

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order (5:00 PM)

Members Present: Ashley, Basden II, Comparato, Scott and Snyder
Members Absent: Erbes and Morris

Also present: Jennifer Lindsey, Kenton Schafer, Kerri Gale, Joni Bailey

Approval of Minutes

- I. [22-7514](#) Approval of October 11, 2022 Minutes
A motion was made by Basden II, seconded by Comparato, to approve the October 11, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communication

- II. [22-7515](#) Mediacom Communication
The County Administrator commented that this item was informational only.
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Animal Control

- III. [22-7516](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
The County Administrator commented that she had asked the Animal Control Officer to put together a summary of the past year's accomplishments for the Legislative committee to review. The attached document can be referenced for more information.
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Health Department & Solid Waste

- IV. [22-7517](#) Jackson County Health Department
Ms. Gale reported the following:
The Health Department continues to see strong demand for bivalent Covid boosters, as well as seasonal flu shots. JCHD continues to vaccinate by appointment Monday-Friday at the health department. We have also held several off-site vaccination clinics, some for flu only and some for flu and Covid vaccinations. The bivalent Covid boosters target both the original strain of the virus that causes Covid, plus some Omicron subvariants which are responsible for more of the recent cases. Anybody age 5 and older who has completed the primary vaccination series is eligible for a booster, so long as it has been two months since their last dose.
Free Covid home tests are still available to residents with Murphysboro & Carbondale zip codes through Project Act, a cooperative effort by IDPH, the Rockefeller Foundation and other private entities. Go to accesscovidtests.org to place an order.
JCHD has held two monkeypox vaccination clinics. This vaccine is currently not recommended for the entire population and is only available to those at high-risk for exposure to monkeypox. More clinics are planned, and JCHD is getting out messaging through social media.
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JCHD has hired a new Director of Nursing after the position was vacant for 6 months. JCHD currently has two openings (Environmentalist and Registered Nurse).

V. [22-7518](#)

Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed 10/7/22 – 11/8/22:

- 2 Field Visit was compliance with an IGC letter to follow.
- 1 Open Burning complaint was investigated with an Advisory Letter issued.
- 1 New Open Dumping complaint received.

VI. [22-7519](#)

Solid Waste Fund Update

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$11,675.47 (Trash, Document Destruction & Medical Waste Disposal for Oct 2022)

Interest: \$1,993.18

Deposits: \$92,679.22 (3rd Quarter Tipping Fees)

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$.15 (Analysis fee-September)

Interest: \$276.56

Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$72,975.76

VII. [22-7520](#)

Recycling Program

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for General Recycling Programming –10/7/22 – 11/8/22:

- Attended Illinois Food Scrap Coalition webinar.
- JCHD recycling program and Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission applied for an IEPA grant to complete the Jackson County Solid Waste Plan. We received the grant and will be working with Tyler Carpenter at Great Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission.
- Staff have been working on Stericycle contracts for county offices.
- Planning for Holiday Light Recycling Drop-offs to 11/14/22 – 1/6/23. Details will be sent out this next week.

Activities Completed for K-12 Recycling Education –10/7/22 – 11/8/22:

- Staff presented 15 recycling education presentations to First Grade and Pre-Kindergarten students at Parrish School.
- A recycling education display table was presented at the Victory Dream Center's Free Community Health Fair & Screening Event. The event was held in collaboration with food pantry's emergency food distribution. Approximately 100 people attended.

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- Staff presented a recycling education lesson to all students at Brehm Preparatory School and provided support for a new recycling program on the school's campus.

VIII. [22-7556](#)

Ordinance 2022-03 Amending the Jackson County Food Service Sanitation Ordinance
Ms. Gale updated the committee on the proposed food service permit fee changes. She noted that the last time fees were adjusted was 2019. JCHD staff currently inspects approximately 400 food facilities. The fee increase will generate approximately \$6,900 in fees and this increased amount has been accounted for in the FY23 budget. The Board of Health voted to recommend the County Board amend the Jackson County Food Service Sanitation Ordinance ("ordinance") which is the instrument which sets the food service fees. Basden disagreed with the increase and questioned the proposed changes.

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Ashley, to approve Ordinance 2022-03 Amending the Jackson County Food Service Sanitation Ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Ashley, Comparato, Scott and Snyder

No: 1 - Basden II

Absent: 2 - Erbes and Morris

Emergency Management

Ambulance Service

IX. [22-7521](#)

Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Basden II, to approve payment of Ambulance monthly claims in the amount of \$67,383.68. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

X. [22-7522](#)

Director's Report

Schafer reported the following:

Monthly Claims: \$67,383.68

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$491,723.50

Activity Report: 936 patient incidents

XI. [22-7523](#)

SIH Transfer Agreement

Schafer informed the committee of the agreement, noting that it has been essentially the same since 2015. He also commented that a paragraph had been added to allow to send the most appropriate licensed ambulance when needed. The committee briefly discussed the agreement and Schafer answered questions. Schafer did ask the committee to approve pending legal review.

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Scott, to approve recommendation to the full Board the SIH Transfer Agreement pending legal review. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XII. [22-7557](#)

Future Ambulance Buildings

This item was discussed at Executive Session.

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Legislative

Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

XIII. [22-7558](#)

Executive Session under 2 (c) 5 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property

Once out of executive session, the committee made the following motion to recommend to the full Board to authorize the Ambulance Director to move forward with an option to purchase a building for a new ambulance base. The motion carried by the following vote: YES: (5) Snyder, Ashley, Basden, Comparato, Scott ABSENT: (2) Erbes, Morris.

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Basden II, to approve going into Executive Session under 2 (c) 5 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ashley, Basden II, Comparato, Scott and Snyder

Absent: 2 - Erbes and Morris

Adjourn (5:47 PM)

Comparato moved and Basden seconded to adjourn, motion carried.