

# Jackson County Missouri JOURNAL

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# **County Legislature**

Charlie Franklin (3rd) Chairman,
Theresa Cass Galvin (6th) Vice Chairman,
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Crystal Williams (2nd AL), Tony Miller (3rd AL),
Scott Burnett (1st), Ronald E. Finley (2nd), Dan Tarwater III (4th),
Jeanie Lauer (5th)

Monday, March 28, 2022

Mary Jo Spino

Clerk of the County Legislature

10:00 AM

**Thirteenth Regular Meeting** 

# K.C. Legislative Assembly Area, Kansas City, Missouri

Charlie Franklin, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

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

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Scott Burnett, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on March 21, 2022. 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

None.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

# 8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

<u>20903</u> Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

20904 Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

#### 9 CONSENT AGENDA

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to execute a two-year lease extension with 201 Lexington, LLC, of Independence, MO, for the furnishing of office space under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 13-17, at a cost to the County for 2022 not

to exceed \$40,452.50, and \$113,775.00 over the life of the lease.

(ADOPTED)

A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with two twelve-month options to extend for the furnishing of GIS software maintenance and licenses for use by the Information Technology Department to Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc., of Redlands, CA, as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

Resolutions #20903 and #20904 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.

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

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

#### 10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Surface Transportation Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to allow for Phase 1 construction relating to the Greenwood/Rock Island Trail Connector Grant Project, at no cost to the County.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

5610 Repealing sections 5000., 5002., 5005., 5011., 5013., 5014., 5015., 5018., 5019., 5020., 5021., 5023., 5024., 5025., 5026., 5028., 5029., 5030., 5035., 5036., 5037., 5038., 5040., 5041., 5042., 5046., 5049., 5059., 5066., 5069., 5071., 5072., 5073., 5080., 5081., 5082., 5083., 5084., 5090., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to County parks and park operations, and enacting, in lieu thereof, thirty-nine new sections relating to the same subjects.

(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

Repealing schedule I to chapter 2, Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to County associates not within the Merit System, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new schedule relating to the same subject.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

#### 11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Awarding a contract for the furnishing of five full-size SUVs for use by the Sheriff's Office to Joe Machens Ford/Lincoln of Columbia, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC220022004, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$178,225.00.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of prisoner transportation services for use by the Sheriff's Office to Security Transport Services, Inc., of Topeka, KS, under the terms and conditions of Johnson County, Kansas Contract No. 2020-079, an existing government contract.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #20907, awarding a sixty-month contract for the furnishing of conducted electrical weapons (Tasers) for use by the Sheriff's Office to Axon Enterprise, Inc., of Scottsdale, AZ, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$52,200.00 for 2022 and a total five-year cost of \$418,500.00, as a sole source purchase. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

(ADOPTED)

Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator, asked about the 60 month term on this contract. Sergeant Marshall Cole with the Sheriff's Office said five years is the life expectancy of the taser. Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator,

asked about the sole source designation. This company is the only manufacturer of tasers designed for law enforcement. Several companies make tasers for personal use, but this is the sole source for tasers for use by law enforcement agencies.

#### 12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Pursuant to section 1540.1.c.iv of the Jackson County Code I hereby make the following reappoints:

Mary Rogan-Barnes is reappointed as an Independent Business Executive member of the Pension Plan Board of Trustees for a term to expire February 17, 2026.

B. Stephen Gillis is reappointed as an Independent Business Executive for a term to expire February 17, 2026.

I hereby rescind Executive Order 22-01, dated January 7, 2022. Bridgette Shaffer, MPH has returned to work, resuming her duties as Jackson County Health Director. Ray Dlugolecki, MPH remains in the office and continues to serve as Community Health Promotion Manager.

### 13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Crystal Williams, County Legislator, made a motion to reconsider Ordinance #5607. Ms. Williams said many people still have questions regarding this purchase and it is worth giving the ordinance a second look. People had questions last week, but the discussion was limited to three minutes per person. This is important and the Legislature needs to have questions answered.

Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, said he appreciates the information from Ms. Williams. He asked Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, to explain the process for reconsideration. Mr. Haden said that if the Legislature approves the motion to reconsider, then the Ordinance can either be perfected on today's agenda or it will appear on next week's agenda. It will require five votes to be perfected. If the Legislature wants to adopt the Ordinance today it will require five votes, or six votes if there is an objection to the adoption at the same meeting in which it is perfected.

Charlie Franklin, County Legislator, said to clarify, this will require six votes to adopt today, but the Ordinance must be perfected first.

Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator, said this Ordinance does not pass the smell test. She asked the County Executive if his wife worked for DST. She is concerned about meetings with individual legislators and promises being made to get this ordinance passed. She is concerned this may cause problems with a future audit or problems with the FBI. She does not want her name on this.

Crystal Williams said she is simply asking for a second look at the ordinance. She toured the building and if the Legislature decides to vote it down, she is okay with that so long as a full process is followed.

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, said he takes offense to comments about his wife. She has no affiliation with DST since the 1990s. He said there are no promises to him or his wife on this action. He said he simply wants to do what is best for Jackson County associates.

Ronald E. Finley said the Legislative Auditor has some analysis that can be circulated to Legislators in the coming week. He supports a complete discussion of the topic. He is looking forward to the Legislative Auditor's analysis. The Legislature needs to do its due diligence on this matter.

Frank White, Jr. said he believed all questions were answered despite the three minute time limit for testimony. He wants to provide for the needs of the associates and believes the current situation jeopardizes the health and welfare of County associates.

Theresa Cass Galvin said despite the three minute limit for testimony, anyone who had something to say had the opportunity to say it in the wrap up to the testimony.

Tony Miller, County Legislator, said the needs of the circuit court and the courthouse requires the Legislature to do something about the facility. There have been many conversations. Barring anything unforeseen, he will be supporting this ordinance. The County is required to give people the tools they need to do their jobs and to attract quality people to work for the County. He said he has talked to his colleagues, and no one promised him anything and he did not ask for anything. As far as he can tell this is class A office space with accessibility and parking. He hopes they can figure it out and build consensus.

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said he appreciates Crystal Williams motion on this issue. He had a discussion with her and a discussion regarding the temperature of the room. He is not saying anyone is hiding anything. He said many of his questions were answered by Mr. White, Mr. Schulte and Mr. Clifford last week when he visited the building. He appreciates the opportunity to have questions answered and he welcomes consideration of this ordinance for next week. The County must look at its fiscal outlook and the cost to get back in line and have an open discussion.

Jeanie Lauer said she had to push four times to get her questions answered on this building. She said it should not have been so difficult to obtain information on the process regarding how the building was chosen and the selection process. She said the process has become too complicated and frustrating. It should not have been so difficult.

Dan Tarwater III asked the County Clerk to record his vote for the Consent Agenda as a "Yes".

A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Scott Burnett to reconsider Ordinance #5607, appropriating \$9,050,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 County Improvement 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 County Administration building at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$9,000,000.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No 1: - Theresa Cass Galvin

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Scott Burnett to perfect Ordinance #5607. The motion passed by a voice vote. (3 opposed - Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin.) (PERFECTED)

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Jeanie Lauer, to adopt Ordinance #5607. Jalen Anderson objected to passage of Ordinance #5607.

Jay Haden said the motion would be voted on unless there was a motion to hold.

A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Crystal Williams to hold Ordinance #5607. The motion passed by a voice vote. Tony Miller asked for a point of order to clarify which legislators were opposed. Dan Tarwater III, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin voted in opposition of this motion.

Jay Haden said Ordinance #5607 will appear on the perfection calendar on next week's legislative agenda.

Jalen Anderson said with regard to the demolition of the Stark School, his aide Winifred Jamieson talked to constituents in the area regarding preserving the plaque with John Stark's name. She also sent a letter to the

Administration regarding this request. Mr. Anderson added there is a great deal of trash and debris in the area of Blue Summit and suggested County Legislators come together to collect trash in the area as a show of support to the Blue Summit community. Ronald E. Finley asked if Winifred Jamieson could coordinate a litter cleanup day.

# 14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### 15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, April 4, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.