

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order (5:00 PM)

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

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

Approval of Minutes

- I. [22-7381](#) Approval of August 9, 2022 Minutes
A motion was made by Basden II, seconded by Scott, to approve the August 9, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communication

Animal Control

- II. [22-7382](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
The County Administrator updated the committee on Animal Control. She asked the committee to review the memo update document provided in the meeting packet and also commented that the Board office was hoping to have delivery of the Animal Control trailer by the end of the month. The committee reviewed the sample 2023 rabies tags that were provided in the meeting packet and came to a consensus on which design they preferred.
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Health Department & Solid Waste

- III. [22-7383](#) Jackson County Health Department
Ms. Gale reported the following:
COVID-19:
For most of the past month Jackson County has remained at the "high" level on CDC's COVID-19 Community Level rating system. At this level people are encouraged to mask indoors, test if symptomatic, stay home if symptomatic or positive, and to stay up-to-date on vaccinations. JCHD's Contact Tracing & Covid support work occupies 3 full time staff, plus parts of other's time. Most of this work is around congregate situations like long-term care facilities and schools. JCHD has had a couple Covid-related deaths in the past two weeks, both with significant co-morbidities.
Covid vaccinations dropped significantly over the summer. However, JCHD has seen high demand for the bivalent boosters since they arrived a walk and a half ago. Bivalent boosters target the original strain of the virus that causes Covid, plus a couple of the Omicron strains that make up most current Covid cases. The Moderna booster is for those 18 and older, the Pfizer booster is for those ages 12 and up. Bivalent boosters are for anybody who has
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completed their primary series, and had their last dose or booster at least two months ago. Vaccinations are by appointment.

Monkeypox:

Internal planning related to monkeypox has significantly increased over the past month. JCHD does not have a known case in Jackson County yet, but has been notified of another case in So. Ill. last week. JCHD has assisted that health dept. on the case. .

IDPH is developing a system to pre-position some oral treatment for people with monkeypox with local health departments. JCHD would then help get that supply to the requesting physician to significantly decrease time for patients to receive the medication. JCHD doesn't have a supply yet, but likely will within a few weeks.

JCHD has submitted the necessary paperwork to IDPH to be able to receive monkeypox vaccine. Vaccine remains in short supply but FDA and CDC have implemented a dose-saving strategy that requires intradermal (ID) injection. Under this approach one-fifth of a subcutaneous dose is injected into the skin, much like a TB skin test. One study has shown that to be an effective approach. JCHD nurses have been trained to perform these injections.

JCHD did receive a very small quantity of vaccine as it had a close contact to a known monkeypox case in another state. JCHD is now working to determine how it will best utilize the small amount it has on-hand. Over 95% of monkeypox cases have been in men who have sex with men (MSM) and we have relationships with almost 200 HIV clients throughout a 19 county region and 80 PrEP clients. So if JCHD receives additional vaccine to administer to persons most at-risk, it is confident it can quickly roll that out.

General health department report:

JCHD is awaiting its seasonal flu vaccine shipment. JCHD will begin flu shots as soon as it has vaccine in-hand. JCHD is planning to hold two flu shot clinics at SIU in October, other wise vaccinations will be at the health dept. by appointment.

Last week JCHD hosted the new IDPH Director, Dr. Sameer Vohra, along with administrators from 15 other local health departments. Dr. Vohra is a two-degree graduate of SIU and is on a listening tour with stakeholders from around the state.

JCHD currently has all positions filled, except for three nursing positions. JCHD continues to work to fill those.

IV. [22-7384](#)

Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale reported the following: 0 open dumping inspections or field visits, 8 revisits to existing sites, 0 visits to new sites, 0 revisits to sites resulted in closure due to compliance, 1 citizen complaint, 1 routine landfill inspection, 1 field visit, and 0 meetings with the landfill.

V. [22-7385](#)

Solid Waste Fund Update

Ms. Gale reported the following activity:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$5,031.48 - Trash, Document Destruction & Medical Waste Disposal for July & August 22

\$223,664.98 - Transfer to Jackson County Health Dept for Recycling & Solid Waste Program - 11/1/22 - 7/31/22

Interest: \$1,524.71

Deposits:\$0

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$7,402.71 - Hazardous Waste Bills

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Interest: \$142.99
Deposits: \$0
Host Fee Deposited
Deposits: \$0

VI. [22-7386](#)

Recycling Program

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for General Recycling Programming –8/5/22 – 9/9/22:

- Promotion for Fall Shred/Med Day underway. Ads featured in 3 local newspapers as well as on Social Media. (see attached)
- New signage ordered for SRC electronics collection area
- Updating agreements for services provided to the Recycling Program
- Replacement of labels on county recycling drop-offs
- Q3 Newsletter published (see attached document)

Activities Completed for K-12 Recycling Education –8/5/22 – 9/9/22:

- 22-23 School Recycling reviewed and packets sent out 1st week of September
- Staff participated in the Environmental Educators Association quarterly networking and planning meeting for upcoming America Recycles Day 11/15/22.
- Staff reviewed outreach resources and completed webinar training from the Recycling Partnership.

Emergency Management

Ambulance Service

VII. [22-7387](#)

Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Ashley, seconded by Erbes, to approve payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$141,153.48. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Ashley, Basden II, Comparato, Erbes, Scott and Snyder

Absent: 1 - Morris

VIII. [22-7388](#)

Director's Report

Schafer reported the following:

Monthly Claims: \$141,153.48

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$350,238.77

Activity Report: 972 patient care contact reports

Other Information:

The claims are higher this month. The department included payments to the Sheriff's Department for dispatch service, State's Attorney for legal services, and IT for IT services. Total to all 3 departments \$75,000.

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The Ambulance Department will be staffing the first aid trailer at the Apple Festival again this year. Special Thank You to the Sheriff for allowing the department to use his trailer for this event. Murphysboro Fire Department has graciously agreed to help staff the trailer again this year.

The Ambulance Department has been invited to attend the Murphysboro Night Out Event on Tuesday, October 4th, from 5-7pm at Longfellow Park. The department is planning to have an ambulance on display at the event.

IX. [22-7389](#)

Stryker ALS 360 Lease Agreement

Schafer reported that the agreement was not ready for review by today's meeting time. He informed the committee that this would be a 10 year agreement that could be opted out at any time and that all equipment that the Ambulance department currently uses would be replaced with equipment from this company within the first year of the agreement. After 5 years, any equipment that required an upgrade would automatically be replaced. At the end of the 10 year agreement, there would be the option to buy the equipment (for one extra payment) or sign a new lease contract. The committee discussed this item with Schafer and came to the consensus to have the item moved to the full Board agenda where they could review the agreement and vote.

Legislative

Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

X. [22-7390](#)

Approval of Polling Places

Basden mentioned checking on the Murphysboro 9 precinct and ensure their HVAC system had been fixed.

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Scott, to approve the Polling places. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Executive Session

Adjourn (5:40 PM)

Basden moved and Ashley seconded to adjourn, motion carried.