Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure to present to you Jackson County’s 2018 Annual Report. This report gives us the opportunity to showcase our accomplishments over the past year, exemplifying our strength, passion, and commitment to the citizens of Jackson County. As you will see, it has been a year of growth and I am proud of the impact we have made in the lives of our children, adults and seniors. My focus continues to be on improving the quality life of all citizens, ensuring Jackson County continues to be a great place to live, work and play.

We continue to ensure progress of the County’s effective and efficient operations by making key investments across all departments and offices, including but not limited to, public safety, data management systems, health and wellness, competitive wages, road safety initiatives and neighborhood recreation projects. Jackson County’s success is the direct result of a tremendous amount of teamwork and we will keep that spirit moving forward in order to provide the services our citizens need and deserve.

The path forward is not without its challenges, but I am confident that the men and women of Jackson County are up to that challenge. Join us as we celebrate our accomplishments and let’s continue working together to are up to that challenge. Join us as we celebrate our accomplishments and let’s continue working together to achieve.”

Jackson County was organized December 15, 1826 and named for President Andrew Jackson. Jackson County includes about half of Kansas City, Missouri and 18 other municipalities.

Jackson County was the second county to adopt a home-rule charter under the Missouri constitution. The Jackson County Charter was adopted by the voters in 1970.

Executive power of the County is vested in the County Executive, which is a full-time salaried position. The County Executive is elected by the general population of the County for a four-year term.

Orndors are passed by a County Legislature. The legislature is made up of nine members, six elected from smaller districts within the County and three elected “at large” from larger districts by voters of the whole county. Member terms are four years, beginning on January 1 following the election.

Boards and Commissions assist and advise departments and special groups within Jackson County. Jackson County is looking for people interested in serving on a Board or Commission. Boards and Commissions are made up of citizens; your participation will provide for a better form of government. If you are interested in serving on a Board or Commission, please visit jacksongov.org/boardapp for more information and to fill out an online application to serve on a Board or Commission.

Animal Welfare
Board of Equalization
Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled
Community Children’s Services Fund
Community Mental Health Fund
Domestic Violence Shelters
COMBAT
EHRC (Ethics, Human Relations and Citizen Complaints)
Freedom Wall
Housing Resources
Land Trust of Jackson County
Merit System
Mid-Continent Library
Pension Plan
Planning
Public Building Corporation
Sports Complex Authority
Truman Medical Center Board

Jackson County Statistics

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Very truly yours

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Frank White, Jr.
Jackson County Executive
In 2018, Taxpayers were able to make payments in person using debit or credit cards. Extended hours were added on Saturdays in December 2018 to make it more convenient for taxpayers. A web-based property research tool for Delinquent Land Tax sales was completed. The department had record-setting success with the 2018 Delinquent Land Sales.

In 2018, the Rock Island Corridor team led planning efforts that resulted in the Greenwood Connector Trail as the preferred connection to the Katy Trail in Pleasant Hill, Missouri. The Rock Island team applied for additional grants to help with the development of the Greenwood Connector. These efforts resulted in awards for a $23,000 Rails-to-Trails Conservancy Dспект Family Grant and $950,000 in federal funding from the Mid-America Regional Council.

On March 8, 2018, ground was broken on the first phase of construction for 6.5 miles of The Rock Island Trail and will open in late spring of 2019.

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Jackson County Parks + Rec, the third largest County Park system in the country, celebrated the renovation of three of its neighborhood parks with a trio of ribbon cuttings on June 28th. The three parks (57th and Forest, 35th and Wabash and 24th and Woodland in Kansas City, Missouri) all received major improvements to both infrastructure and park amenities. This included new sidewalks, fencing, landscaping, playground structures, picnic tables, benches and a renovated basketball court at the Woodland location.

County Legislators held a ribbon cutting for the Monument to Freedom, Justice & Courage in Leon M. Jordan Memorial Park on June 23rd. The Jackson County Parks + Rec Department helped with the enhancement of a monument constructed of brick and polished concrete blocks. It contains two sections, each eight feet high and 33 feet long, creating a half-circle around the Leon Jordan statue. The sections contain 500 memorial plaques each, for a total of 1,000 honorees that have fought for civil rights in Jackson County. Every year for the next 10 years 100 individuals will be selected to be added to the monument as directed by the Jackson County Freedom Wall Commission. The monument was designed by Bruce Wilke, Jackson County Parks + Rec landscape architect, Ajamu K. Webster, founder and CEO of DuBois Consultants of Kansas City and project engineer Nevene Fanous. The project was built by NW Rogers Construction of Blue Springs.

Jackson County Parks + Rec had a record breaking year with 250,000 visitors enjoying the winter wonderland of 400,000 lights and 175 animated figures that make up the drive-through experience of Christmas In the Park.

Jackson County Parks introduced a new attraction to Longview Lake Beach. Rowdy Ribbit’s Inflatable Water Park opened to the public on Saturday, June 2, 2018. Hundreds of kids and adults enjoyed the inflatable floating playground on Longview Lake.
2019 marked the start of my second term as your Sixth District Jackson County Legislator. In 2019, the new Legislature voted me in as the first Republican woman to serve as Chairperson of the Jackson County Legislature. I am honored and humbled to have the trust of both my colleagues and my constituents.

My focus in January was on passing the budget. The fiscal year 2019 budget, which includes $314,301,569 of budgeted revenue, was accomplished without adding any more debt, raising taxes, layoffs or reducing critical services that citizens need and deserve. The Legislature and the Executive Office agreed to establish a fund dedicated to addressing a new detention center, the much-needed capital improvements at the downtown courthouse and the implementation of a compensation study to support the associates that work so hard for us all. I am proud of the professionalism displayed by both the Legislature and the Executive Office during this year’s budget process.

County Executive Frank White, Jr., Sheriff Darryl Forté and I announced the formation of a working group. Our mission is to take the appropriate steps to address the critical need of a new detention center. We will begin by identifying an Owner’s Representative which will have primary management responsibility for the planning, design, construction, commissioning and occupancy of the new jail. This is going to be a lengthy process requiring patience and flexibility from all involved.

We are moving forward together in the best interest of the people who live, work and play in the County we are proud to call home.