangle Distributing of Kansas City, KS, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-091.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 8th. Meeting)*

[21855](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$36,300.00 within the 2025 Park Fund to purchase supplies at Lowe's Home Improvement for use by the Parks + Rec Department.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 8th. Meeting)*

[21856](#) A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21856, awarding a five-year contract for the furnishing of ortho and oblique aerial imagery for use by various County departments to Nearmap U.S., Inc., of Lehi, Utah, at an actual cost to the County of \$100,000.00, as a sole source purchase. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

No: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(DEFEATED)

Since the County Executive approved an emergency purchase for ortho and oblique aerial imagery, the Finance and Audit Committee recommended do not pass Resolution #21856.

[21857](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of miscellaneous pipes and plumbing supplies for use by various County departments to Reeves-Wiedeman Company of Kansas City, Missouri, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-088.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 8th. Meeting)*

[21860](#) A RESOLUTION declaring certain real property as surplus real property and authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for selling the surplus parcels.

*(Budget Committee - 7th. Meeting)*

[21864](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with the Jackson County Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled to provide for partial funding of various Parks + Rec Department's Special Population Services Division programs.

*(Legislature As A Whole - 5th. Meeting)*

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV to waive the reading of Resolutions #21869, #21870, #21871, #21872, #21873 and #21874. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

No: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1- Megan L. Marshall

[21869](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Jackson County Sheriff to execute a contract for services with the Family Court Division of the 16th Circuit Court of Missouri to provide deputies to assist with the Family Court's Connections supervised visitation program.

*(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 5th. Meeting)*

[21870](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a month-to-month contract extension for the furnishing of food service at the Jackson County Detention Center to Trinity Services Group of Oldsmar, Florida, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 27-21.

*(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 5th. Meeting)*

[21871](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of calcium chloride pellets and rock salt supplies for use by various County departments, to Nu-Life Labs, Inc. of Kansas City, Missouri and Humana Chemicals, Inc. of Potomac, Maryland, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-087.

*(Budget Committee - 5th. Meeting)*

[21872](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of electrical supplies for use by various County departments to Graybar Electric Company of St. Louis, MO, under the terms and conditions of the City of Kansas City, Missouri contract No. EV2370, an existing competitively bid government contract.

*(Budget Committee - 5th. Meeting)*

[21873](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of softball umpire services for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Eastern Jackson County USSSA Umpire Association of Independence, MO, as a sole source purchase.

*(Land Use Committee - 5th. Meeting)*

[21874](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of trash removal service for use by various County departments to Waste Management of Kansas, Inc., under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid 24-096.

*(Public Works Committee - 5th. Meeting)*

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV to waive the reading of Resolutions #21875, #21876, #21877, #21879, #21880 and #21881. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

No: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 1- Megan L. Marshall

[21875](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract, with three twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of body transportation services for use by the Medical Examiner's Office to First Call of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-082.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 5th. Meeting)*

[21876](#) 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 areas of Jackson County, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$26,761.00.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 4th. Meeting)*

[21877](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of paint and painting supplies for use by various County departments to PPG Architectural Finishes, Inc. of Columbia, MO and Sherwin Williams of Cleveland, OH, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-003.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 4th. Meeting)*

[21878](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for annual software maintenance for use by the Sheriff's Office and Department of Corrections to Lexipol, LLC, of Frisco, TX, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$57,992.00, as a sole source purchase.

*(Justice and Law Enforcement Committee - 4th. Meeting)*

[21879](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of bottled water and dispenser services for use by various County departments to Metro Pure Water, LLC of Smithville, MO and DS Services of America dba Primo Water North America of Mableton, GA, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-079.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Meeting)*

[21880](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a thirty-one-month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the furnishing of Maintenance, Repair, and Operations (MRO) supplies, equipment, and related products and services for use by various County departments to Lowe's Home Centers, LLC, of Mooresville, NC under the terms and conditions of Lowe's OMNIA Partners Cooperative Program Contract No. R240805, an existing government contract.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Meeting)*

[21881](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract, with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of fuel dispensing equipment services for use by various County departments to Petroleum Equipment, Inc., of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 24-078.

*(Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Meeting)*

## 9 CONSENT AGENDA

None.

## 10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5969](#) Appropriating \$75,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund for the purpose of creating a new position in the COMBAT Administration Division of the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office.

*(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)*



[5970](#) Appropriating \$100,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund for the purpose of acquiring a financial management system for grant reporting for the COMBAT Administration Division of the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office.

*(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)*

[5971](#) Appropriating \$25,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2025 Delinquent Sales Tax Fund and authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Michael Mansur, of Kansas City, MO, for the Stand Against Violence KC Project at a cost to the County not to exceed \$25,000.00.

*(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)*

[5972](#) Enacting sections 5293., 5294., 5295., 5296., and 5297., of Jackson County Code, 1984, related to the subject of wreckers and tow services.

*(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)*

#### 11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21882](#) Awarding a thirty-six-month term and supply contract with three twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of public safety uniforms for use by various County departments to Galls, LLC, of Lexington, KY, under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 011124, an existing competitively bid contract.

*(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)*

[21883](#) Awarding a forty-five-month term and supply contract with three twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of body armor with related accessories, equipment, and services for use by various County departments to Galls, LLC, of Lexington, KY, under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 091924, an existing competitively bid contract.

