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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)*

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

10:00 AM

Nineteenth 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 Crystal Williams to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on May 18, 2020. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Theresa Cass Galvin asked that everyone wear their mask over their nose and mouth while in attendance.

Resolution #20437 was adopted at this time. See page 5 for details.

Truman Medical Center representatives, Charlie Shields, President and CEO, Dr. Mark T. Steele, Chief Clinical Officer, Mitzi Cardenas, Executive Chief Administrative Officer, Gerard J. Grimaldi, Vice President, Health Policy and Government Relations, Steve DeGarmo, Vice President of Facilities, Real Estate & Safety, and Lynette Wheeler, Truman Medical Center, Lakewood, Chief Operating Officer, presented their plans and needs for the Truman Medical Center Health Sciences District and Lakewood Hospitals.

Mr. Shields said Truman Medical Center Hospitals have completed 7,500 COVID-19 tests, created a call-in line (404-CARES) that has received

over 8,000 phone calls, and were the first to require all staff at its health care facilities to wear masks. He said there are currently seven patients with COVID-19 at the two hospitals but over 60 COVID-19 patients have been discharged. Truman Medical Centers need to be prepared for any unforeseen resurgence of COVID cases, or in the event of the next pandemic. For these reasons the TMC representatives presented their requests. Please see the handouts attached under Meeting Details for the May 26, 2020 Legislative Meeting, at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=790329&GUID=5352941F-A91B-4DA1-8DEE-73D3FC892E48&Options=info%7C&Search=&Refresh=1>

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, said she appreciates the detail in the report and she believes most of these requests fit within the matrix required by the CARES Act funds. Her only concern is the request related to the Dental School.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, thanked the TMC representatives for their presentation. He asked that these requests be prioritized with the most important items to be accomplished. Mr. Shields said to a certain extent, the list has been prioritized. But they can put these items in rank order to clearly mark which needs are their priority.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

None.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5338](#)

AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a monthly fee of \$1.00 on each subscriber of any communications service that has been enabled to contact 911, for the purpose of funding 911 service in Jackson County.

(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 1st. Perfection)

[5339](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,000,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 CARES Act Fund, recognizing the service and sacrifice of non-profit hospital workers, nursing home workers, and community health center workers who protect the residents of our community during the COVID-19 pandemic, and expressing our gratitude to these healthcare workers for their professional and courageous efforts during this crisis.

(Budget Committee - 1st. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5336](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[20427](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20428](#) A RESOLUTION requesting the County Administration and Health Department to report to the Legislature on a regular basis on certain topics relating to the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 1st. Meeting)

[20429](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing twelve-month extensions to the leases for the planting and harvesting of hay and crops on County park land with L.E. Montgomery of Lone Jack, MO, and Robert Hertzog of Greenwood, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 17-12.
(Land Use Committee - 1st. Meeting)

Discussion regarding corrections needed. An amendment for Resolution #20429 will be prepared and presented next week.

[20431](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20432](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5336](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$29,314.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 Health Fund and authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check to the Mid-America Regional Council in the amount of \$29,314.00 relating to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.
(ADOPTED)

[20427](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the replacement of roofs on park structures for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Construction Management Services of Olathe, KS, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 5-20, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$137,332.01.
(ADOPTED)

[20431](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a thirty-six month term and supply contract, with two twelve-month options to extend, for the lease of photocopiers for use County-wide to All Copy Products of Lenexa, KS, and GFI Digital of Kansas City, KS, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 28-19.
(ADOPTED)

[20432](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to execute an agreement with UMB Bank of Kansas City, MO, for the purpose of self-insuring the County's workers' compensation liabilities under the laws of the State of Missouri, at no cost to the County.
(ADOPTED)

Ordinance #5336 and Resolutions #20427, #20431 and #20432 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: 6 - Jalen Anderson, Tony Miller, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 3 - Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett and Jeanie Lauer

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5341](#) Appropriating \$2,800,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 CARES Act Fund to allow the Kansas City, Missouri, Health Department to hire personnel and acquire supplies and equipment necessary for contact tracing and investigation in connection with the fight against the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic and authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Kansas City, Missouri, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$2,800,000.00.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

[5342](#) Appropriating \$10,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 CARES Act Fund to allow Grain Valley, Missouri, to acquire supplies and equipment necessary in connection with the fight against the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic and authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Grain Valley, Missouri, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$10,000.00.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[20433](#) Awarding a contract for the leasing of golf cars for use by the Parks + Rec Department to M & M Golf Cars of Lee's Summit, MO, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$2,922.00
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[20434](#) Authorizing and directing the Office of the County Counselor to institute condemnation proceedings as to certain tracts of land required for the Tarsney Lake Bridge Replacement Federal Project, No. Bro-B048(55).
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

Discussion regarding corrections needed on Resolution #20434.

