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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, June 7, 2021

10:00 AM

Twentieth 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 Scott Burnett, seconded by Ronald E. Finley to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on May 24, 2021. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

None.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5511](#)

AN ORDINANCE transferring \$1,475,870.00 within and appropriating \$540,877.00 from the undesignated fund balance of 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 \$2,016,747.00.

(Anti-Crime Committee - 2nd. Perfection)

Theresa Cass Galvin asked Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the County Legislature, to include the emails from Frank White and herself as backup to Ordinance #5511. Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, said he liked that everyone was working together on this ordinance. He said it is important to make sure the County follows the County Code. The Legislature will consider this ordinance next week.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

- [20683](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [20684](#) Health and Environment Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [20686](#) Land Use Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [20687](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.
- [20688](#) Justice and Law Enforcement Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

- [20683](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive and the Sheriff to execute a State Plan of Operation and Application for Participation relating to the Missouri Department of Public Safety's and the U.S. Department of Defense's LESO Program, at no cost to the County.
(ADOPTED)
- [20684](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$28,741.00 within the 2021 General Fund to provide funding for the part-time wellness coordinator position within the Human Resources Department.
(ADOPTED)
- [20686](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Director of Parks + Rec to execute an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Cave Spring Association for the daily management, operation, maintenance, programming, and improvement of the William M. Klein Park, also known as the Cave Spring Park and Historic Site, at an actual cost to the County for 2021 in the amount of \$25,000.00.
(ADOPTED)

[20687](#)

A RESOLUTION transferring \$222,028.00 within the 2021 Assessment Fund to cover additional needs and costs associated with the of Board of Equalization and the 2021 reassessment process.

(ADOPTED)

[20688](#)

A RESOLUTION 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.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #20683, #20684, #20686, #20687 and #20688 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

[5512](#)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Jalen Anderson to perfect Ordinance #5512. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5512](#)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5512, appropriating \$7,500.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund in acceptance of funding provided by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force for "Operation Tango and Cash.". 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)

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, addressed Ordinance #5513. He said this ordinance is in recognition of Juneteenth, the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, freeing enslaved people. Over the decades the majority of states have come to recognize this date. This holiday will provide a day County associates can give back to the community and show we can come together in remembrance of our history and with recognition that our past does not define us today.

[5513](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Tony Miller to perfect Ordinance #5513. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5513](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Tony Miller, to adopt Ordinance #5513, repealing section 1401., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to county holidays, to add a paid holiday to honor the Juneteenth commemoration and encouraging County associates to participate in a day of service to celebrate the day. 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)

[5514](#)

Appropriating \$7,000,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 CARES Act Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute a commercial real estate sales contract for the purchase of a certain property for use as the new Health Department headquarters, and authorizing such additional contracts as are necessary to renovate, improve, and furnish the aforementioned property, subject to the provisions of chapter 10 of the County Code, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$7,000,000.00

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said he has a copy of the sales agreement available for review by the Legislature but the document is confidential until approved.

[5515](#)

Appropriating \$250,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 CARES Act Fund to allow for reimbursement to certain eligible outside agencies in Jackson County of eligible costs related to testing and vaccination during the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic and authorizing the County Administration to solicit proposals from eligible outside agencies, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$250,000.00.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[20689](#)

Authorizing the purchase of seventeen patrol vehicles from the Missouri State Highway Patrol for use by the Sheriff's Office, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$322,150.00, as an acquisition from another government.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, said he has previously shared his concerns regarding the need to establish a fleet plan to coordinate the County's acquisition, maintenance, and utilization of fleet vehicles.

[20690](#)

Authorizing an increase to term and supply contract no. 70-17 with Pure Water Oasis of Independence, MO, for the furnishing of bottled water service for use by various County departments.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, asked about the move to cease providing audio service for the Legislative meeting and if it is possible to resume live streaming. Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, said they will work toward making sure that live streaming is implemented. Scott Burnett, County Legislator, said he wants to be able to listen to the Legislative meeting through Bluetooth technology. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said he will follow up on these issues with the Communication Department.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Jalen Anderson said in reference to the air conditioning repairs, the Finance offices are hot and he asked about the County's policies regarding an associate who has health conditions that are affected by the heat. Troy Schulte said those associates will need to use their sick leave if they are unable to work in the building without air conditioning. Mr. Schulte said the Administration is trying to keep the building open for business during this time. He said they are still on track to restart the system on June 25 and hope to avoid impacting County operations. He said some departments are able to work from home in afternoons and other departments have made the decision to stay open. Mr. Anderson said it is not the associates' fault the air conditioning does not work. He believes associates should not have to use sick leave in these instances and requests that the Administration reconsider this policy.

Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, asked about the work from home policy. Mr. Schulte said if the heat index in a department exceeds 80 degrees, and if work can be done remotely, the department director has the discretion to allow for remote work.

Jalen Anderson said in Blue Summit the fence is down around the school. Homeless people are again living around that building. He asked about the status of this contract on the old Blue Summit school. He asked if the project has fallen through and if it may now be necessary for the County to tear the building down. He said we must take care of this area since it is directly reliant on the County. Frank White, Jr., County Executive, said he will follow up with Land Trust and will invite Michael Hunter, Executive Director of Land Trust, to give an update on the project.

Ronald E. Finley assumed the duties of Chairman.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked to meet with Brian Gaddie, Director of Public Works, after the meeting. He asked about policies regarding workplaces requiring proof of vaccine before returning to work. Troy Schulte said there are onsite vaccination events planned for County work sites. The Administration continues to encourage associates to get vaccinated. They are looking at a policy to lift the mask mandate for associates who are vaccinated. The Administration is also looking at various incentives for associates to encourage vaccinations.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Scott Burnett, seconded by Tony Miller, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, June 14, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.