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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, April 19, 2021

10:00 AM

Fourteenth 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 Theresa Cass Galvin to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on April 12, 2021. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dan Tarwater III said he lost a good friend and mentor with the passing of Fred Arbanas.

Frank White Jr., County Executive, made a statement in remembrance and in recognition of the contributions and life of Fred Arbanas, former County Legislator who passed away April 17, 2021. Michele Newman, Director of Parks + Rec, said Fred Arbanas was known to those at the Parks Department as Mr. Parks. Mr. Arbanas gave unending support to expanding the lakes, trails, golf course and other park services. Ms. Newman said the County is placing a commemorative bench at the golf course in recognition of Fred and Sharon Arbanas. She said as soon as it can be arranged everyone is invited to a dedication ceremony to celebrate

this dynamic couple. Tony Miller said that Mr. Arbanas gave a significant contribution to the Little Blue Valley Sewer District, which may be the single most important contribution by Fred to the development of property in Eastern Jackson County. Ronald E. Finley said that Mr. Arbanas was a great example of public service and was always a man of his word. He said, Fred knew what his focus was and committed to accomplishing those goals.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5497](#) Public Works Committee moved to perfect. Consent Agenda.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

[20643](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt.

Ronald E. Finley objected to the Consent Agenda.

[20643](#) A motion was made by Charlie Franklin, seconded by Scott Burnett, to adopt Resolution #20643, authorizing the County Counselor to execute an Addendum to the Legal Services Agreement with Evans & Dixon, LLC, of Kansas City, MO, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$2,000.00, for services to be performed through December 31, 2021. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Dan Tarwater III, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Theresa Cass Galvin

No: 1 - Ronald E. Finley

(ADOPTED)

[20644](#) Finance and Audit Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

[20647](#) Public Works Committee moved to adopt. Consent Agenda.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

[5497](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,452.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 Park Fund and authorizing the County Executive to execute an easement in favor of the City of Lee's Summit, MO, to allow for the installation of a permanent sanitary sewer line across a portion of the Rock Island Rail Corridor.

(PERFECTED)

[20644](#) A RESOLUTION declaring certain vehicles and equipment items within various County departments as surplus and unusable personal property and authorizing their disposal.

(ADOPTED)

[20647](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the City of Lee's Summit to provide for the mill and overlay of pavement on the shared portions of Ranson Road, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$65,500.00.

(ADOPTED)

*Ordinance #5497 was moved to the Consent Agenda for perfection.
Resolutions #20644 and #20647 were moved to the Consent Agenda for adoption.*

A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Scott Burnett, 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

Resolution #20653 was adopted at this time. See page 4 for details

[5498](#) A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Charlie Franklin to perfect Ordinance #5498. The motion passed by a voice vote.

(PERFECTED)

[5498](#) A motion was made by Theresa Cass Galvin, seconded by Charlie Franklin, to adopt Ordinance #5498, appropriating \$5,600.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 Park Enterprise Fund in acceptance of the proceeds from the recent surplus property auction. 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)

[5499](#) Appropriating \$99,987.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 Grant Fund and awarding a contract for the furnishing of engineering services in connection with the Haines Road Bridge Replacement Project, Federal Project No. BRO-B048(58), for use by the Public Works Department, to Wilson & Company, Inc., Engineers & Architects of Kansas City, MO, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$99,987.00.

(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

- [5500](#) Appropriating \$552,110.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2021 Grant Fund in acceptance of a stormwater grant received from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and authorizing payments to the cities of Grandview and Grain Valley to cover a portion of their costs in the grant projects at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$393,757.00.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

- [20650](#) Transferring \$49,270.00 within the 2021 General Fund to cover the salary of an equipment operator position within the Sheriff's Office.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

- [20651](#) Authorizing an extension of and increase to the existing contract with AutoZone of Memphis, TN, for the furnishing of automotive parts for use by various County Departments.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

- [20652](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Program Agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for a summer food service program, with costs to be reimbursed to the County.
(Assigned to the Health and Environment Committee.)

- [20653](#) A motion was made by Crystal Williams, seconded by Theresa Cass Galvin, to adopt Resolution #20653, honoring the Child Protection Center on the occasion of its 25th anniversary of providing vital services to children and families in Jackson County. 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)

- [20654](#) Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of roofing services for use by the Facilities Management Division of the Public Works Department to Delta Innovative Services of Kansas City, KS, under the terms and conditions of Invitation to Bid No. 50-20.
(Assigned to the Public Works Committee.)

[20655](#)

Awarding a twelve-month term and supply contract with one twelve-month option to extend for the furnishing of staff uniforms for use by various County departments to Galls, LLC, of Lexington, KY, under the terms and conditions set forth in BuyBoard Contract No. 587-19, an existing competitively bid contract.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[21-13](#)

Pursuant to section 1540.1.c.iv of the Jackson County Code I hereby appoint Mary Rogan-Barnes as an Independent Business Executive member of the Pension Plan Board of Trustees occasioned by the resignation of Claire West-Scoville for a term to expire February 17, 2022. A copy of Ms. Barnes' resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Ronald E. Finley said he was wondering if the County could have information on how often and where our vaccinations are being scheduled. Mr. White said the focus has been on Truman Medical Center and the Jackson County Health Department. Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, said the County's website has an updated list of vaccine sites and John Knox Village has a walk-in location for the vaccine.

Dan Tarwater III said he sees an alarming trend with unfilled spots at vaccine events. Mr. Clifford said they are at the point of the vaccine rollout of working on those with vaccine hesitancy. Morning Star Community Development Corporation distributed an update to their vaccine and food distribution program. A copy of the handout is available at <https://jacksonco.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=857564&GUID=9EA9074B-29B3-4444-924D-C0210E85D385&Options=info%7Cnotes%7C&Search=&Refresh=1>

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, asked what percentage of County associates have received the vaccine. Troy Schulte, County Administrator, said the vaccine is not required, but he will try to get a report. There is an issue with vaccine hesitancy in the building. He said the County Executive will do more outreach to combat vaccine hesitancy. Mr. Anderson asked why associates are hesitant. Mr. Schulte said they have heard a variety of issues about safety and convenience. They will continue to provide more opportunities for shots onsite. Theresa Cass Galvin reminded everyone due

to HIPAA issues the County cannot ask who is vaccinated. They are not mandating the vaccine because of the additional problems it presents. Crystal Williams, County Legislator, asked about mandating that associates come back to work, but not mandating the vaccine. Caleb Clifford said that mandating the vaccine creates complex legal issues. They are strongly encouraging associates to get the vaccine. The mask mandate is continuing. Some associates are working remotely on a case-by-case basis. Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, said they are doing what they can to encourage associates to get the vaccine. Jalen Anderson asked if there are other requirements for associates to work at the County. Caleb Clifford said the County encourages flu shots through the health care plan, but there is no requirement on other vaccines.

Discussion.

Frank White, Jr., said many of these concerns will be discussed at the Department Managers Meeting scheduled for April 20, 2021.

Jalen Anderson expressed his concerns about the numerous shootings across the United States recently. He hopes we can find a solution to this violence and to fight the epidemic of COVID and violence.

Dan Tarwater III asked about the timeline for associates to come back to work. Troy Schulte said this is being handled on a case-by-case basis. The County has had a generous leave policy during COVID to encourage associates to get tested and quarantine. It may be that to continue these policies, associates may need to show they have been vaccinated. It may also be necessary to implement work from home schedules if there is a delay in repairs to the County's climate control system.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, April 26, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.