

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order (5:01 PM)

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

Also present: Bart Hagston, Joe Cervantez, Jennifer Lindsey, Kerri Gale, Tamiko Mueller, Kenton Schafer, John Rendleman

Approval of Minutes

- I. [22-7468](#) Approval of September 13, 2022 Minutes
A motion was made by Ashley, seconded by Scott, to approve the September 13, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communication

- II. [22-7469](#) Zito Media Communication
This item was for informational purposes only.
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Animal Control

- III. [22-7470](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
The County Administrator commented on the newspaper article written about the County's new AKC trailer and updated the committee on animal control monthly calls and the new rabies tags for 2023.
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Health Department & Solid Waste

- IV. [22-7471](#) Jackson County Health Department
JCHD continues to address the two current public health emergencies of COVID-19 and monkeypox. The last two weeks Jackson County has been rated as "low" risk on CDC's COVID-19 community level rating system, so that is good news. The vaccination clinics are very busy the last few weeks with giving the new bivalent Covid boosters and seasonal flu shots. JCHD gave 1,471 Covid boosters in September, and it has given 600 flu shots in the last 12 working days. JCHD has also scheduled a few off-site clinics to administer flu shots, as well. Monkeypox vaccine is still in limited supply, but JCHD does have some and has scheduled three clinics with individuals who are at high-risk. Monkeypox vaccinations are not recommended for available for the broader population at this time.
- Hagston continue noting that a very serious situation has been created by the lack of an FY21 County financial audit. IDPH notified the County that it is now on the temporary Stop Payment List and no longer "qualified" to execute grants due to no FY21 audit. While being on the Stop Payments List is a concern, the largest concern for JCHD is the State no longer considering the department qualified for grant applications. He commented that just last week JCHD's largest grant worth \$1.1M and employing 12 FTEs opened up for application, and that the deadline to apply is Nov. 18. However, IDPH will not allow JCHD to apply since the county is no longer considered "qualified". Hagston commented that he had reviewed the State's grant management policy and had emailed the Office of Management & Budget and IDPH regarding

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questions he had on these determinations. Hagston noted that he hoped the County can get the situation remedied with the State, at least temporarily, so that JCHD can submit this application. He commented that he was uncertain that approach will yield any results and he asked the County Board to exert pressure on the audit firm to complete the audit without haste. He also asked to raise the possibility, if the situation cannot be resolved by other means, that a special County Board meeting earlier in November possibly be considered if the audit is completed.

The County Administrator noted that the Health Department was not the only department being affected. She commented that this was affecting Emergency Management, Ambulance, Highway, and the Sheriff's Office. The committee discussed the issue in detail with input from State's Attorney Cervantez. Cervantez discussed the conversations he has had with the auditing firm and the pressure he has placed on them. He commented that the Board should be making a list of what is being affected to help quantify the loss. Cervantez also suggested that he would set up a weekly phone conference with the County Administrator and/or department heads involved until the issue is resolved.

V. [22-7472](#)

Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale reported the following: 16 open dumping inspections or field visits conducted, 1 visit to new site, 0 revisits to sites resulted in closure due to compliance, 1 citizen complaints were received, 0 routine landfill inspections, 0 field visits, and 0 meetings with landfill.

VI. [22-7473](#)

Solid Waste Fund Update

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$2,227.81-trash, document destruction & medical waste disposal for September 2022

Interest: \$1,457.76

Deposits: \$0

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$.15-analysis fee-September

Interest: \$169.34

Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

VII. [22-7474](#)

Recycling Program

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for General Recycling Programming –9/9/22 – 10/7/22:

- Attended Apple Festival Senior Fair with Recycling Educator. Handed out apples and bags that contained JCHD info as well as flyers and info for events.
- Attended ILCSWMA Board meetings and conference planning meetings by zoom. Created flyers and other materials for the ILCSWMA conference.
- Thanks to Orval Rowe for the use of his truck and other JCHD staff, took 2 large loads of electronics to SRC for recycling.
- Fall Shred/Med Day: 112 participants disposed of shredding and/or medications. 78.6 pounds of medications were collected.
- Staff presented a recycling education station at the 30th Annual Conservation Fair held at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds.

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Activities Completed for K-12 Recycling Education –9/9/22 – 10/7/22:

- Staff presented a recycling education station at the 30th Annual Conservation Fair held at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds.
- A recycling education display and activity was presented that the Eco-Family Festival.
- Review curricula and resources available from Eco-schools USA program.
- 14 Jackson County Schools are currently enrolled in the recycling education program

Emergency Management

Ambulance Service

VIII. [22-7475](#)

Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Ashley, to approve payment of Ambulance Monthly claims in the amount of \$39,297.41. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IX. [22-7476](#)

Director's Report

Schafer reported the following:

Monthly Claims: \$39,297.41

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$326,292.78

Activity Report: 963 patient contact reports

Other Information:

The Ambulance Department was awarded a FEMA Assistant to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the 2021 allotment of federal money in the amount of \$153,385.63 with the cost share \$15,338.57. This was received to update all the department's communication equipment to be compliant with federal P25 capability. Most of the radios this will replace are more than 20 years old. A special Thank You to Paramedic Brady Crane for his assistance and dedication with this grant application. Ms. Bailey worked tirelessly to help obtain an agreement with Stryker Medical for the equipment lease. She approved the final document, and it has been signed. The department obtained an extension for the AFG grant period of performance for the bariatric ambulance. It was extended until August 2023. The department has been notified by Foster Coach that the Ford Motor Company indicated the chassis should be shipped sometime in October. IF the chassis are received this month, the department will hopefully have its 2 new ambulances around the first of 2023. Requests for CPR training have dramatically increased over the last month and the department has trained approximately 100 people. There are several more classes scheduled this month already.

Legislative

Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

X. [22-7492](#)

Jackson County Housing Basketball Court Funding

The County Administrator informed the committee that there was a request of the Count to donate money to the Jackson County Housing Basketball court. The committee briefly discussed the topic before coming to the consensus to move the item to next month's Finance committee meeting.

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Executive Session

Adjourn (5:43 PM)

Comparato moved and Ashley seconded to adjourn, motion carried.

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