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

Monday, February 22, 2021

10:00 AM

Seventh Regular Meeting

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

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

1 ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Dan Tarwater III, Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent 1 - Crystal Williams

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Jeanie Lauer to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on February 18, 2021. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

The County's Inter-Governmental team led by Fred Dreiling, presented an update. Mr. Dreiling introduced his associates, Bennie Lewis, Noel Torpey, and Cara Hoover. He said because of COVID-19 it is much different at the Capitol. There are no school groups and many legislators do not allow access to their offices. There have been discussions with the Kansas City coalition of senators and house members to support a larger allocation of vaccines to the metropolitan area. Senate Bill 12 has been debated and will likely have a vote. Senate Bill 12 would prevent local governments from imposing health restrictions to churches and businesses. Under the current proposal, there could be no restrictions on churches and restrictions on businesses would be limited to 15 days. Additional restrictions would require the approval of the County Legislature, the state health department, and finally, the General Assembly.

Other measures under consideration include House Bill 75 which addresses the prisoner per diem account that currently has \$1.9 million due to Jackson County. This bill would resolve the shortfall, but the state is trying to eliminate the per diem payout to counties in the future. There are also several bills to reduce or eliminate property taxes. The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program may pass this year. Other proposals impacting local governments include the Wayfair tax issue, a possible gas tax to support road and highway improvements, and sports gambling within the state.

Discussion.

Mr. Dreiling said he would send the County Legislature a recap of the bills discussed. He has not testified on any measures for the County yet this year but will do so as directed by the Chair of the Inter-Governmental Relations Committee.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Frank White, Jr., introduced Janet Waddell, Community Affairs Manager for Evergy. Ms. Waddell said Evergy appreciates the local effort to conserve energy during the recent severe weather. She said Evergy is part of the Southwest Power Pool, a power grid that covers 14 states and 5,000 electric substations. Because of the massive deep freeze last week, it was necessary to implement rolling blackouts within the 14-state region to avoid catastrophic and widespread power failures. She said this was an unprecedented situation. At one point 270,000 people were without power, the largest they have ever experienced. Evergy will be reviewing this emergency to improve its future emergency preparedness.

Discussion.

Tony Miller, County Legislator, asked if this is an issue with Evergy having enough local energy. Ms. Waddell said that Evergy always had enough power to meet local needs, but as a member of the pool we have protections from widespread outages and price spikes like they are experiencing in Texas. The Southwest Power Pool is located in Little Rock, AR. Everyone within the pool experienced blackouts during the extreme weather last week. Hospitals were not impacted. If a customer is on life support equipment that is dependent on uninterrupted electricity, they should contact the Evergy Medical Customer Program at 888-471-5275.

Frank White, Jr. requested that everyone keep in their prayers the 500,000 people that have passed away from COVID-19. He said local health officials will be meeting to discuss next steps for revising local health orders related to the pandemic. The Jackson County Health Department will be giving an update next week.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5484](#) AN ORDINANCE renewing for a period of fifteen years a conditional use permit to operate an 88-ft. above-the-ground tower for the purpose of providing high-speed internet service as to a certain tract.
(Land Use Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

[5485](#) AN ORDINANCE amending the zoning districts established pursuant to the Unified Development Code by rezoning a certain 5.10± acre tract from District AG (Agricultural) to District RR (Residential Ranchette).
(Land Use Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing on March 8, 2021 at 9:50 A.M. on Ordinances #5484 and #5485.

[5486](#) A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5486. The motion passed by a voice vote.
(PERFECTED)

[5486](#) A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5486 appropriating \$83,200.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 General Fund to provide for monthly fees payable to LightEdge associated with protection and disaster recovery systems for the 16th Circuit Court and County's server farms. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Crystal Williams

(ADOPTED)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[20617](#) Health and Environment Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20622](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20623](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20624](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$1,482,827.00 within the 2021 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund and authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to execute agreements with certain outside agencies which are engaged in anti-crime and anti-violence prevention activities and purposes, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$3,552,123.00.
(Anti-Crime Committee - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[20617](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Solid Waste Management District to provide access to the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Centers for the residents of the unincorporated county, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$24,630.00.

(ADOPTED)

[20622](#) A RESOLUTION awarding twelve-month term and supply contracts with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of beer for resale by the Parks + Rec Department to County Beverage Company of Lee's Summit, MO, and Central States Beverage Company of Kansas City, MO, as proprietary purchases.

(ADOPTED)

[20623](#) 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 programs of the Parks + Rec Department's Special Population Services Division.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #20617, #20622, and #20623 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

A motion was made by Ronald E. Finley, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Crystal Williams

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[20625](#)

Transferring \$7,820.00 within the 2021 General Fund and authorizing the County Counselor to execute a Legal Services Agreement with The McCrummen Immigration Law Group, of North Kansas City, MO, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$7,820.00.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[20626](#)

Declaring the official intent of Jackson County, Missouri, regarding the construction of a new detention center and related facilities.

(Assigned to the Legislature As A Whole.)

Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, explained that Resolution #20626 is called an inducement resolution. It allows the County to go back for 60 days to capture some of the expenses incurred, such as consulting work by JCDC Partners, to be included in a bond financing in the future. It is not approving any action. Tony Miller, County Legislator, asked about a cooperative effort with local cities to participate with a regional jail. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said this inducement does not lock us into a certain financing plan, but will give the County its maximum flexibility. The \$300 million amount in the resolution is based upon estimates received from the County's consultants, including contingencies.

[20627](#)

Appropriating \$47,795.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 CARES Act Fund and awarding a contract for the furnishing of cloud-based application software for use by the Office of Environmental Health to HealthSpace USA of Charlotte, North Carolina, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 4-21, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$47,795.00.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR GALVIN. CONCURRED BY ANDERSON AND LAUER.)

[20628](#)

A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #20628, honoring the life and achievements of Carol Coe. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Crystal Williams

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked Troy Schulte if the County has a federal lobbyist. Mr. Schulte said we do not. Mr. Finley said President Biden has announced a stimulus program for local governments. Frank White, Jr. said Congressman Emanuel Cleaver is taking the lead for our community on this issue within the federal government. Under the proposed program, Jackson County may receive up to \$130 million and the City of Kansas City might receive \$180 million. He encouraged everyone to reach out to Congressman Cleaver's office.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ronald E. Finley, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, March 1, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.