

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order (5:02 PM)

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

Also present: Kenton Schafer, Orval Rowe, Kerri Gale, Jan Phillips, Joni Bailey, Sharee Langenstein, Jennifer Lindsey

Approval of Minutes

- I. [22-7248](#) Approval of June 14, 2022 Minutes
A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Comparato, to approve the June 14, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Animal Control

- II. [22-7249](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
An update was given for Animal Control which included information on the disaster relief trailer, training updates, and notification of 2 bats testing positive for rabies in the County.
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Health Department & Solid Waste

- III. [22-7250](#) Jackson County Health Department
Ms. Gale updated the committee on the following:
- JCHD is offering Covid vaccinations for children 6mo-4yrs
 - FDA is calling for new generation of vaccines which should be available in the fall
 - Jackson County remains at a high Covid level for the second week in a row
 - Contract Tracing efforts continue
 - Back to school immunization season. Parents can call JCHD for more information
 - 2 free dental hygiene clinics at SIU July 8th and 22nd are being offered. Free dental exams are being provided for children 3-17 who are enrolled in Illinois Medicaid
 - Tickborne illnesses awareness being promoted via social media
 - Available open positions at the Health Department
 - Special Board of Health meeting Wednesday evening to consider adoption of a collective bargaining agreement which affects 6 JCHD employees
- IV. [22-7251](#) Solid Waste Enforcement
Ms. Gale reported 5 open dumping inspections or field visits, 4 revisits to existing sites, 0 visits to new sites, 2 revisits to sites resulted in closure due to compliance, 245 cubic yards of waste removed, 1 citizen complaint, and 1 routine landfill inspection.
- V. [22-7252](#) Solid Waste Fund Update
Ms. Gale reported Current Solid Waste Fund Transactions: Transfers \$5,649.69, Interest \$754.34, Deposits \$0.00. She also reported Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions: Transfers \$0.00, Interest \$70.99, Deposits \$0.00.
- VI. [22-7253](#) Recycling Program
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Ms. Gale reported the following:

- Jessica Flamm is the new recycling coordinator and started July 5th
- 2022-2023 Waste Hauler License Renewals are complete with 13 haulers licensed in Jackson County. There are 3 outstanding haulers to submit license material.
- Staff are working on the quarterly recycling newsletter that will go out next week.
- Recycling education staff efforts have been focused on both the evaluation of the 2021-2022 school year and the preparations for the upcoming year. The Health Education Division is being relocated within the agency, which includes the recycling education staff and all of the recycling education lesson kits and supplies. The move has provided the opportunity to review and inventory current materials and resources.

Emergency Management

Rowe reported the following:

- Continue to supply County Stakeholders with PPE supplies to combat the spread of COVID.
- Continued working with Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development on the County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Attended the monthly Emergency Preparedness Meeting at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.
- Attended the monthly Emergency Preparedness Meeting at St. Joe's Memorial Hospital.
- Attended and participated in the AHA/BLS Train The Trainer class at Carbondale Fire.
- Attended and helped teach the AHA/BLS Refresher Course class at Carbondale Fire.
- Attended the IEMA Deputy Director's monthly Webex on COVID Recovery procedures.
- Attended the monthly American Red Cross FD/EMA Partner Briefing Webinar.
- Attended and Participated in the G-2300 Intermediate EOC Skills Class In Effingham (3 Days).
- Sent out monthly test for both CodeRED and IPAWS Mass Notification System.

Ambulance Service

- VII. [22-7254](#) Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$35,955.83
This item was not voted on and will be passed to the full Board meeting due to some late bill issues.
- VIII. [22-7255](#) Director's Report
Schafer reported the following:
Accounts Receivable Cash: \$456,167.84
Activity Report: 875 patient care reports for 841 incidents.
Other Information:
Six staff members attended CPR Instructor training to help fortify our ability to provide CPR training to staff as well as the community.

Legislative

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Citizen Comments

Old Business

The committee spent some time discussing the issue of paying back the Solid Waste Fund and whether there was a second opinion on the matter. State's Attorney representative Langenstein commented that she had reached out to outside council (UCCI) for a second opinion on the issue and had not heard anything back as of the beginning of the Legislative & Public Safety meeting. Erbes commented that he had reached out to UCCI as well and had not heard back from them. After a lengthy discussion, the committee came to a consensus to take the advice of the State's Attorney Office that the Board should pay back the Solid Waste Fund. Snyder commented that she would report the State's Attorney opinion to the full Board and ask the Chairman to have the Finance Committee begin looking into how to pay back the fund.

The next discussion began by Erbes commenting that he had been working with the State's Attorney Office (Langenstein) to update the language in the County's by-laws so as to not be in violation of the law concerning per diems. Langenstein shared a draft document of potential changes that could bring the current by-laws into compliance. After much discussion, it was agreed to have the topic put on next month's Legislative & Public Safety agenda. Comparato questioned Langenstein about the June per diems that were not voted on at the Finance meeting due to waiting to hear from the State's Attorney Office. Langenstein noted that her opinion was that the Board does not have the authority to approve travel expenses if Board members are charging for multiple meetings in a 24 hour period. She also commented that the State's Attorney would be at the full Board meeting and would be able to update the Board on the legal status of this issue.

New Business

- IX. [22-7256](#) Memorandum of Understanding between JCETSB and Jackson County
 This item was not discussed. It was put on the agenda by mistake.
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Executive Session

Adjourn (5:40 PM)

Comparato moved and Basden seconded to adjourn, motion carried.