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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)*

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Monday, March 1, 2021

10:00 AM

Eighth 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 9 - Dan Tarwater III, Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, 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 Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Scott Burnett to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on February 22, 2021. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Dr. Mark T. Steele, Executive Chief Clinical Officer for Truman Medical Centers, said TMC has given out over 42,000 vaccines. Many days TMC has administered 2,000 vaccines per day. TMC has the capability to go up to about 2,500 vaccines a day once enough vaccines are available. Missouri is currently in Phase 1B – Tier 2 which includes people over the age of 65, first responders, and those with underlying health conditions. The state will move to Phase 1B – Tier 3 on March 15, which will include teachers and government employees. Anyone needing assistance or without access to online registration tools should call 404-CARE. That site now has less than a 5-minute wait time. TMC is holding vaccine clinics at its Health Sciences district and Lakewood campuses as well as clinics in the community two to three times per week at Morningstar Baptist Church, Tony Aguirre Center, St. James Methodist Church, Friendship Baptist Church, and Della Lamb Center. TMC has made proactive calls to those in the community that may not have online access through its

communications program. As soon as the vaccine is available, TMC will be working with school districts to set up vaccine clinics in school gyms to reach the community.

Ray Dlugolecki, Assistant Director of the Jackson County Health Department, said that 12.8 percent of Missourians have been vaccinated. In Jackson County, 9.5 percent of our population has been vaccinated. Jackson County is one of the highest areas in the State of Missouri with a vaccination gap, including St. Louis County, St. Louis City, St. Charles County and Greene County. The Health Department developed a notification tool to alert residents when the vaccine is available. They have had 164,000 responses to that survey tool. The Health Department is asking for patience from the public as 74,000 people are in the first tier of the vaccine rollout plan. The Health Department went four weeks without any vaccine shipments from the State of Missouri. Our region within the state has been receiving about 2,500 doses to be shared with all of the region's health departments. This region has the capabilities of administering 7,500 doses, but there continues to be a shortage of vaccines.

The Health Department has seen a marked improvement in case numbers. There have been 35,285 cases and 421 deaths from COVID-19 within the County. The Health Department is cautiously watching the UK and California variants of the virus, which has been detected in wastewater. There is concern the new variants could be more contagious. For these reasons, the Health Department continues to recommend preventative measures such as social distancing and mask wearing. The tier system is set by the state.

Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator, asked if election board workers could be vaccinated as there is an election scheduled for April. She asked about younger residents obtaining the vaccine ahead of older and disabled people in the community. Ray Dlugolecki said the key factor is that demand for the vaccine far exceeds supply. People signing up for a vaccine appointment are asked to attest that they are within an eligible group but there is no penalty to those not being truthful. Individuals in Tiers 1A and 1B are still scheduling to be vaccinated. Gerard Grimaldi, Truman Medical Center Chief of Government Relations, said that the election board workers and government employees would likely be eligible in Tier 3 that will be open on March 15, though any employees over 65 would be eligible now. The state has made it clear that health personnel are not to second guess if someone self-attests they are eligible.

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, said many people are working on this issue across the state. This issue is coming up because of the scarcity of the vaccine. Blame goes back to the governor's office. We should, as a County, demand that we get our fair allocation of vaccines. This process is disproportionately affecting our citizens. Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, asked for a report from the Health Department on the vaccine allocation statistics.

Dr. Steele said there will be an increase in the vaccine distribution throughout the state. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine should be available later this week, which should loosen up some of the back log. The goal is to get as many vaccines in arms as possible. Within another month or two there will be a ton of vaccine available. Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, said he looks forward to those days and a time when we can offer the stadiums for a mass vaccination site. Ray Dlugolecki said that 30 to 35 percent of the people they reach out to within the tiers have received the vaccine from another site so that frees up vaccine to other people.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked about the contact tracing program and testing. Mr. Dlugolecki said the Health Department is 100% caught up on its contact tracing program. They have seen a 40 percent decline in testing rates. Dr. Steele said that they have asked people to not share links for the vaccine clinics designated areas because the links are strategically targeted to specific at-risk and under served populations that do not have access to internet. If sign up links are shared on social media, then it defeats the purpose of the strategic targeted program. Mr. Finley said he appreciates the quick call backs for COVID testing.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White Jr., County Executive, said the deadline for submitting proposals for the food assistance program is Wednesday, March 3, 2021. So far there have been 13 organizations that have submitted proposals.