[20435](#) Authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute grant applications and agreements for stormwater grants from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources on behalf of Jackson County and the cities of Grandview and Grain Valley, MO.
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[20436](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement with, and a Quit Claim Deed in favor of, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to improvements at the 7 Highway intersection with Stringtown and County Line Roads, at no cost to the County.
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, presented Resolution #20437 to Valerie Nicholson-Watson, Harvesters Community Food Network, President and CEO, and Reverend John Modest Miles, Secretary of the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority.

[20437](#) A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Ronald E. Finley, to adopt Resolution #20437, recognizing the extraordinary efforts of Harvesters - The Community Food Network to feed hungry families and seniors in Jackson County during the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Scott Burnett

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[20-07](#)

I have named the following individuals to serve as voluntary advisors to the County on issues relating to the expenditure of CARES Act funds. These voluntary advisors shall serve in an advisory capacity only, and shall not have any official powers and/or duties:

Sly James, JD, Lead Advisor
Former Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri; Co-founder of Wickham James Strategies & Solutions and licensed attorney

Mary Anne Jackson, MD, Senior Advisor - Public Health
Dean of UMKC School of Medicine

Cindy Circo, Senior Advisor - Economic Recovery and Public Private Partnerships
Every Senior Business Manager; Former Mayor Pro-Tem of Kansas City, Missouri and 5th District Councilwoman

Dr. Clara E. Irazábal-Zurita, PhD, Senior Advisor - Community Development and Humanitarian Response
Director of the Latinx and Latin American Studies Program and Professor of Planning with tenure in the Department of Architecture, Urban Planning + Design (AUPD) at the University of Missouri, Kansas City (UMKC)

Rachelle Styles, CPA, MAcc, Senior Advisor - Compliance and Transparency
Owner of R. Styles Financial, LLC.

Discussion.

Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, said he now realizes this advisory committee is to assist the Administration with oversight and recommendations on program applications for the expenditure of CARES Act funds. Initially he thought it was to assist with the roll out of recovery phases, but since it is not, he will not ask for a vote on the Executive Order. He is satisfied as long as the approval for the expenditure of CARES Act monies comes before the Legislature, there is no conflict with the volunteer advisors.

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, said the advisory committee will not have an oversight function. Oversight will continue to be the responsibility of the Legislature. This committee will provide input on programming that will best serve our community. It is an advisory group of five qualified people to help with transparency and recommendations on programming.

Theresa Cass Galvin said she has concerns that the members of the committee do not accurately represent the residents of Jackson County as a whole. For example, she said, one member lives in Kansas and this person will be giving input on recommendations for the County.

Mr. White said he doesn't see it as a huge issue. It is the qualifications of the individuals that will give us the best advice.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, said he is happy to receive any input from the Advisory Committee. He asked the status of the accounting firm to be hired by Jackson County to oversee the CARES Act account.

Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said he will have something ready to include on the agenda next week.

Theresa Cass Galvin said the Budget Committee will have a hearing on June 9, 2020.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Dan Tarwater III expressed his thanks for the hand sanitizer provided to each Legislator.

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, asked about the County moving into Phase 2 of the recovery, which he understood to be on June 1, 2020.

Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said that June 1 is an approximate date. The County will defer to Bridgette Shaffer, Director of the Jackson County Health Department and her team to make the final call on when to move to Phase 2.

Mr. Anderson said that COVID cases are going up, not down. Ms. Shaffer reported that the key to moving through recovery is the level of hospitalizations and the availability of personal protective equipment (PPE). She reported that we have the funding for PPE but cannot get enough PPE to meet the needs.

Mr. Schulte said Bridgette Shaffer outlined six parameters in her previous reports. Those criteria are the availability of hospital beds and ventilators, the availability of PPE, a contact tracing program, widespread testing, public health funding to do the things needed to contain the virus, and case reduction in vulnerable populations. He said the Administration continues to defer to the Health Department's requirements before moving forward to

reopening phases.

Jalen Anderson asked about the percent of those tested that are positive. Mr. Schulte said the County is at about 5% positive test results. Mr. Finley asked how many of those are hospitalized. Mr. Schulte said he did not know a percentage, but the hospitalizations are a smaller percentage. To move forward with reopening phases the percentage of positive tests within the County needs to stay under 10% with no surge in hospitalizations, although, he said, a surge in hospitalization is a lagging indicator.

Mr. Anderson asked about the ongoing situation in Blue Summit with the dilapidated school building. He requested representatives from Jackson County Land Trust give a status report to the Legislature regarding this property. He said this site continues to be vandalized which is a problem for the Blue Summit community.

Theresa Cass Galvin asked if the Administration could give business owners fair warning about an open date for Phase 2 so businesses can be prepared.

Ronald E. Finley asked if the developer's contract for the property in Blue Summit has expired. Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said the developer has an option to buy the property from Land Trust. Land Trust has extended the option to the developer. The developer is awaiting award of the contract from the Federal Bureau of Prisons. The Federal Bureau of Prisons has a lot on their plate and have not yet awarded the contract. Mr. Haden believes Land Trust extended the option, but he will confirm that information. The property is owned by Land Trust, not by the County. Mr. Anderson said the Legislature needs to have a conversation with Land Trust officials about our next steps.

Discussion.

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, June 1, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.