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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, November 29, 2021

10:00 AM

Forty-six 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 Ronald E. Finley to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on November 23, 2021. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

George Mitchell, President of the Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled – eitas, presented a request from the Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled related to revenue losses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Mitchell introduced Jake Jacobs, Executive Director, and Tom Holcomb, Chief Financial Officer, to speak to the specific request. A copy of their presentation and proposal is available under the Meeting Details for the November 29, 2021 Legislative Meeting located at: <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=908390&GUID=A812DD5B-0BD2-44DC-94E7-C88E002708A2&Options>.

Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, said this request for recovery of loss revenue meets the requirements of the American Rescue Plan. The decrease in revenue has had an impact on this population and this is appropriate support for these individuals.

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said the true focus of the American Rescue Plan is exactly what the Board of Services is requesting. He said he attended several meetings of the Board of Directors, and the question and discussions were about how well the Board could continue to maintain its standard of service as they move forward. This investment in eitas is an investment in ourselves. This is an opportunity to recapture funds lost due to COVID. The Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled – eitas is a part of the County government and part of the people. He said he is in complete support of this proposal.

Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, said he had toured some of the facilities and commends them for keeping programs available to serve this population and keep individuals with developmental disabilities safe.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, if this request was included in the 2022 proposed budget. Mr. Clifford said it is not. Mr. Finley asked Jake Jacobs about its funding. Mr. Jacobs said eitas receives about \$8 million through the Board of Services tax levy. Revenue during COVID was lost because of the decline in ridership through transportation services which are reimbursed by Medicaid. The organization incurred additional expenses due to the pandemic which are itemized in the budget attached to the request. Dan Tarwater III explained this request is to replace loss revenue due to the pandemic. Mr. Jacobs explained eitas receives Medicaid funds which covers case management services that are separate from the uses of the tax levy dollars.

Jeanie Lauer said she supports an amendment to the proposed budget to cover these costs.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Caleb Clifford said there will be a report next week from the Parks + Rec staff regarding the successful Christmas in the Sky event.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5570](#)

AN ORDINANCE to adopt the annual budget and set forth appropriations for the various spending agencies and the principal subdivisions thereof, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

(Legislature As A Whole - 2nd. Perfection)

[5571](#)

AN ORDINANCE setting the 2022 Jackson County, Missouri tentative tax levy.

(Legislature As A Whole - 2nd. Perfection)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[20820](#) Budget Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20821](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature that Jackson County reverse all prior voluntary reductions of property tax rates.
(Legislature As A Whole - 2nd. Meeting)

Dan Tarwater III and Ronald E. Finley, County Legislators, asked for an explanation of Resolution #20821. Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, agreed to present an explanation at the legislative meeting next week.

[20823](#) A RESOLUTION requesting the County Administration issue the Request for Qualifications for Design-Build firms interested in bidding on the design and construction of the new Jackson County Detention Center project as soon as possible.
(Legislature As A Whole - 1st. Meeting)

Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said he distributed a memo regarding issues presented by Collette Holt, outside counsel. Ms. Holt was out for the holiday and she will review the RFP this week. He requested a week to allow her time to report to JCDC Partners regarding her concerns. Sylvya Stephenson, Chief Administrative Officer, said she called Ms. Holt this morning and is awaiting her return call. Ronald E. Finley asked if Mr. Haden and Ms. Stephenson would meet with him regarding the issues regarding this topic.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[20820](#) A RESOLUTION transferring \$65,595.00 within the 2021 Inmate Security Fund to provide for the purchase of necessary security enhancements at the Jackson County Detention Center from an existing County term and supply vendor.

(ADOPTED)

Resolution #20820 was 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

[5572](#)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Ronald E. Finley to perfect Ordinance #5572. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5572](#)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Ordinance #5572, appropriating \$10,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 Grant 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 Nose to the Grindstone.". The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Scott Burnett

(ADOPTED)

[5573](#)

Repealing Schedule I, Chapter 50, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to park fees and charges and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new schedule relating to the same subject.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

[5574](#)

Establishing the "American Rescue Plan Fund" as a separate special revenue fund of the County, transferring \$4,998,014.00 within the 2021 CARES Act Fund, and accepting \$16,048,014.00 from the federal government, and appropriating \$4,998,014.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 American Rescue Plan Fund for the purpose of funding the Our Healthy KC Eastside program.

