

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 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: Bart Hagston, Kenton Schafer, Jennifer Lindsey, Joni Bailey, Yara Hindi

Approval of Minutes

- I. [22-7323](#) Approval of July 12, 2022 Minutes
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Basden II, to approve the July 12, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communication

- II. [22-7324](#) Mediacom Notice
This item was informational only concerning Mediacom programming changes and rate adjustments
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Animal Control

- III. [22-7325](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
The County Administrator updated the committee on the Animal Control Officers current projects including 2023 rabies tags and the final 2022 low cost rabies clinic in Ava on August 13th.
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Health Department & Solid Waste

- IV. [22-7326](#) Jackson County Health Department
Hagston updated the committee on the following:
For the past six weeks, Jackson County has been rated as “high” under the CDC’s COVID-19 [Community Level](#) system. The CDC recommends the public take the following actions when in the “high” category:
- Wear a mask when indoors in public;
 - Stay [up-to-date](#) on vaccinations, including boosters;
 - Get tested if you have symptoms and isolate at home if positive or while awaiting test results;
 - Those at high risk for severe illness (including elderly, immunocompromised) should take additional precautions.

The Health Department continues to provide free COVID-19 vaccinations Monday-Friday by appointment. Updated boosters that include Omicron subvariants will be available no earlier than late September. We expect to see a significant increase in vaccinations at that time.

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Other Health Department News:

- In July JCHD began a push to promote back to school immunizations for children.
- JCHD is in early planning for flu vaccinations. Those usually start late September if the vaccine is in-hand.
- Planning and communication regarding the monkeypox outbreak is increasing weekly. JCHD has not yet had a case in Jackson County. There have been several requests from individuals wanting to be vaccinated, but vaccine is in short supply and JCHD doesn't know when it will receive any.
- In July the Board of Health adopted a bargaining agreement with staff in one division.
- JCHD currently has three positions open, all of them for nurses.
- Numbers from the Innovative Readiness Training wellness mission in Carbondale on July 22-31:

Patients seen – 755.

Procedures

Optometry – 430

Dental – 1,708

Behavioral health – 32

Nutrition – 53

Medical – 233

Total Mission value to the community: \$275,011.67.

V. [22-7327](#)

Solid Waste Enforcement

Hagston reported the following activities were completed from 7/10/22 to 8/5/22: 11 open dumping inspections or field visits completed, 10 revisits to existing sites, 1 visit to a new site, 1 revisit to sites resulted in closure due to compliance, 3 citizen complaints, and 1 routing landfill inspection completed.

VI. [22-7328](#)

Solid Waste Fund Update

Hagston reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$7,031.29- Trash, Document Destruction & Medical Waste Disposal for June 22

Interest: \$1,152.24

Deposits: \$97,335.81-Tipping Fees April, May, June

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$0

Interest: \$105.06

Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

VII. [22-7329](#)

Recycling Program

Hagston reported the following activities:

Activities Completed for General Recycling Programming –7/10/22 – 8/5/22:

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- Staff met with IEPA to discuss one-day household chemical collection events.
- Staff began training for new position.
- Working on future Shred/Med Day fall collection event.
- Working on the Recycle Jackson County Quarterly newsletter for release in August 2022.

Activities Completed for K-12 Recycling Education –7/10/22 – 8/5/22:

- Staff met to discuss recycling education programming starting Fall 2022.
- Staff are exploring a grant opportunity for composting and food waste reduction programming.

Emergency Management

Ambulance Service

- VIII. [22-7330](#) Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$64,165.93
A motion was made by Ashley, seconded by Basden II, to approve payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$64,165.93. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- IX. [22-7331](#) Director's Report
Schafer reported the following:
Monthly Claims: \$64,165.93
Accounts Receivable Cash: \$326,986.17
Activity Report: 901 patient contacts/charts
Other Information:
The department has updated its patient charting software to Zoll EMSCharts. This is a sister program to the Zoll Billing that was updated in April. This will streamline the process from patient chart to patient statement and allow our patient account representatives to process more claims daily. The first phase of the garage roof upgrade/repair has been completed. This will provide more insulation properties for heating/cooling and correct the leaking skylights that have leaked repeatedly for the last 15 years. The plan is to complete the next phase hopefully before winter depending on the availability of supplies.
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Legislative

- X. [22-7332](#) Board By-Law Per Diem Language
Bailey updated the committee on the background and need to clarify the Board By-Law Per Diem language. Snyder asked for a motion to approve the change then asked for discussion. Basden asked to amend the motion and remove section (E) b. 2. all together. The Committee discussed this in detail including the option of sending the County Administrator to the outside board meetings and not having to pay a stipend. Basden commented that he felt this change to

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clarify the language seemed as if the Board members who are appointed to outside boards were only "in it" for the money and not for the good of the citizens in the County. The discussion continued and ended with Basden withdrawing his motion. The original motion was then voted on.

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Erbes, to approve the Board By-Law Per Diem Language clarification. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ashley, Comparato, Erbes, Scott and Snyder

No: 1 - Basden II

Absent: 1 - Morris

Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn (5:37 PM)

Comparato moved and Ashley seconded to adjourn, motion carried.