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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)

Jackson County Courthouse
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Monday, July 11, 2022

10:00 AM

Twenty-seventh 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 8 - Charlie Franklin, Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer
Absent 1 - Crystal Williams

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Tony Miller to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on July 05, 2022. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Dan Wehmuller, Project Coordinator, Dan Musser, Principal/Project Advisor, and Babette Macy, Communication Director, with JCDC Partners, LLC, and Jeff Jenkins, Project Director with JE Dunn-Axiom, provided an update on the Detention Center project. A copy of JCDC Partners LLC presentation is available under the Meeting Details for the July 11, 2022 Legislative Meeting located at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=987824&GUID=40A7994F-0523-4BDC-8E34-639347492F9B&Options>.

Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, asked about the highlighted organizations listed in the handout. Babette Macy said everyone on the list has been contacted previously about the project. The highlighted entities are groups that will be contacted in July to provide information on next steps after the onboarding of the JE Dunn-Axiom group. Mr. Tarwater said

the City of Kansas City has a resolution prepared for its agenda this week to partner with the County on the Detention Center project. That negotiation will be ongoing. Dan Wehmuller said they continue to work as directed by staff. Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked what that means. Mr. Wehmuller said he understands discussions with the City of Kansas City are ongoing. At present the team is moving forward on the project as a County-owned facility, but they are open to discussions with the City.

Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, said she had not heard of any changes to the original plan for this to be a County only facility. If there are negotiations with the City, she did not think those should involve the contracting partners, JCDC and JE Dunn. She asked for an update from Frank White, Jr., County Executive. Mr. White said they have had positive meetings with the City. He will give an update on discussions with the City when he has something to report.

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said working with the City remains a possibility, but no vote has taken place to move forward on a joint project. Mr. Anderson asked about the groups on the contact list. He advocated for a community outreach effort. Ms. Macy said that idea has been explored. The plan is to have those community discussions after the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) has been set so there will be a design to present to the public, sometime in late October. Mr. Anderson said if they wait until after the GMP is passed, it defeats the idea of having public hearings. Ms. Macy said the purpose of the community outreach is to educate and inform the public about the plans for the facility. At each stage of the process the team will go out to the community to provide education, so the public knows what to expect. Mr. Anderson asked where the information from previous community meetings is recorded. Ms. Macy said notes were taken at each of these meetings and she is happy to resend this information. Mr. Anderson said these groups do great work, but after speaking with constituents, many people still do not understand the Detention Center project. He believes it is crucial to have meetings around the County to talk about the jail.

Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator, said, regarding the question of a partnership with the City of Kansas City, the County will continue to move forward on the project and not wait for decisions on a partnership with the City.

Ronald E. Finley asked where the MBE/WBE/VBE trade partnership meeting on Thursday, July 14, will be held. Jeff Jenkins said the meeting

will be at the JE Dunn headquarters. Mr. Finley expressed concerns about the lack of response from MBE/WBE/VBE trade partners. Mr. Jenkins said this process is trying to get ahead of that issue. Mr. Finley said he hopes every effort is made to communicate opportunities to the MBE/WBE/VBE community. Sylvya Stevenson, Chief Administrative Officer, said an email has been distributed to market this event. Mr. Jenkins and Ms. Stevenson said they will coordinate with the Purchasing Department to make sure the Purchasing Department's contact list is incorporated.

Ronald E. Finley asked about the courtroom space that is allocated in the proposed plan. Dan Wehmuller said the plan will include two courtrooms and hearing space. Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, said court officials likely can answer these questions better. The current jail has two courtrooms as well, for early court proceedings. He does not believe any of these facility plans will allow for jury trials.

Charlie Franklin, County Legislator, said it appears there may be some things happening with the jail project that are not completely clear to the legislators. He hopes for a transparent, informative process.

Matt Webster, Managing Director, and Mackenzie Teclaw, Analyst, with Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc. presented information regarding the Detention Center Project Financing. A copy of Mr. Webster's presentation is available under the Meeting Details for the July 11, 2022 Legislative Meeting located at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=987824&GUID=40A7994F-0523-4BDC-8E34-639347492F9B&Options>.

Jalen Anderson asked when the information about a possible City partnership was added to this plan. Mr. Webster said he understands this is not yet on the table, but he knew of a discussion at a legislative meeting regarding this issue. Mr. Anderson said he urges that there be one voice speaking on behalf of the County.

Ronald E. Finley asked that future presentations and handouts be distributed by Friday before a scheduled Legislative meeting.

