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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)*

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Monday, August 5, 2019

1:00 PM

Thirty-first Regular Meeting

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

Dan Tarwater III, Vice Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley,
Charlie Franklin and Dan Tarwater III

Absent 3 - Tony Miller, 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 Jalen Anderson, seconded by Scott Burnett to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on July 29, 2019. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Jaime Masters, Chief of Health Services, gave an update regarding the Medical Examiner's office at the request of Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator. Dr. Marius Tarau, Chief Medical Examiner was also present.

Ms. Masters said she has an ordinance prepared by the County Counselor's office to be introduced on Monday, August 12 to adjust the salary for the pathologist, per Schedule 2 of the Jackson County Code. She said they reached a salary agreement for Dr. Tarau and Dr. Lindsey Haldiman, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner. She said they have funding necessary to support the increase through the end of 2019. Once the salary range is approved, she will prepare a Request for Legislative Action (RLA) for the contracts for Dr. Tarau and Dr. Haldiman. She said they posted the vacant pathologist position and will update it with the new salary range once it is approved by the County Legislature. Currently, Jackson County has an agreement with two contract doctors to provide some relief to Dr. Tarau and Dr. Haldiman as needed, primarily weekend support.

The RLA approved only provides for 15 days so she is watching to see if they will need more time and if funds are available to support it. She said Contract Forensic Pathologist (LOCUMS) may request up to an additional \$2500, in addition to what we are currently paying, for pretrial preparation and court appearance so Dr. Tarau and Dr. Haldiman have agreed to cover testimony for them. Ms. Masters said Ronald E. Finley also requested an organizational chart for the Medical Examiner's office and Tom Hensley, Chief of Forensic Operations, distributed them to the members of the County Legislature.

Ronald E. Finley thanked Jaime Masters for her responsiveness. He encouraged legislators to review the report received on May 14 regarding the Medical Examiner's office and various other duties of the Medical Examiner and to consider it when preparing the 2020 budget.

5 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

None.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Crystal Williams, to waive the reading of Ordinances #5243, #5244, #5245 and #5246. The motion passed by a voice vote.

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing regarding Ordinances #5243 through #5246 on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 12:40 P.M. at the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Independence, Missouri, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.

[5243](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 7.74 ± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RE (Residential Estates), to create two single-family residential lots.

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[5244](#)

AN ORDINANCE renewing a conditional use permit (CUP) in District AG (Agricultural) for a period of twenty years to operate an adult group quarters (boarding home), subject to specified conditions, as to a 2.00 ± acre tract.

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[5245](#)

AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by changing a certain 9.49 ± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).

(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[5246](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by changing a certain 1.5 ± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RS (Residential Suburban).
(Land Use Committee - 1st. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5241](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[20205](#) Anti-Drug Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20206](#) Anti-Drug Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Scott Burnett, seconded by Crystal Williams, to waive the reading of Resolution #20208. The motion passed by a voice vote.

[20208](#) Public Works Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20209](#) Public Works Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5241](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$7,346.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2019 Federal Forfeiture Fund to cover the costs of two GPS trackers and a pole camera for use by the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force.

(ADOPTED)

[20205](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute an Agreement with Truman Medical Center, Inc., for Project RISE (Responsive Individualized Support and Early Intervention), funded by the County's Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund for the 2019 fiscal year, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$120,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[20206](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute an Agreement with Sisters In Christ for the Raytown TEAM KC Outreach Pilot Program "Safe Zone," funded by the County's Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund for the 2019 fiscal year, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$40,000.00.

(ADOPTED)

[20208](#) A RESOLUTION awarding twenty-four-month term and supply contracts with three twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of heavy equipment rental for use by the Parks + Rec and Public Works Departments to The Victor L. Phillips Company of Kansas City, MO, Road Builders Machinery and Supply Co., Inc., of Kansas City, KS, and Murphy Tractor and Equipment Co. of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 32-19.

(ADOPTED)

[20209](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to improvements at the H Highway intersection with Pink Hill and Renick Roads, at no cost to the County.

(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #5241, Resolutions #20205, #20206, #20208, #20209 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

Yes: 6 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin and Dan Tarwater III

Absent: 3 - Tony Miller, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Galvin

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5247](#) Renewing the tax of 6.00% of the tariff rate, for each local telephone access line, not to exceed 100 lines per person or per location, for emergency telephone service utilizing a single three-digit number "911."

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

Jay Haden, Deputy County Counselor, said a representative from MARC will appear before the County Legislature to speak to this issue. He also said he will check to see if this legislation requires a public hearing.

