



Office of  
**Mary Jo Spino**  
Clerk of the County Legislature

# Jackson County Missouri

## JOURNAL

### 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)*

Jackson County Courthouse  
415 E.12th Street, 2nd floor  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106  
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**Monday, August 29, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

**Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting**

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

Theresa Cass Galvin, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

**1 ROLL CALL**

Present 7 - Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

Absent 2 - Charlie Franklin and Scott Burnett

**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 August 22, 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**

[5652](#) Budget Committee moved to perfect.

*Dan Tarwater III objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[5652](#) A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Tony Miller to perfect Ordinance #5652. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5652](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Tony Miller, to adopt Ordinance #5652, appropriating \$21,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 General Fund to be used toward the cost of wellness expenses and the continuation of the Associate Wellness Reimbursement Program. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 2 - Charlie Franklin and Scott Burnett

(ADOPTED)

[5653](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to perfect.

*Tony Miller objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[5653](#)

A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Dan Tarwater III to perfect Ordinance #5653. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5653](#)

A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Ordinance #5653, transferring \$160,000.00 within and appropriating \$493,081.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 Anti-Crime Sales Tax Fund, in acceptance of the 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant awarded to the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 2 - Charlie Franklin and Scott Burnett

(ADOPTED)

[5654](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to perfect.

*Tony Miller objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[5654](#)

A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Dan Tarwater III to perfect Ordinance #5654. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5654](#)

A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Dan Tarwater III, to adopt Ordinance #5654, appropriating \$19,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 Grant Fund, in acceptance of a grant received from the State of Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator, Administrative Services Division, for use by the Jackson County Family Court Division. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

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Absent: 2 - Charlie Franklin and Scott Burnett

(ADOPTED)

[5655](#) Budget Committee moved to perfect.

*Dan Tarwater III objected to the Consent Agenda.*

[5655](#) A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Tony Miller, to perfect the Budget Committee Substitute dated August 29, 2022 for Ordinance #5655. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5655](#) A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Tony Miller, to adopt the Budget Committee Substitute dated August 29, 2022 for Ordinance #5655, transferring \$166,400.00 within the 2022 Special Road & Bridge Fund to cover the increased cost of gasoline for use by the Public Works Department. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 2 - Charlie Franklin and Scott Burnett

(ADOPTED)

[5656](#) A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Tony Miller to perfect Ordinance #5656. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

*A motion was made by Tony Miller, seconded by Jalen Anderson to adopt Ordinance 5656.*

*Dan Tarwater III objected to the passage of Ordinance #5656.*

*Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said this measure came about because the Missouri Legislature enacted a ban on abortion without allowing input from the citizens of the state. This question will allow the community to vote to express their opinion about whether the abortion ban should be repealed or kept. The County Legislature has a history of these types of referendums, such as when the County voted to keep the Andrew Jackson statue. As the second largest county in the State of Missouri, our citizens should have the right to state their opinion. Mr. Anderson said, in his opinion, allowing the voters voices to be heard is the morally right thing to do. In Kansas for example, 59% of the voters said the government should not have control over a woman's body. This is a vote for liberty and freedom. Although this ballot measure will not change state law, Mr. Anderson said he calls on his fellow Legislators to consider allowing our community to have a say on this issue.*

*Tony Miller, County Legislator, said his vote to allow this on the ballot is because he believes his wife, his daughters, and other women should have personal autonomy over their own bodies. This will allow the people of Jackson County to have a say.*

*Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator, asked Mary Jo Spino, County Clerk, if this is adopted today, will there be enough time to get this on the November ballot. Ms. Spino said yes, the certified ballot is ready to go either way.*

*Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, said she sees two different issues – one is the discussion about abortion and the other is the ballot language, which is a question asking people to state their opinion. She has had calls from constituents confused about what this means. Some believe it will change the state law, some believe it will allow abortion in Jackson County, and some people believe this will be a statewide vote on the issue. It is misleading to voters and creates confusion because people are not clear on what the vote means.*

*Crystal Williams, County Legislator, said this Ordinance is based on what other municipalities are doing in cases in which they feel they are held hostage by actions in their state. Many medical providers are terrified of losing their medical license if they make a wrong step. Numerous people have asked for guidance on how to proceed. The State Legislators have blasted us back to the 1950s. If voters do not understand what we are voting on, we have time to educate them on the question. If we do nothing, people may die.*

*Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator, said he would not be opposed to having this question on a statewide ballot. But this question gives people a false sense of hope because this question does nothing to change the law.*

*Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator, said the difference between this question and the Andrew Jackson statue vote, is the voters could actually make a difference in their vote on the statue. But the abortion question is a state issue. Many people may vote yes, but that vote will do nothing to change any law and will create unnecessary emotions. It is unfair to voters because it is misleading the way it is written. Ms. Galvin said she has reached out to contacts on the state level asking them to address these issues.*