*(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)*

[21884](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #21884, in honor of Nadine Farris as a trailblazer for healthy living for Women's History Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

[21885](#)

A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21885, in honor of Terri E. Barnes and Trace Warren as trailblazers for uplifting girls during Women's History Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

[21886](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21886, in honor of Women's History Month recognition of LaTasha McCall a trailblazer for founding and leading a successful construction business. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

[21887](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21887, honoring Kathy Nelson during Women's History Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

[21888](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21888, in honor of Women's History Month recognizing Joanne Collins as a trailblazer and community leader. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

[21889](#)

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21889, in honor of Women's History Month recognition is due to former Mayor Kay Barnes a trailblazer and community leader. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

[21890](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21890, in honor of Gwendolyn Grant as a trailblazer for her leadership and dedication to community service during Women's History Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

[21891](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #21891, in honor of Women's History Month recognition is due to Marjorie Williams a trailblazer in leadership and education. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

[21892](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21892, in honor of Estelle Brooks as a trailblazer for health and wellness during Women's History Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

[21893](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21893, recognizing the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault's (MOCSA) Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

[21894](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adopt Resolution #21894, in honor of Women's History Month recognition is due to Mamie Hughes, a trailblazer in community service and advocacy. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

[21895](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21895, in honor of the late Lali Garcia as a trailblazer for her work of political awareness in the Latino community during Women's History Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Megan L. Marshall and Venessa Huskey

(ADOPTED)

[21896](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21896, in honor of Women's History Month recognition of Bridgette Williams, a trailblazer in community leadership and in the construction industry. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

[21897](#) Awarding a twenty-four-month term and supply contract with two twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of portable outdoor toilet rentals for use by the various County Departments to ORI Outdoor Restrooms of Blue Springs, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 25-008.

*(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)*

[21898](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21898, in honor of Nicki Jones as a trailblazer for healthy living for Women's History Month. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

[21899](#) A motion was made by Donna Peyton, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21899, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, March 31, 2025, 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: 8 - DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

[21900](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21900, in honor of Women's History Month recognition is due to the late Captain Carolyn Mitchell a trailblazer as the first Black female firefighter for the Kansas City Fire Department. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Megan L. Marshall

(ADOPTED)

## 12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

## 13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, had questions for the County Executive's Office but no one was in attendance to respond. He directed his questions to Bryan Covinsky, the County Counselor. Legislator Smith asked why the County Executive made an emergency declaration to move forward with an investigation into one of the County Legislators. It was his understanding of the Constitutional Home Rule Charter of Jackson County, Missouri that this type of investigation is reserved only for the Legislature itself. Chairman McGee asked the County Counselor if he wrote the letter regarding this situation. Mr. Covinsky said he received the letter but did not write it. Legislator Smith asked if the County Executive has administrative oversight authority over the County Legislature. Bryan Covinsky said the County Executive is asking for an investigation by an outside investigator and as the administrator of the County courthouse, he believes the County Executive has the right to request it. Legislator Smith asked why an emergency purchase is being made at this time since the letter indicated a pattern of conduct, why is it now an emergency. Mr. Covinsky said he is not aware of the pattern of conduct but believes it is part of the investigation, he continued that he does not believe personnel matters should be discussed in an open session. He said the County Executive is declaring it an emergency due to the situation and because things are not being passed at this point, so he believes he has the authority to do so. Legislator Smith said he checked with Office of Ethics, Human Relations and Citizen Complaints (OEHRCC) and no complaints have been filed regarding any member of the County Legislature. He said the idea that we have a County Executive in a political situation, not favorably exposed to certain members of the Legislature and declaring an emergency, which he questions, is a matter the Legislature should police and indicating there is a pattern with no complaints filed with OEHRCC, all seems to be improper. He followed up by asking the County Counselor for his assistance in drafting a legal opinion whether any of these things are issues. Chairman McGee said they should have no further discussion in the open meeting but schedule a closed session. The County Counselor agreed. Chairman McGee said he will meet with the County Counselor to determine a time for a closed session.

Manuel Abarca IV asked Mr. Covinsky, the only member of the executive staff in attendance, if there is a Non-Disclosure Agreement signed by members of the executive staff. Bryan Covinsky wanted to clarify that the County Counselor represents the County of Jackson which includes all the elected officials and all the departments. He said he is not aware of any current NDA and has none in his possession.

Manuel Abarca IV asked about the contract for Mr. Schulte and said Mr. Covinsky indicated that Whitney Miller in his office or the Clerk of the County Legislature may have a copy but neither have a copy of the contract. Legislator Abarca has asked prior if the Counselor's office has seen or is in charge of drafting the contract to which the answer has been no. He asked what other departments or entities within Jackson County are tasked with drafting contracts. Mr. Covinsky stated multiple departments can enter into contracts including the County Executive's Office. He said the contract for Troy Shulte could be in either the County Executive's Office or the Finance Department, but not all contracts come through the County Counselor's office. Legislator Abarca asked if the general practice was for all contracts to go through the Counselor's Office to maintain a consistent standard. Mr. Covinsky said there is no standard for emergency contracts to go through the County Counselor's office.

In closing, Legislator Abarca asked the County Counselor's Office to review the safety issues and concerns discussed in the Public Works Committee today. He believes serious liability exists in regard to safety standards/requirements as well as safety policies and procedures and should be monitored closely.

#### 14 NEW BUSINESS

Closed meeting per Resolution #21899. The closed meeting may be followed by the introduction and adoption of a Resolution in open session to authorize the settlement of a legal action, cause of action, or litigation matter.

The County Legislature recessed and went into closed session.

The County Legislature reconvened.

**15     ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, April 7, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.