(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)

Ronald E. Finley asked for an accounting from the Administration regarding the status of expenditures on the Healthy KC Eastside. Caleb Clifford said he believes the organization has had expenditures and they are asking for reimbursement. He said the program started on time and exceeded expectations. Mr. Clifford said the Administration will have an update in the coming week.

[5575](#) Appropriating \$275,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 CARES Act Fund to provide COVID-19 testing for unvaccinated Jackson County and 16th Circuit Court associates through the end of 2021 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$275,000.00.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

Dan Tarwater III asked for an update on the number of associates who remain unvaccinated. Caleb Clifford said the County is following the OSHA requirements that employees either be vaccinated or have weekly COVID-19 tests. He will supply a report regarding the number of associates who are unvaccinated.

[5576](#) Appropriating \$11,390.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 CARES Act Fund to cover an unanticipated budgetary shortfall within the indigent cremation and burials account in connection with the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[5577](#) Appropriating \$350,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 CARES Act Fund to enable the County to assume responsibility for e-check and transaction fees to encourage Jackson County taxpayers to pay real estate and personal property taxes online in connection with the fight against the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[20824](#) A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin, to adopt Resolution #20824, authorizing the County Executive to execute an Easement Agreement with Paragon Star, LLC, of Lee's Summit, MO, to allow for various easements related to the construction and development of Paragon Star Village Sports Complex, across portions of the Little Blue Trace and Rock Island Trail, at no 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, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

Absent: 1 - Scott Burnett

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS[21-30](#)

Pursuant to Article II, § 18 of the Constitutional Home Rule Charter of Jackson County, I hereby appoint the following to the Committee for Reapportionment of the County Legislature:

Name	Legislative District/Party
Mr. Bobbie Hernandez	1/D
Ms. Shalonn "Kiki" Curls	2/D
Mr. Paul Jungmann	3/R
Mr. Ralph Munyan	4/R
Ms. Ruth Pirch	5/R
Mr. Phil LeVota	6/D.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jeanie Lauer asked about the delay in refinancing the Stadium bonds which would result in approximately \$16 million savings. Caleb Clifford said due to the County's contractual relationship with the teams, any savings would be used by the teams and the Sports Complex Authority. He said Troy Schulte, County Administrator, could speak more specifically on this issue. Dan Tarwater III said this is no cost to the County and is good for the citizens of Jackson County. Ms. Lauer said if there is \$16 million in savings it could potentially be allocated \$8 million for the Chiefs and \$8 million for the Royals. Ms. Lauer asked for a clear answer next week. Dan Tarwater III said he understands the teams desire to use funds to attract the World Cup and could use these funds for maintenance expenses. Jay Haden said the closing costs associated with a refinance would come from the proceeds. The eligible uses would be for debt service and maintenance costs for the stadiums.

Jalen Anderson asked about the Executive Order regarding reapportionment. Caleb Clifford said the County Committees provided a list of names. The County Executive selected appointments from the lists provided. They are required to appoint an equal number of republicans and democrats across each Legislative district.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Jeanie Lauer said she has received several inquiries from taxpayers regarding increases in their County tax assessment of 20% – 25%. Caleb Clifford said there have been several inquiries regarding personal property taxes because used vehicles are increasing in value due to the demand for used vehicles. He said he has not heard the range of increase in taxes that high. Gail McCann Beatty, Director of Assessment, said she disagrees that increases were that high. Most increases were under 15% and the average increase was 7.5%. If taxes went up it could be because of a tax levy increase from school districts, fire districts and other taxing entities. Dan Tarwater III said the chip shortage is causing vehicle values to increase, but those will not likely stay high for long. Ms. Beatty said the County uses NADA book values to set personal property tax rates. This is the standard the Assessment Department is required to use. Ms. Beatty said all counties in the State of Missouri use NADA standards to value vehicles.

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, December 6, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.