

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 5:00 PM

Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order (5:00 PM)

Members Present: Basden II, Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, Scott and Snyder

Members Absent: Morris

Also present: Orval Rowe, Jennifer Lindsey, Erin Ashley, Bart Hagston, Kenton Schafer, Yara Hindi, Sharee Langenstein

Approval of Minutes

- I. [21-6079](#) Approval of May 11, 2021 Minutes
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Basden II, to approve the May 11, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communication

- II. [21-6080](#) Ameren Vegetation Activities Notice
The County Administrator commented that this item was informational only for the committee members to know when and where vegetation activities would be occurring in the county.
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Animal Control

- III. [21-6081](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
The County Administrator informed the committee that there had been an increase in non dog related animal calls in May, the first low-cost rabies clinic was a success, the next low-cost rabies clinic will be June 26, 2021 in Gorham, and that animal bites will be taken to Solid Rock Vet Clinic to be quarantined.
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Health Department & Solid Waste

- IV. [21-6082](#) Jackson County Health Department
Hagston updated the committee with the following information:
Covid cases - averaged only 2 new cases/day for the last two weeks. JCHD continues to perform contact tracing and place people on isolation & quarantine.
On the vaccination front, JCHD continues to administer Covid vaccinations at the health dept on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment or walk-in. JCHD typically vaccinates between 80-130 people on those days, which the department is pleased with. The Department also continues to work with Illinois National Guard mobile teams on off-site vaccination clinics. JCHD had some school-based family vaccination clinics last week and have more at the end of the month. JCHD will also be providing vaccinations on June 19 at the household chemical collection in the Banterra Center parking lot. JCHD is also vaccinating homebound individuals at their residence. The Department has volunteers calling to schedule home visits, and other volunteers and staff making the visits. JCHD is also working with the Jail nurse to administer vaccines to inmates.
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45% of Illinois population is fully vaccinated, compared to 36% in Jackson County. 41% of those in the county age 16-64 are vaccinated, and 78% of those age 65 and older are vaccinated. In total, JCHD has administered around 60,000 doses since the end of December.

As far as other locations vaccinating, almost all the retail pharmacies are administering vaccine. People can go on Vaccines.gov and find locations where vaccine is being administered locally. Other providers can now order vaccine directly, as well.

Illinois entered Phase 5, the final phase, of the Restore Illinois Plan on June 11. Capacity limits and restrictions on activities have been lifted, although CDC guidance still applies for unvaccinated individuals.

The Board of Health adopted five resolutions in June, and will adopt another one in July, to recognize the community partners which provided significant resources to help us through mass vaccinations.

Hagston also commented that he wanted to personally thank the Jackson County Board and Jackson County Emergency Management Agency for all of the support throughout the pandemic: "I have peers in many other counties who were not extended such support, which makes me appreciate all of you even more. Your leadership allowed us to do our job and to protect the health of our community. I commend you for your efforts".

V. [21-6083](#)

Solid Waste Enforcement

Hagston reported that there were 9 open dumping/open burning inspections or field visits, 4 revisits to existing sites, 5 new site visits, 0 sites closed due to compliance, 5 citizen complaints and 0 routine landfill inspections.

VI. [21-6084](#)

Solid Waste Fund Update

Hagston reported the following to the committee:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$ 3,174.95- Trash, Document Destruction & Medical Waste Disposal

Interest: \$.03

Deposits: \$0

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$0

Interest: \$.45 Deposits:\$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

VII. [21-6085](#)

Recycling Program

Hagston reported that Ms. Phoenix had completed the following:

- Attended Illinois Food Scrap's June meeting June 7.
- Household Chemical Collection – Saturday, June 19, 8am – 3pm at SIUC Arena – parking lot 56.All Illinois Residents are eligible to participate.

Emergency Management

Rowe updated the committee on EMA:

- Continued distributing PPE supplies to stakeholders in Jackson County.
- Continued programming and distributing NOAA weather radios to residents of Jackson County.

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- Finished and Submitted our FY-21 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Application.
 - Assisted neighboring County Emergency Management Agencies (EMA) with their Emergency Operation Plans (EOP) and accreditations documents.
 - Sent out invitations to all County Stakeholders for Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan-21 Planning Meeting #1 with Greater Egypt for June 17 – Mandatory for FEMA Public Assistance Applications in the future.
 - Continuing to rebuild our County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Chemical Response Plan.
 - Attended and Participated in the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) Region 11 Meeting and Election in Carbondale.
 - Completed building a printed hard copy of our County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for office.
 - Assisted in beginning to demobilize regional resources and supplies used for COVID response.
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Ambulance Service

- VIII. [21-6086](#) Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$29,406.26
A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Snyder, to approve the Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$29,406.26. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 6 - Basden II, Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, Scott and Snyder
Absent: 1 - Morris
- IX. [21-6087](#) Director's Report
Schafer reported the following to the committee:
Monthly Claims: \$29,406.26
Accounts Receivable Cash: \$282,289.55
Activity Report: 871 patient care reports for 861 incidents.
Other Information:
The Department has submitted our second FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement for PPE expenses during the continuing emergency declaration for COVID in the amount of \$18,902.03.
The Department received the AFG Grant payment for its automated CPR devices in the amount of \$50,000.
The Ambulance Department is working to address the current shortage of trained EMTs and is in the planning stages of offering an EMT course at the County facility to provide more licensed EMTs for potential hiring for unfilled part time positions.
The Department is currently training all EMS field staff in Emergency Vehicle Operator Safety. This course is obligated training for the bariatric ambulance grant.
- X. [21-6088](#) Acceptance of Bariatric Ambulance Bid
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Basden II, to approve acceptance of Bariatric Ambulance Bid. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Old Business

Basden questioned how much the County owes to the solid waste fund. The County Administrator commented that it is on the list for the State's Attorney to research.

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn (5:20 PM)

Erbes motioned and Basden seconded to adjourn, motion carried.