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The Jefferson County, Missouri, Council conducted a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Due to Countywide State of Emergency, the issues surrounding COVID-19 and at-risk populations, the meeting was conducted via telephone conference.

I. CALL TO ORDER

County Executive Dennis Gannon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Council Member Phil Hendrickson gave the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited. County Executive Gannon recognized Veterans and active military for their service.

IV. ROLL CALL

County Executive Gannon	Present
District 1- Brian Haskins:	Present
District 2- Renee Reuter:	Present
District 3- Phil Hendrickson:	Present
District 4- Charles Groeteke:	Present
District 5- Tracey Perry:	Present
District 6- Dan Stallman:	Present
District 7- Jim Terry:	Present

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andrew Smreker, 810 Mississippi Avenue, Crystal City - It is my honor to address the council regarding the twenty-six million dollars in federal relief funds being allocated to the county through The CARES Act. Creating resilient economic security is a cornerstone-intention of these funds. If we are going to spend this money wisely, we must first identify critical points of failure, then prescribe tangible, flexible, and sustainable solutions that will last long after the money is spent.

The most glaringly obvious point of failure is our crippling dependency on globalized supply-chains and multinational corporations. We rely on these big-box stores and online retailers to meet the needs of our daily lives, but when a crisis comes, everyone needs the **same** suppliers at the **same** time. This leads to supply shocks, hoarding, and uncertainty. It does not have to be this way. We can take control of the situation by using these funds to create a localized contingency supply chain.

With twenty-six million dollars, we could mobilize a county greenhouse initiative. We could buy up vacant lots and peripheral acreage, and start building a network of geothermal, aeroponic, and hydroponic greenhouses. The technology to grow food indoors and year-round has gotten very good and very inexpensive. We also have leaders in this space who live right here in Missouri like the Factor E Farm out of Maysville, MO.

Along with these larger greenhouse projects, we can also create hyper-localized food security by helping homeowners create small greenhouses in their yard, garage, or basement. Again, the material cost to construct these facilities is low when you consider that they will yield renewable value long after they are built.

The initiative to create surplus production would not have to be limited to food. Still to this day, it is difficult to come by ventilators, masks, and hand sanitizer, even though our healthcare workers stress that these are the most important defenses we have against the spread of the virus. We have the means to produce hand sanitizer right here in the county, and yet we have to wait for Wal-Mart to stock the shelves. This should be considered a massive point of failure.

With twenty-six million dollars, we could produce our own essential goods. Portions of our greenhouse network could be dedicated to the production of aloe vera and our local microbreweries could be contracted to produce hand

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sanitizer in large batches. We have folks who can sew, we should distribute an official pattern for making durable cloth masks, that way no one goes without. And when it comes to ventilators, instead of buying them at gouged prices, we should purchase industrial strength 3-D printers and make our own ventilators, along with other things that folks might need.

In addition to the supply shocks from multinational corporations, we must acknowledge that centralized one-stop-shop store models are creating a petri dish for the virus to circulate. We should begin to tackle a localized distribution network that could deliver food and essential goods directly to local residences, so that they will not need to expose themselves to the virus in times of lock-down.

With twenty-six million dollars, we could purchase a fleet of renewable energy cars that could distribute these goods in times of emergency, or to folks who do not have the means to go and get them. While this expenditure would probably be the most costly, we could prioritize it as a secondary initiative to be executed only if we have the money left in the budget.

In closing let me just say it would be fair and rational to consider that this may be the initial phase of a multi-year negative economic trajectory. We have seen an unprecedented 39 million new unemployment claims since March, notable figures such as Jerome Powell, Bill Gates, and Thomas Piketty have pointed out that we may have a long and painful road of exacerbated inequality ahead. We do not have to panic, but we can calmly admit the situation may continue to get worse.

We all want the world to go back to normal, but COVID-19 has shown that bad things can happen. What I hope you will take from my comment is we do not have to sit here and watch this all unfold. We can get proactive. We can take control. We can lead other counties, other states, and perhaps even the entire country by showing that there are low cost solutions to food-security points of failure in our globalized supply chain. The Federal Reserve basically created this money out of thin air. The best way to spend it is by accumulating tangible assets and renewable resources that the county can use to take care of its own people long after the money has been spent. I make myself available to the council for follow-up and further discussion.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Council Member Reuter.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Terry:	Yes

Motion carried.

VII. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

a. Approval of the May 11, 2020 Journal - Regular Meeting

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to approve the Journal of the May 11, 2020 Regular Meeting, seconded by Council Member Reuter.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes

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District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Terry:	Yes

Motion carried.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

None

IX. REPORT FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Gannon gave an update of the progress, coordination efforts with community leaders, planning and draft concepts for the CARES Act and responded to questions and comments from Councilmembers.

X. RECONSIDERATION OF BILLS

None

XI. RECONSIDERATION OF VETOED BILLS

None

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to introduce and read the Bills on the Consent Agenda by title, seconded by Council Member Reuter. Council Member Perry read the following Bills by title.

Bill No. 20-0502 by title
Bill No. 20-0514 by title
Bill No. 20-0515 by title
Bill No. 20-0516 by title
Bill No. 20-0517 by title
Bill No. 20-0518 by title
Bill No. 20-0519 by title
Bill No. 20-0520 by title
Bill No. 20-0521 by title
Bill No. 20-0522 by title
Bill No. 20-0523 by title
Bill No. 20-0524 by title
Bill No. 20-0525 by title
Bill No. 20-0526 by title
Bill No. 20-0527 by title
Bill No. 20-0528 by title
Bill No. 20-0529 by title
Bill No. 20-0530 by title

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to approve the Bills on the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Reuter.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes

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District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Terry:	Yes

Motion carried.