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 - 3rd. 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 - 3rd. Perfection)

The Land Use Committee will have a public hearing on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 9:50 A.M. in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area regarding Ordinances #5484 and #5485.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[20624](#)

Anti-Crime Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

The Anti-Crime Committee Substitute II for Resolution #20624 was sent to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

[20625](#)

Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

The Budget Committee Substitute for Resolution #20625 was sent to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

[20626](#)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Ronald E. Finley, to adopt Resolution #20626, declaring the official intent of Jackson County, Missouri, regarding the construction of a new detention center and related facilities. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

Dan Tarwater III said Resolution #20626 is a non-binding statement that will allow the County to recapture some expenses when bonds are issued for the jail. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said this is called an inducement resolution. This will allow the County to go back 60 days for reimbursement of expenses related to bonds for a new jail. It does not bind the County to any specific action, but will give the County maximum flexibility. His latest estimate is that the jail project will likely cost about \$260 million. The \$300 million amount in the resolution is to give them the maximum contingency amount. This is a place holder. Any specifics regarding the jail such as bed capacity, location, or a jail management system would come before the Legislature for approval. Mr. Schulte said these figures are based on information from the County's consultant and the validation of needs report that was previously presented to the Legislature. The County will not have solid numbers until the project goes to market.

Crystal Williams asked if the County will be required to tear down the

existing jail. Mr. Schulte said that is not required but the current facility has a limited use. Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said this resolution is non-binding and simply gives the County flexibility to pay itself back out of bond proceeds, although there is no commitment to do so.

Frank White Jr., requested the County hold public hearings before committing to specifics such as jail capacity. Dan Tarwater III agreed and recommended public hearings throughout the County.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[20624](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$1,482,828.00 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.

(ADOPTED)

[20625](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$7,820.00 within the 2021 Health 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.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #20624 and #20625 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption as substituted.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Tony Miller

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5487](#) 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.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[5488](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin to perfect Ordinance #5488. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5488](#)

A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin, to adopt Ordinance #5488, appropriating \$2,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 Grant Fund in acceptance of a grant received from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, for use by the Office of Environmental Health. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[20629](#)

A motion was made by Ronald E. Finley, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin, to adopt Resolution #20629, requesting the County Administration to develop and present to the Legislature for consideration a plan for the expenditure of emergency rental assistance funds recently provided by the United States government. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

Ronald E. Finley said the purpose of Resolution #20629 is to request that the Administration develop a plan and policy for the distribution of funds for the emergency rental assistance program for people who are in the process of being evicted. Frank White, Jr. said the County has received \$11.2 million and the City of Kansas City, Missouri received \$14 million. He cautioned getting ahead of the City on a project and said he hoped these funds will be focused on areas in eastern Jackson County outside of Kansas City. Scott Burnett, County Legislator, asked Troy Schulte about the guidelines for this program. Mr. Schulte said they are working with the United Way for a program proposal to deliver this program. The broad guidelines include limitations of \$5,000 per household, 80 percent of median income qualification.

[20630](#)

Transferring \$35,883.00 within the 2021 Assessment Fund and authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to execute a lease for office space for use by the Assessment Department with Novel Coworking of Kansas City, MO, for a term of six months, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$35,883.00, as a sole source purchase.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Theresa Cass Galvin expressed her gratitude to everyone for their outpouring of love and messages upon the passing of her father.

She thanked Brian Gaddie for the great work on the new elevators.

Jalen Anderson said, in recognition of February as Black History Month, he wanted to express his gratitude and recognition of the Black elected officials within Jackson County, including Sheriff Darryl Forte', County Executive Frank White, and Legislator Ronald E. Finley. He said he is proud to join this group in service to the County.

Ronald E. Finley said it has been his personal pleasure to work with this body to develop policy and come to correct decisions.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, March 8, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.