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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, March 2, 2020

10:00 AM

Ninth Regular Meeting

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

Theresa Cass Galvin, Chairman, 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 Cass 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 February 24, 2020. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Bridgette Shaffer, Director of the Jackson County Health Department, gave an update on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) and the coronavirus. Ms. Shaffer said the County authorized an agreement for the PDMP in 2016. The program was enacted in 2017 and is up for renewal this year. Our program is in conjunction with St. Louis County, which has a grant through 2022 to fund the collection of data related to opioid usage and overdose. As part of the grant through the Department of Health and Senior Services, 314 units of Naloxone (Narcan) that is the antidote to reverse an overdose, has been distributed to first responders.

St. Louis County is the administrator of the program, which is a voluntary program for physicians, but a required program for pharmacies. The Jackson County Health Department is working with the Kansas City Health Department to conduct a communications plan to reduce the stigma associated with drug abuse.

Ms. Shaffer said that the PDMP is a tool used by physicians to decide their treatment by checking what other prescriptions have been given to a specific patient. Crystal Williams, County Legislator, said that this program has been moved out of COMBAT so that it is not a law enforcement tool but is a provider tool.

Ms. Shaffer said the coronavirus is a rapidly evolving situation. The illness is spread through close contact with someone with the virus. The disease causes a respiratory illness. There were two deaths reported over the weekend in Washington state. Symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Testing of the illness is handled through the state health department which is coordinated through the Centers for Disease Control. The best protection is to maintain a distance between other people and to wash your hands frequently. She said wearing masks is not recommended for the general public. Individuals that are symptomatic and health care providers are the recommended parties to wear masks. Ms. Shaffer said that the virus is called a "novel" virus because this strain of the virus is a new strain out of China. She said people with chronic illness might have more severe reaction to the virus.

Ms. Williams said that the availability of test kits is a federal issue. She added that the virus is small and can penetrate the common masks that most people might purchase. Ms. Williams said this is not a hoax as had been said. Several tourist attractions are closed throughout Europe because of the virus. Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, said that many of us will try to self-diagnose when we are sick, but the only way to be certain is to get the test for the virus. She said that persons who are sick should stay home and seek medical verification of their diagnosis.

Gerard Grimaldi with Truman Medical Center said that TMC coordinates closely with other hospitals to manage the regional disaster preparedness process. The initial effort is to identify through screening anyone who might be at risk of exposure to the virus because of overseas travel. If anyone is identified within the risk group, further testing is conducted. Ms. Shaffer said that anyone would be followed for 14 days. Health providers throughout the state are committed to a rapid response in the event of an outbreak. Healthcare needs will be handled without regard to the ability to pay.

Ms. Shaffer distributed handouts related to the PDMP and CoVID 19 coronavirus outbreak. The handouts are available in the attachments found under Meeting Details for the March 2, 2020 meeting at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=765578&GUID=9728B73F-B006-4257-9358-41F88CF6B634>.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, said the County takes this virus outbreak very seriously and is working on a rapid response working group to handle any emergency outbreak in our region. The county intends to be prepared and proactive in our community. The County will have a report to be released soon on its emergency preparedness response.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

None.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[20379](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Tony Miller, to approve the Anti-Crime Committee Amendment dated March 2, 2020 for Resolution #20379, to insert the phrase "as an acquisition from another governmental entity under section 1030.2, Jackson County Code, 1984; after the word "system," in the second paragraph on page one. The motion passed by a voice vote. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA[20379](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute a twelve-month Agreement with three twelve-month options to extend, with the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services for an automated case management and criminal history reporting system, as an acquisition from another governmental entity, at an annual cost to the County not to exceed \$64,375.00.

(ADOPTED)

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 Cass Galvin

Resolution #20379 was moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[20380](#)

A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Resolution #20380, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020, 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: 9 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

(ADOPTED)

[20381](#)

Transferring \$28,229.00 within the 2020 General Fund to provide funding for one part-time wellness coordinator position within the Human Resources Department.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[20382](#)

Transferring \$23,550.00 within the 2020 General Fund and authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to execute a twenty-seven month sole source contract with CB 1211 McGee, LLC, of Kansas City, MO, for the continued rental of fifty parking spaces at the former Kansas City School District building, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$48,750.00 for the 2019-2020 term.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #20383 - not on printed agenda.

[20383](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Charlie Franklin, to adopt Resolution #20383, authorizing the County Counselor to settle the claims of Mohammed P. Whitaker in the case styled Mohammed P. Whitaker v. Paulinus O. Okafor, No. 4:17-CV-01047-ODS-P, now pending in United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, for a total payment by the County of \$15,500.00. 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 Cass Galvin

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Theresa Cass Galvin, Chairman, said she had met a constituent who had gone through the Board of Equalization appeal process. The person said he had a positive interaction with the hearing officers and was satisfied with the results of his appeal.

Ms. Galvin also said the Election Boards have a need for election judges to assist with the upcoming elections. If associates have vacation time available, they can request time off with their director to serve as an election judge. She said this is a rewarding and much needed service.

Crystal Williams said her office received a letter from Judge Del Muro regarding the abatement of the building. Troy Schulte, County Administrator,

said that they are conducting air quality tests and will have a report soon with the process going forward and the results. Ms. Galvin said JCDC will be presenting under Hearings and this topic will be added to next week's hearing schedule.

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said he was concerned about the halfway house that was zoned for Blue Summit last year. Since then no progress has been made on the property. He has heard reports of drug activity and dog fighting at the location. Several homeless people have been spotted loitering on the property and a homeless camp has been set up there. Tony Miller, County Legislator, wondered if the County's code enforcement administrator should be consulted about possibly revoking the conditional use permit that was approved. He said that something needs to move forward at the property, at a minimum to secure the site. He had heard the company may be waiting on federal funding that has been slowed down through Congress.

Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said he had talked to the attorney, Patricia Jensen, representing the company. She told him the company was waiting on federal funds. He will reach out to her for an update and encourage her to share the Legislature's concerns.

Closed meeting per Resolution #20380.

The County Legislature went into closed session.

The County Legislature reconvened.

Resolution #20383 was adopted at this time. See page 5 for details.

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.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, March 9, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse, 308 W. Kansas, Independence, Missouri, Ground Floor, Legislative Chambers.