XIII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

XIV. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. R20-0512 – Correct Erroneous Assessments – Personal Property

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to introduce Resolution No. 20-0512, seconded by Council Member Reuter. Council Member Perry read the Resolution.

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-0512, seconded by Council Member Reuter.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Terry:	Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution No. R20-0513 – Correct Erroneous Assessments – Real Property

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to introduce Resolution No. 20-0513, seconded by Council Member Reuter. Council Member Perry read the Resolution.

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-0513, seconded by Council Member Reuter.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Terry:	Yes

Motion carried.

XV. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 20-0531 – Emergency Ordinance – Amend 2020 Budget – Additional Revenue – Grant Certified Expenditures with Respect to Coronavirus

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to place Bill No. 20-0531 on its first reading by title, seconded

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by **Council Member Reuter**. Council Member Perry read the Bill by title.

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to approve Bill No. 20-0531 and move it to Perfection, seconded by Council Member Reuter.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Terry:	Yes

Motion carried.

XVI. PERFECTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 20-0513 – Amend 2020 Budget – Additional Revenue – Coronavirus for 2020 Federal Elections

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to place Bill No. 20-0513 on its second reading by title, seconded by Council Member Reuter. Council Member Perry read the Bill by title.

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion that Bill No. 20-0513 be perfected and moved to Final Passage, seconded by Council Member Reuter.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Terry:	Yes

Motion carried.

Bill No. 20-0531 – Emergency Ordinance – Amend 2020 Budget – Additional Revenue – Grant Certified Expenditures with Respect to Coronavirus

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to place Bill No. 20-0531 on its second reading by title, seconded by Council Member Reuter. Council Member Perry read the Bill by title.

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to approve Bill No. 20-0531 and move it to Final Passage, seconded by Council Member Reuter.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Terry:	Yes

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Motion carried.

XVII. FINAL PASSAGE OF BILLS

Bill No. 20-0513 – Amend 2020 Budget – Additional Revenue – Coronavirus for 2020 Federal Elections

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to place Bill No. 20-0513 on its third and final reading by title, seconded by Council Member Reuter. Council Member Perry read the Bill by title.

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to approve and finally pass Bill No. 20-0513, seconded by Council Member Reuter.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Terry:	Yes

Motion carried.

Bill No. 20-0531 – Emergency Ordinance – Amend 2020 Budget – Additional Revenue – Grant Certified Expenditures with Respect to Coronavirus

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to place Bill No. 20-0531 on its third and final reading by title, seconded by Council Member Reuter. Council Member Perry read the Bill by title.

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to approve and finally pass Bill No. 20-0531, seconded by Council Member Reuter.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Terry:	Yes

Motion carried.

XVIII. OTHER MATTERS

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion To Acknowledge Receipt Of Kingston Hills Community Improvement District Annual Report For Fiscal Year 2019 And Place On File In The County Clerk’s Office, seconded by Council Member Reuter.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes

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District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Terry:	Yes

Motion carried.

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion To Acknowledge Receipt Of Rockwood Meadows Community Improvement District Annual Report For Fiscal Year 2019 And Place On File In The County Clerk's Office, seconded by Council Member Reuter.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Terry:	Yes

Motion carried.

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion To Acknowledge Receipt Of Valley At Winding Bluffs Community Improvement District Annual Report For Fiscal Year 2019 And Place On File In The County Clerk's Office, seconded by Council Member Reuter.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Terry:	Yes

Motion carried.

XIX. REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:

- Thanked Councilwoman Perry for reading for him;
- Asked Administration to use leverage and pressure to open libraries;
- Requested the Administration put the High Ridge Civic Center on a routine cleaning and maintenance schedule.

District 2 – Council Member Reuter:

- Agreed with District 1 Councilman's comments on the need to have libraries opened, at least the computer labs;
- Agreed that any County buildings that are open for public use should be on a cleaning schedule;
- Noted the Arnold Farmer's Market is open on Saturdays from 8 to Noon at the Arnold City Park.

District 3 – Council Member Hendrickson:

- Agreed with Councilman Haskins' and Reuter's comments on the libraries and facilities cleaning;
- Asked all to support the Arnold Farmer Market;
- Noted he would like information about plans to resume regular meetings.

District 4 – Council Member Groeteke:

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- Agreed with Councilman Haskins' and Reuter's comments on the libraries and facilities cleaning;
- Commented he was pleased houses of worship are opening;
- Urged County residents to use common sense during the health crisis;
- Announced Board member Herb Hollingsworth is recovering from lung surgery;
- Noted the Stormwater Task Force will meet on 5/27/20;
- Reminded all to shop Kimmswick.

District 5 – Council Member Perry: No report

District 6 – Council Member Stallman:

- Agreed with Councilman Haskins' comments on the libraries and facilities cleaning;
- Mentioned the DeSoto Farmer's Market is open on Saturdays.

District 7 – Council Member Terry: No report

XX. CLOSED SESSION

None

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Hendrickson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Reuter.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Reuter:	Yes
District 3 - Council Member Hendrickson:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Perry:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Terry:	Yes

Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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