*Jalen Anderson said the reason for this ordinance is because the*

*Supreme Court decided 50 years ago to give women the right to choose. So now we have a Supreme Court saying that the states may make their own laws. He said he had heard from constituents that have had to go out of state for medical care when an expectant woman has found her life at risk because of a pregnancy and medical providers who are concerned about losing their license. We need to expect that state officials will call the sheriff to arrest a Missouri resident that has gone to Kansas or Illinois for an abortion. Our state legislature is not listening to its people. It is state overreach. It will be harder to get measures on the ballot in the future and they will come after you if you cross state lines. Is this the kind of government we want?*

[5656](#)

Tony Miller moved the passage of Ordinance #5656 as perfected, submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, an advisory referendum question asking whether section 188.017 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, which bans abortion at any stage of pregnancy without exception for rape or incest, should be repealed to ensure safe and legal access to abortion. Seconded by Jalen Anderson.

Yes: 4 - Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller and Ronald E. Finley

No: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

Abstain: 2 - Theresa Cass Galvin and Dan Tarwater III

Absent: 2 - Charlie Franklin and Scott Burnett

(DEFEATED)

## 7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

[5649](#)

Consent Agenda.

## 8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[21027](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21028](#)

Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21029](#)

Anti-Crime Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[21031](#)

Health and Environment Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

*A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Jalen Anderson to waive the reading of Resolution #21032. The motion passed by a voice vote.*

[21032](#)

A RESOLUTION transferring \$792,935.00 within the 2022 County

Improvement Fund to provide for architectural services relating to the remodeling of the new Jackson County Administration Building to be provided by an existing County term and supply vendor.

*(Budget Committee - 1st. Meeting)*

**9 CONSENT AGENDA**

[5649](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$15,900.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 Health Fund to cover the increased cost of gasoline for use by the Environmental Health, Medical Examiner's, and Public Administrator's Offices.

(ADOPTED)

[21027](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing and installation of synthetic infield turf for use by the Parks + Rec Department to Mid-America Golf & Landscape, Inc., of Lee's Summit, MO, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 56-22, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$1,447,535.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21028](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding twelve-month term and supply contracts with one twelve-month option to extend, for the furnishing of locksmith services for use by the Public Works, Corrections, and Parks + Rec Departments and the Sheriff's Office, to Greg's Lock and Key Service of Independence, MO, and Kenton Brothers Systems for Security, of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals No. 37-22.

(ADOPTED)

[21029](#)

A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of two full size SUVs for use by the Jackson County Drug Task Force to Olathe Ford of Olathe, KS, under the terms and conditions of Clay County Contract No. 79-21-2, a cooperatively bid government contract for Kansas City metro-area wide government entities, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$77,412.00.

(ADOPTED)

[21031](#)

A RESOLUTION authorizing a six-month extension to the term and supply contract with Axis Forensic Toxicology of Indianapolis, IN, for the furnishing of forensic toxicology services for use by the Medical Examiner's Office under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 27-18.

(ADOPTED)

*Ordinance #5649 and Resolutions #21027, #21028, #21029 and #21031 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.*

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to

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approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller,  
Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 2 - Charlie Franklin and Scott Burnett

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

[5657](#)

Appropriating \$50,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 Grant Fund, in acceptance of the State of Missouri Drug Courts Coordinating Commission Family Drug Court Program Grant for use by the Family Court Division.

*(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)*

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

[21033](#)

A motion was made by Dan Tarwater III, seconded by Tony Miller, to adopt Resolution #21033, congratulating Jewish Family Services of Greater Kansas City as it celebrates 120 years of service to the residents of Jackson County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Theresa Cass Galvin, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller,  
Ronald E. Finley, Dan Tarwater III and Jeanie Lauer

Absent: 2 - Charlie Franklin and Scott Burnett

(ADOPTED)

**12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

*None.*

**13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*None.*

**14 NEW BUSINESS**

Ronald E. Finley said the Administration has posted a request for proposals to provide \$3 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to support infrastructure costs for health center construction, expansion, alteration, renovation, and other capital improvements. This opportunity will allow health care centers to expand their infrastructure to improve access for the health care needs in the community. Bids may be submitted through the County's web portal through September 20, 2022. This is for the betterment of the men, women and children of Jackson County.

Dan Tarwater III asked for an update on the status of the pension study. Michelle Chrisman, Director of Human Resources, said they received

questions from the providers, and they expect this study will take two to three more weeks. Mr. Tarwater said, this study is to move all associates of Jackson County from 1.5% to 2% and sworn personnel to 2.5% with a 10-year vesting period. Mr. Tarwater asked if there is an actuarial study on the status of the plan. Ms. Chrisman said the most recent study is in the 90s. He asked about some pay raises from the Sheriff's office. Jay Haden, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said the only issue he is aware of is the creation of a new under sheriff position at the Sheriff's Office. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said he believes this is still under negotiation with the Sheriff's Office.

## 15 ADJOURNMENT

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

*The County Legislature will NOT meet the week of September 5th due to the Labor Day Holiday.*

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