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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, March 8, 2021

10:00 AM

Ninth 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, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin and Theresa Cass Galvin
Absent 1 - Jeanie Lauer

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 March 01, 2021. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Reverend Modest Miles and Janet Miles-Bartee from the Morningstar Baptist Church – Family Life Center, gave a presentation regarding the vaccination program at the Family Life Center. Morningstar partnered with the Local Investment Commission (LINC) to provide vaccines to the underserved community. Ms. Miles-Bartee said many seniors have problems navigating the vaccination registration system. With assistance from LINC, they were able to take 800 calls from seniors and schedule appointments beginning February 4, 2021. To date they have administered 5,325 vaccines with assistance from the Missouri National Guard. They are expecting an additional 2,000 vaccines in the coming week. Some of those vaccinated might not have otherwise received the vaccine but were reassured by coming to a familiar place within their community to be vaccinated. These vaccines are coming directly from the State of Missouri through the National Guard.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked Rev. Miles to compile for the Legislature a list of their costs and expenses associated with this vaccine project.

Whitney S. Miller, Director of Collections, gave an update on the processing of tax payments within the Collections Department. Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, said constituents are reporting problems with the post office and with paying separate bills within one envelope. Ms. Miller said the department is still processing mail related to tax payments. They have completed everything postmarked for December but have experienced postal delays and other processing issues related to staffing. Online payments are processed immediately and that is always the recommended method of payment. Payments made by mail using the PO Box and envelope enclosure are processed by UMB through the lockbox system. If the enclosure amounts match, the payment is processed quickly. But if there is a discrepancy in the payment, or a letter or message added in the envelope, the payment is kicked out to be processed by hand and may be delayed. The department has worked to accommodate taxpayers who have called about delayed receipts they need for car registration, but Ms. Miller asked for patience. She understands taxpayer's frustration and is sympathetic. Her office has had strict COVID protocols and as a result they have managed to have no outbreaks within the department. But reduced staffing and staggard work schedules have slowed down their processing time.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked Ms. Miller to present to the Legislature a plan and budget for the department to reach maximum efficiency for future years.

Scott Burnett, County Legislator, said he had a number of constituents who had appeals before the Board of Equalization and are due a refund. He asked about the refund process. Ms. Miller said the refund process requires action by four departments: first the BOE votes on the adjustment, next it is sent to the Assessment Department for coding in the system, then the Collection Department receives the revised amount owed, and finally, the requested refund is routed through the Finance Department to issue the check. She will send a report to the Legislature about the status of refunds and where those refunds are in this process.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

None.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5484](#) Land Use Committee moved to perfect.

Tony Miller objected to the Consent Agenda.

[5484](#) A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Crystal Williams to perfect Ordinance #5484. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5484](#) A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Crystal Williams, to adopt Ordinance #5484 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. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[5485](#) Land Use Committee moved to perfect.

Tony Miller objected to the Consent Agenda.

[5485](#) A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Crystal Williams to perfect Ordinance #5485. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5485](#) A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Crystal Williams, to adopt Ordinance #5485 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). The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[5487](#) Budget Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE[20630](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

The Finance and Audit Committee Substitute dated March 8, 2021 for Resolution #20630 was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA[5487](#)

AN ORDINANCE 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.

(PERFECTED)

[20630](#)

A RESOLUTION transferring \$37,263.00 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 \$37,263.00, as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

*Ordinance #5487 was sent to the Consent Agenda for perfection.
Resolution #20630 was sent to the Consent Agenda for adoption.*

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, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[5489](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Off-System Bridge Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission in connection with the Stoenner Road Bridge Replacement Project.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[5490](#)

Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Off-System Bridge Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission in connection with the Helmig Road Bridge Replacement Project.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[5491](#) Appropriating \$3,000,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 CARES Act Fund to support the Jackson County Health Department, allow the continued employment of contact tracers, increase vaccination efforts and availability, and pay other costs necessary in connection with the fight against the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.
(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[20631](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an intergovernmental cooperative agreement with the City of Independence for the use of certain County property for a civic event, at no cost to the County.
(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[20632](#) 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 \$3,500.00.
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[20633](#) Transferring \$29,909.00 within the 2021 General Fund and \$45,604.00 with the 2021 Inmate Security Fund to realign funds in accordance with the new chart of accounts, to allow for the purchase by the Department of Corrections of needed security equipment and supplies.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[20634](#) Awarding a contract for the furnishing and installation of spectator bleachers for use by the Parks + Rec Department at the Frank White, Jr., Softball Complex to Heartland Seating of Shawnee, KS, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 6-21, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$59,138.00.
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[20635](#) Authorizing the County Counselor to execute a Legal Services Agreement with Colette Holt & Associates of San Antonio, TX, for research and review of the County's ordinances governing minority and women-owned business enterprise participation in County contracts and purchasing policies, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$50,000.00.
(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

[20636](#)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Ronald E. Finley, to adopt Resolution #20636, authorizing the County Counselor to execute an extension to the Legal Services Agreement with Husch Blackwell, LLP, of Kansas City, MO, at no additional cost to the County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ronald E. Finley asked Crissy Wooderson, Legislative Auditor, for a report regarding raises for County associates. Ms. Wooderson said associates affected by the compensation study in year two, received increases on February 5, 2021. All other associates, who did not receive a raise through the compensation study, will receive up to a 2 percent merit increase on their anniversary date. Minimum wage in Jackson County will increase to \$13.75 this year and will achieve a \$15.00 minimum wage by 2022.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Dan Tarwater III said due to the installation and testing of the new audio equipment in the Kansas City Legislative Assembly Area, he would entertain a motion to cancel the legislative meeting scheduled to be held on April 5, 2021. He said the Legislature would make up the meeting later in the year.

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Ronald E. Finley to cancel the legislative meeting scheduled to be held April 5, 2021. The motion passed by a voice vote.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, March 15, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.