[5248](#) Appropriating \$561,854.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2019 Assessment Fund for the purpose of meeting increased costs of the Board of Equalization.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[5249](#) 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.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

- [20211](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an extension to the agreement with the City of Kansas City, Missouri, relating to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office's Drug Abatement Response Team (DART) program, through August 31, 2019, at no additional cost to the County.
(Assigned to the Anti-Drug Committee.)
- [20212](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an extension to the Agreement with the Ad Hoc Group Against Crime of Kansas City, Missouri, for Community Outreach efforts under the SMART Prosecution grant initiative, at no additional cost to the County.
(Assigned to the Anti-Drug Committee.)
- [20213](#) Declaring certain vehicles and equipment items within various County departments as surplus and unusable personal property and authorizing their disposal.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)
- [20214](#) Awarding a contract for the development of a GIS strategic plan for use by the Information Technology Department to Pro West Associates of Walker, MN, under the terms and conditions of United States GSA Contract No. 47QTCA18D00AS, an existing government contract, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$54,548.72.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)
- [20215](#) Transferring \$57,000.00 within the 2019 Health Fund, to cover budget shortfalls for contractual services, laboratory supplies, and other operating supplies within the Medical Examiner's Office.
(Assigned to the Health and Environment Committee.)
- [20216](#) Authorizing the County Counselor to execute an increase to the Legal Services Agreement with Ronald L. Jurgeson of Lee's Summit, MO, at an additional cost to the County not to exceed \$17,500.00.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- [19-20](#) I hereby appoint Jaime Masters as Interim Chief Operating Officer to serve until the appointment of a permanent Chief Operating Officer, effective August 1, 2019. Ms. Masters shall continue to serve as Chief of Health Services.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, asked the Administration if they would set up a time to go over with the County Legislature the intended plan of action regarding salaries after Evergreen completes the salary study.

Frank White Jr., County Executive, agreed to schedule a meeting with the County Legislature.

Dan Tarwater III asked about the Rock Island Corridor.

Jay Haden replied that they had a productive meeting today with counsel and representatives of Union Pacific. He recommended a closed session to discuss this issue. Dan Tarwater III asked Mr. Haden to notice up a closed session for next Monday, August 12, 2019.

Dan Tarwater III asked about the professional service contracts for appraisers used by the Assessment Department. He asked if the County Legislature could get copies of the reports due from the appraisers.

Ed Stoll, Chief Administrative Officer, said the Administration would provide copies of the appraisers reports to the County Legislature.

Dan Tarwater III asked why the Administration used appraisers from St. Louis. He asked why local appraisers were not used since they would be more familiar with the area and neighborhoods.

Ed Stoll said it was his understanding that there were three contracts; two with St. Louis appraisers and one with a Kansas City appraiser. He explained that local companies had potential conflicts of interest.

Ronald E. Finley said he sent a question to the County Counselor's office about the process for setting the tax levy rates and sending out the tax bills, since the deadline for appeals has been extended to September 3, 2019 due to the volume of appeals.

Jay Haden said he replied to Mr. Finley's email. He said Missouri State statute sets the deadline for setting tax levy rates in a charter county as October 1, 2019. He said there will be pending cases before the Board of Equalization when the levies are set.

Ed Stoll said the timing for setting the tax levy and sending out tax bills is not expected to be any different than in past years.

Dan Tarwater III explained that tax bills will still be due December 31, 2019. If

a taxpayer's appeal has not been heard by the due date, the taxpayer can pay under protest. If the taxpayer does not pay the bill by the deadline, penalties and interest will incur on January 1, 2020.

Ronald E. Finley appreciated the response regarding what we need to do for the Board of Equalization with the introduction of the two Ordinances and one Resolution today. He thanked Jay Haden for responding to his email.

Dan Tarwater III said in reference to his request for a copy of the report to the county that provided adequate information to support values from the six appraisal firms from St. Louis, he believes the reports should have been received by now because the dates covered by the report were March 22, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

Ed Stoll said he would send the reports that have been received to date.

Jalen Anderson said last weekend he attended a conference with young elected officials across the country. Students and parents of victims from the Parkland shooting in Florida were present at the same time shootings occurred in El Paso and Dayton. He urged his colleagues and the County Executive to be bold in their effort to stop gun violence. He said they must stand up, be vigilant, get studies and combat this issue. He said this is more than a health crisis, it is a people crisis. He encouraged everyone to remember the victims especially the woman who died in the Crossroads this past weekend in Kansas City, Missouri.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, August 12, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. at the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Independence, Missouri, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.