Dan Tarwater III said he understands the Administration has a new financial advisor under contract. Caleb Clifford said the County Administrator is a better source of information about that, but he is not available today. Mr. Tarwater asked about other financing issues with the Royals, Chiefs, and World Cup. Mr. Webster said he has had no additional information or discussions about the World Cup.

Tony Miller, County Legislator, asked about the potential impact of a City of Kansas City partnership with the County on the Detention Center. Mr. Webster said, speaking hypothetically, a partnership on a project like this would likely involve a lease or annual payment and that would cover some portion of the project costs and defray some of the financing.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

None.

Dan Tarwater III asked about the status of the tenants at the mobile home park. Frank White, Jr., County Executive, said there may be two tenants remaining. Caleb Clifford said there are two eviction proceedings ongoing. Ashley Burke, Executive Assistant, County Administrator's Office, said they have ongoing court hearings with the last few tenants. Dan Tarwater III asked who made the decision to pay one of the residents since the Legislature did not give that directive. Caleb Clifford said he did not know what Mr. Tarwater was referring to. Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, said they are awaiting decisions on motions filed in the matter. Discussion of ongoing litigation should be held in a closed meeting.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5635](#) Health and Environment Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5634](#) Consent Agenda.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21001](#) Public Works Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5635](#) AN ORDINANCE repealing sections 4720., 4721., 4722., 4723., and 4724., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to County indigent cremations and enacting, in lieu thereof, four new sections relating to the same subject.

(PERFECTED)

[5634](#) AN ORDINANCE transferring \$190,000.00 within the 2022 County Improvement Fund, appropriating \$950,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 Grant Fund, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

(ADOPTED)

[21001](#) A RESOLUTION awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with one twelve-month option to extend for the maintenance and repair of heavy equipment, for use by the Public Works Department to G.W. Van Keppel of Kansas City, KS, as a sole source purchase.

(ADOPTED)

*Ordinance #5635 was sent to the Consent Agenda for perfection.
Ordinance #5634 and Resolution #21001 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.*

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

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

Absent: 1 - Crystal Williams

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21002](#) Awarding contracts for the replacement of roofs on park structures for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Construction Management Services of Olathe, KS, and Blue Chip Roofing of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 52-22, at an actual aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$149,703.00.

(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

[21003](#) Awarding a thirty-four month term and supply contract for the maintenance and repair of fire suppression systems for use by the Facilities Management Division of the Public Works Department, to Johnson Controls of Lenexa, KS, under the terms and conditions set forth in Sourcewell Contract No. 030421-JHN, an existing competitively-bid contract.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[21004](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin, to adopt Resolution #21004, transferring \$130,000.00 within the 2022 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund to cover the increased cost of gasoline for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

No: 2 - Jalen Anderson and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 2 - Crystal Williams and Scott Burnett

(ADOPTED)

Resolution #21004 was originally assigned to the Budget Committee. However, before recessing for the closed meeting Theresa Cass Galvin asked for the reconsideration of Resolution #21004. After some discussion, a motion was made to adopt the resolution.

[21005](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin, to adopt Resolution #21005, authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to hold a closed meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022, for the purpose of conducting privileged and confidential communications between itself and the Jackson County Counselor under section 610.021(1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and closing all records prepared for discussion at said meeting. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Crystal Williams

(ADOPTED)

No objection to the consideration of Resolution #21006 - not on printed agenda.

[21006](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin, to adopt Resolution #21006, authorizing the County Counselor to settle the claims of William Stewart, Sr., in the case styled William Stewart, Sr. v. Jackson County, Missouri, et al., now pending in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Case No. 4:21-cv-00735, for a total payment by the County of \$13,000.00. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Crystal Williams

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jeanie Lauer said she wanted to make a clarification to a previous statement regarding the \$10 million state grant funds for the jail. These are American Rescue Plan funds and can only be used on an existing facility. This eliminates the opportunity to use the funds on our new jail, but we could use them for our current facilities.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Tony Miller said he has a flyer for the Jackson County versus Kansas City softball game. This will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 17, 2022, at the MLB Urban Youth Academy, 1622 E. 17th Terrace, Kansas City, MO. The cost is a free-will donation with funds going to the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

Charlie Franklin recognized Ronald E. Finley on the occasion of his birthday.

Ronald E. Finley asked for an update next week on the COVID vaccination and testing clinics. Caleb Clifford agreed to present the requested information next week.

The County Legislature recessed.

The County Legislature reconvened.

Resolution #21006 was adopted at this time. See page 6 for details.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, July 18, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.