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# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

### County Legislature

*Theresa Galvin (6th) Chair, Dan Tarwater III (4th) Vice Chair,  
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Crystal Williams (2nd AL), Tony Miller (3rd AL),  
Scott Burnett (1st), Ronald E. Finley (2nd), Charlie Franklin (3rd), Jeanie Lauer  
(5th)*

Jackson County Courthouse  
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**Monday, July 1, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**Twenty-seventh Regular Meetin**

### **K.C. Legislative Assembly Area, Kansas City, Missouri**

Theresa Galvin, Chair, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

**1 ROLL CALL**

Present 9 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Galvin

**2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited.

**3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Scott Burnett to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on June 24, 2019. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**4 HEARINGS**

*Presiding Judge David Byrn was present to give an update on the condition of the courtrooms that were damaged as a result of flooding at the courthouse in January. Judge Byrn said that while he is aware of significant repairs to the building systems located in the basement of the courthouse, repairs to the courtrooms and jury rooms have not yet happened. He expressed his frustration with the lack of progress in these areas.*

*Eric Winebrenner, MARC Public Safety Program Director, presented an update on the Jackson County 911 System. He distributed a report of the number of calls to 911. He said that currently 911 is funded through a fee on landlines. With the passage of Senate Bill 291, the County may have flexibility on how it funds 911. This bill is currently on the Governor's desk for signature. Because it has an emergency clause, it will take effect as soon as it is signed. This new statute requires Jackson County to put a measure on the General Election ballot by 2020 for a fee on cell phone*

*subscriptions for the funding of 911. Mr. Winebrenner said that the current law enacted a fee on prepaid cell phones beginning on January 1, 2019. He does not have a report from the state showing how much has been raised through this fee on prepaid cell phones. Copies of the handouts distributed by Mr. Winebrenner are available in the Clerk of the County Legislature's office.*

*Beth Low-Smith, Vice President for Policy with KC Healthy Kids, presented information about the KC Healthy Kids program. Ms. Low-Smith said that KC Healthy Kids addresses issues of food insecurity as it relates to food assistance programs such as SNAP, WIC, and school meal programs. She introduced poet Natasha Ria El-Scari who created one of three works of art that are on display in July at the downtown courthouse. Other works of art on display were created by Cheyenne Bands and J.T. Daniels. At this time, Crystal Williams, County Legislator, presented Resolution #20189 recognizing KC Healthy Kids on the occasion of its collaborative project, Art for KC Voices, to promote awareness of food policies in our community.*

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

*Frank White, Jr., County Executive, and Ed Stoll, Chief Administrative Officer, spoke to the Legislature regarding the reassessment process. Frank White said that he ran for office to better the lives of citizens of Jackson County. He said that he understands that people are upset and angry about the reassessment. Mr. White stated that he has confidence in the assessment process and in Gail McCann Beatty, the Director of Assessment. Mr. White said that the assessment staff are committed to fair and accurate values. He said that state statutes do not allow him to raise property values incrementally. He reiterated that the Administration will follow state law. He encouraged citizens and legislators to speak with their state representatives to have laws changed related to the reassessment process. Mr. White encouraged everyone to attend Ms. Beatty's presentation to the Board of Equalization that is scheduled for July 3, 2019 at 10 a.m.*

*Ed Stoll said that the July 8th deadline for appeals to the BOE are set by state statute and the Administration does not have the authority to change it. Crystal Williams, County Legislator, asked about the provision in the Charter for the County Executive to correct errors in Assessment. Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said that he does not believe that disagreements in valuation is considered an "error." He said that an example of an error that can be corrected is if a property was listed in the wrong jurisdiction or mistakes in classification such as a residential*

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*property classified as commercial.*

*Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, said that the Administration has acknowledged that errors were made in the valuation of vacant land. He said that in 2013 errors were made and the assessor reviewed 60,000 properties and the appeal date was extended to August. Ed Stoll said that after the values are certified the Assessment Department can make changes with BOE approval.*

*Scott Burnett, County Legislator, said that he had reviewed the report that the Assessment Department had submitted to the County Clerk in compliance with Chapter 20 of the Jackson County Code. His review had found several parcels that had an increase but were not included in the report. Mr. Stoll said that they were aware of that problem and staff was preparing a corrected report.*

*Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, said that there were over 21,000 appeals to the BOE. She asked what actions are being taken to assist with this workload. Mr. Stoll said that several appraisal firms are under contract to assist in the process. He said that he hopes the BOE will agree to accept informal appeals as BOE appeals and expects the Board to make a decision on that at its meeting on Wednesday. The Assessment Department will continue to review the informal appeals attempt to reach a stipulated agreement with taxpayers.*

*Mr. Stoll said that the final step in this process will be when the taxing jurisdictions set their tax levies later this year. A report of the aggregate assessed valuations was sent to the taxing jurisdictions today. The final certified aggregate assessed values will be released in September and the taxing jurisdictions will set their tax levies then which will determine each taxpayers final tax bill that is due December 31st.*

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

### **5236**

AN ORDINANCE repealing section 1051., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to County purchasing policy, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new section relating to the same subject.

*(Rules Committee - 1st. Perfection)*

[5237](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Scott Burnett to perfect Ordinance #5237. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5237](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5237 appropriating \$483,189.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2019 General Fund representing a payment of insurance proceeds to be used to fund repairs to and the restoration of the downtown Jackson County Courthouse and related costs, necessitated by recent water damage. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

#### 7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

*None.*

#### 8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[20186](#)

Health and Environment Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20187](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

#### 9 CONSENT AGENDA

[20186](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute addenda to the Cooperative Agreements with certain agencies that provide services and assistance to victims of domestic violence, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$61,041.00.

(ADOPTED)

[20187](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the Mid-America Regional Council for its Water Quality Education Program.

(ADOPTED)

*Resolutions #20186 and #20187 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.*

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Tony Miller, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Galvin

**10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**

*None.*

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

[20188](#)

Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with two twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing, installation, and repair of emergency equipment for use by the Sheriff's Office to 911 Custom of Overland Park, KS, as a sole source purchase.

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

[20189](#)

A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #20189, recognizing KC Healthy Kids on the occasion of its collaborative project, Art for KC Voices, to promote awareness of food policies in our community. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 9 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[20190](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the Longview Lake Lease No. DACW41-1-87-34 with the United States Secretary of the Army for the installation of a new wastewater treatment facility and a new golf cart barn at the Fred Arbanas Golf Course.

*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*

[20191](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute a License Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to the construction of Little Blue Trace Trail Improvements, at no cost to the County.

*(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)*

**12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

*None.*

**13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alice Gomez, a 70-year resident of the Westside, said that she was concerned about errors in the reassessment. She is concerned that the homes were not visited to determine the value. She described the process as a slap in the face to their community.

Jerry Roseburrough said that he hopes the state legislature will consider a proposal to freeze tax rates for people over the age of 65 until the property is sold. He said that this is an inopportune time to raise taxes when developers are being given 25 year tax abatements.

Alan Young, a resident of the Ivanhoe Neighborhood said that he has worked to revitalize their community over the past 30 years. He said these tax increases will hurt the residents of Ivanhoe who have an average income of \$21,000.00 per year.

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

Theresa Galvin acknowledged that Gail McCann Beatty and her husband will celebrate their anniversary tomorrow and wished them Happy Anniversary.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Tony Miller, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

*There is no legislative meeting next week. Meeting adjourned until Monday, July 15, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.*