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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)*

Jackson County Courthouse
415 E. 12th Street, 2nd floor
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Monday, March 22, 2021

10:00 AM

Eleventh 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 Charlie Franklin to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on March 15, 2021. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, said that Rev. Modest Miles was in attendance today. He reported that 9,014 total vaccines had been administered through Morning Star Family Life Center and 7,255 pounds of food had been distributed to 900 families. Mr. Finley said the vaccine event at Arrowhead Stadium was successful. There are 3,000 more vaccines scheduled at various locations this week.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White, Jr., said the CORE 4 team marked the one-year anniversary of the pandemic declaration at Union Station. Mr. White recognized the two associates of Jackson County that were lost to the pandemic and those who died from our community because of COVID. He thanked Theresa Cass Galvin, Bridgette Shaffer and associates from his office for attending. He said the vaccination event held at Arrowhead Stadium this past weekend was a success. He thanked Theresa Cass Galvin and her

legislative aide, Jane Cavanaugh as well as all other county associates for volunteering to assist.

Mr. White said he wanted to speak out against the hate crimes against the Asian community. These crimes have an emotional impact on our residents, creating fear of safety, fear for our children, and post-traumatic stress disorder. He said everyone should speak out against hate. Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said we should remember those lives lost in Atlanta.

Mr. Anderson asked if the State of Missouri changed the amount of vaccines it sends to the Jackson County Health Department. Frank White, Jr. said he continues to ask the Governor to send more vaccines to this area. He said our health department distributed over 2,000 vaccines at John Knox Village this past weekend. Mr. Anderson asked about the source of vaccines at the Arrowhead event. Troy Schulte said the vaccines at the stadium came from the State of Missouri. Mr. White said the federal government sent vaccines to pharmacies and local hospitals not to the Jackson County Health Department.

Ronald E. Finley expressed concern about the ability of the gunman in Atlanta to purchase a gun without a waiting period or a background check.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5492](#) Public Works Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

[5493](#) Budget Committee moved to perfect.

Jalen Anderson objected to the Consent Agenda. He said he objected to the Substitute for Ordinance #5493.

Jeanie Lauer said the integrity and intent of the money is for Jackson County. She is concerned of setting a precedent. She feels by going beyond the scope puts the Legislature at risk.

Dan Tarwater III said people in Kansas City are also residents of Jackson County and have paid taxes to Jackson County. He said he is in favor of using a portion of the money in Kansas City and he hopes Kansas City will set up their own efforts.

Jeanie Lauer said eastern Jackson County has equal amount of poverty (14%).

[5493](#)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Ronald E. Finley, to perfect the Budget Committee Substitute dated March 22, 2021 for Ordinance #5493. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5493](#)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Ronald E. Finley, to adopt Ordinance #5493 as substituted, accepting a grant in the amount of \$11,550,205.00 received from the U.S. Treasury relating to emergency rental assistance authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, appropriating \$11,550,205.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 Grant Fund, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Community Services League of Independence, MO, to administer the rental assistance funding on behalf of Jackson County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Dan Tarwater III, Ronald E. Finley, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin and Theresa Cass Galvin

No: 4 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller and Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5489](#)

Consent Agenda.

[5490](#)

Consent Agenda.

[5491](#)

Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[20637](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5492](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$894,078.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 Grant Fund and awarding a contract for the design and construction of a new bridge in relation to Federal Project No. BRO-B048(55), Tarsney Lake Spillway Repair, County Project No. 3202, to Lehman Construction, of California, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. PW 09-2020, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$894,078.00.

(PERFECTED)

[5489](#) AN ORDINANCE 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.

(ADOPTED)

[5490](#) AN ORDINANCE 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.

(ADOPTED)

[5491](#) AN ORDINANCE 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.

(ADOPTED)

[20637](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month contract with three twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of independent auditing services for use by the Finance and Purchasing Department to BKD, LLP, of Kansas City, Missouri, at a cost to the County for 2021 not to exceed \$137,900.00, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 1-21.

Ordinance #5492 was moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection.

Ordinances #5489, #5490, #5491 and Resolution #20637 were moved 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: 9 - Dan Tarwater III, Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5494](#) Repealing sections 3301., 3302., 3303., 3305., and 3306., Jackson County Code, 1986, relating to property assessed clean energy and enacting, in lieu thereof, eleven new sections relating to the same subject.

(Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[20638](#)

Awarding a contract for the furnishing and installation of lighting systems for use by the Parks + Rec Department at the Frank White, Jr., Softball Complex and the Longview Horse Park Show Arena to Brandy Electric of Lee's Summit, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 3-21, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$1,140,700.00.
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[20639](#)

Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of traffic signs and supplies for use by the Public Works and Parks + Rec Departments to J&A Traffic Products of Blue Springs, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 53-20.
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, asked about the resolution that was previously adopted regarding possible bonds to be issued for a new jail. She asked about expenses that could be reimbursed as referenced in the resolution. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said that there are no reimbursable expenses at this time. Troy Schulte said the land acquisition will be brought to the County Legislature for discussion. Jalen Anderson asked Ms. Galvin if the Steering Committee has made a decision regarding the land. Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator, said discussion regarding the land cannot be discussed because it occurred during a closed meeting. She said there is a letter of intent that is non-binding, but it must be presented to the County Legislature. Mr. Anderson said that there are questions about what is discussed at the Steering Committee and acquisition of land. Dan Tarwater III said the Steering Committee is composed of representatives of JCDC Partners, LLC, County Executive Frank White Jr., Sheriff Darryl Forte', Judge David Byrn, Prosecuting Attorney Jean Peters Baker, and County Legislator Theresa Cass Galvin. Ms. Galvin said JCDC appears before the County Legislature every 6-8 weeks with updates. Jalen Anderson said he would like a report from members of the Steering Committee. Ms. Galvin recommended legislators review the closed session minutes maintained by the Clerk of the County

Legislature if they have questions. Crystal Williams, County Legislator, agreed with Jalen regarding a report from the Steering Committee and believes the land acquisition should be transparent. Mr. Tarwater said he agreed with the statement regarding transparency. However, the confidentiality of negotiations dealing with a real estate transaction is important to ensure the best deal for taxpayers. Frank White, Jr. said he thought the steering committee was simply an advisory group. His biggest concern is how much power the Steering Committee has to move forward. He hopes that any decisions being made will be brought before the Legislature. He is opposed to signing a letter of intent. Dan Tarwater III said JCDC Partners, LLC will be presenting an update next week. There will likely be a closed meeting to discuss these issues.

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 29, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.