

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021 5:00 PM

Jackson County Sheriff's Office

Call to Order (5:25 PM)

Members Present: Calandro, Comparato, Erbes and Scott

Members Absent: Basden II, Morris and Snyder

Calandro began the meeting at 5:08pm and started with the monthly updates from Animal Control and the Health Department due to no quorum. The meeting was officially called to order at 5:25pm when a quorum of members were present.

Also present: Kenton Schafer, Orval Rowe, Jennifer Lindsey, Kerri Gale, Joe Cervantez, Robert Burns, Bart Hagston

Approval of Minutes

- I. [21-6245](#) Approval of June 15, 2021 Minutes
This item was completed at the official start of the meeting at 5:25pm.
A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Comparato, to approve the June 15, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Animal Control

- II. [21-6246](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
The County Administrator communicated to the committee that the Animal Control officer had been working on the following items:
1. Completed final Rabies Clinic on July 31 in Ava with 15 vaccinations. The 5/29 clinic had 36 vaccinations and the 6/26 clinic had 55 vaccinations.
 2. Working on Rabies Tag Contest for 2022
 3. Completed Tactical Baton Certification & OC (pepper spray) certification training in Marion, IL
 4. Working with villages and towns on intergovernmental service agreements
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Health Department & Solid Waste

- III. [21-6247](#) Jackson County Health Department
Mr. Hagston updated the committee on the Health Department. He communicated the following:
NEW CASES/CONTACT TRACING
The significant increase in the number of new cases that started in mid-July continues. Thus far in August we have 690 new cases, which sets Jackson County on a pace to beat its record month of Nov. 2020. One metric used to gauge community risk is the current level of active COVID-19 cases. On June 24 there were 4 active cases in Jackson County, the least since April 2020. Now the County has 442 active cases, down a little from last week, but a very challenging number to manage.
The significant increase in new cases, locally and nationally, is largely attributed to the spread of Delta variant, particularly amongst unvaccinated individuals. According to the CDC, the Delta
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variant is twice as transmissible as the original virus which causes COVID-19. That means that activities that a two months ago may have been considered less risky, are likely more risky today. CDC estimates Delta makes up ~95% or more of all cases.

Since August 1, 29% Jackson County's new cases have been in teens or younger, which is much higher than any previous time. Thankfully there have not been children being hospitalized locally, but cases in kids do send ripple effects through families and schools.

14 Jackson County residents currently hospitalized, only one vaccinated.

MASKING

Three weeks ago CDC updated their masking guidance in light of the risks from Delta. In areas of substantial or high transmission (as determined by CDC tracking website) masks are recommended indoors for all persons. Two weeks ago the Governor required that masks be worn by all in K-12 schools and day cares, regardless of vaccination status. The Health Department has worked with all schools in Jackson County to ensure their policies align with this, which they do. Most had decided to follow the updated CDC guidance before the Governor's announcement.

VACCINATION

JCHD continues to provide routine immunizations & Covid vaccinations by walk-in Mon-Fri 8:30am-3:30pm with the additional hours of 3:30-5:30pm on Tuesdays. Yesterday JCHD began administering a third dose of Pfizer or Moderna to people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised, following CDC approval on Friday. Booster doses for others may be authorized soon as well, so JCHD developing plans to provide them.

JCHD has access to outside vaccination help by requesting a team through IEMA. Other organizations can also directly request a vaccination team from the State.

Concern over the Delta variant has increased Covid vaccinations at JCHD recently by at least 50%.

Breakthrough cases have been a very small percentage of overall cases, but has increased lately. Less than 1% of those vaccinated in Jackson County have later contracted Covid, and only a few have been hospitalized, so the vaccines are holding up well and preventing serious illness and death.

OTHER NEWS

Next summer Carbondale will host an Innovative Readiness Training military medical mission for ten days. These missions are coordinated with the Delta Regional Authority and have been held in other SI counties in the past. Medical teams will deploy for this training where they will see local patients for medical, dental and vision care. The health department will be on the planning committee for this event and we'll keep the Board updated on progress.

IV. [21-6248](#)

Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale reported the following: As of 8/17/21, 32 open dumping inspections or field visits conducted, 17 revisits to existing sites, 15 visits to new sites, 0 revisits to sites resulted in closure due to compliance, 13 citizen complaints, 1 routine landfill inspection, 0 field visits, and 0 meetings with landfill.

V. [21-6249](#)

Solid Waste Fund Update

Ms. Gale commented to please see the attached online report for this agenda item. She asked for questions from the committee. There were none.

VI. [21-6250](#)

Recycling Program

Ms. Gale reported the following activities completed 6/14/21-8/17/21:

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- Held the IEPA sponsored Household Chemical Collection June 19 at the SIU Arena Parking Lot. There were 529 participants; 96 of which were from multiple households.
 - Shred/Med Day, October 16, 8am to Noon at Jackson County Health Department. We will partner with START for off-site document shredding and Jackson County Sheriff's Office for medication disposal. (See online attached Flyer for more information)
 - Reviewed and updated the 21-22 School Recycling Program. Seventeen schools participated in the 20-21 program. The school education packet will be sent next week.
 - Working on a Jackson County Green Guide to be released in 2022
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Emergency Management

Rowe reported the following to the committee:

- Attended and participated in the St. Joe's First Responder Walk Through
 - Continued to monitor updates from Rockton/Chemtool Explosion-Fire (Sit/Aware)
 - Conducted and participated in the MHMP-21 Planning Meeting #1 with GERP-D
 - Continued acquiring/distributing PPE resources to Jackson County stakeholders
 - Attended the Emergency Vehicle Operations Safety (EVOS) classroom training
 - Received approval for revised Jackson County LEPC Chemical Response Plan
 - Attended and participated in monthly Emergency Preparedness meetings at SIH (St. Joe's and MHC)
 - Followed another factory explosion and fire in Morris, Illinois (Sit/Aware)
 - Attended and participated in the Quarterly SPARC Meeting in Marion
 - Attended HazMat Derailment TTX Exercise at SIH-St. Joe's as Exercise Evaluator
 - Attended HazMat Derailment TTX Exercise at SIH-MHC as Exercise Evaluator
 - Successfully completed training and received FCC HAM radio license and call sign
 - Attended and participated in the Southern Exposure FSE Planning Meeting
 - Attended and conducted The Quarterly County LEPC Meeting at Health Dept.
 - Attended and participated in the IEMA Region 11 Quarterly Meeting in Marion
 - Attended Grand Tower City Council Meeting to follow up on Risk Assessment
 - Attended The IESMA Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting on Webex
 - Received approval from IEMA regarding our FY-21 EMA EMPG Grant
 - Attended the Desoto City Council Meeting to follow up on Risk Assessment
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Ambulance Service

- VII. [21-6251](#) Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$39,763.75
A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Comparato, to approve the Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$39,763.75. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 4 - Calandro, Comparato, Erbes and Scott
Absent: 3 - Basden II, Morris and Snyder
- VIII. [21-6252](#) Director's Report
Schafer reported the following to the committee:
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Monthly Claims: \$39,763.75

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$353,083.23

Activity Report:

The Ambulance Department has submitted its second FEMA-public assistance reimbursement request for emergency protective measures, and it has been approved in the amount of \$9009.00

IX. [21-6253](#)

JCAS 2021 Proposed Fee Increase

Schafer reported that this agenda item concerned the service fees increase to meet the cost for service reported on the Ambulance Departments annual Medicaid cost report.

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Scott, to approve the JCAS 2021 Proposed Fee Increase. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Legislative

X. [21-6275](#)

Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement

A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Comparato, to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the TRICO school district. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XI. [21-6254](#)

Board Member Electronic Participation

Calandro suggested to the committee that the information in the packet be taken home and studied, and brought back at next month's meeting for discussion. The committee agreed.

Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn (5:47 PM)

Comparato moved and Scott seconded to adjourn, motion carried.