

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order (5:00 PM)

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

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

Approval of Minutes

- I. [22-7161](#) Approval of April 12, 2022 Minutes
A motion was made by Basden II, seconded by Erbes, to approve the April 12, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communications

- II. [22-7197](#) Ameren Vegetation Activities Notification
This item was informational only concerning the upcoming Ameren vegetation activities.
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Animal Control

- III. [22-7162](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
The committee was updated on the training the Animal Control officer had attended and was informed of the upcoming low cost rabies clinics.
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Health Department & Solid Waste

- IV. [22-7163](#) Jackson County Health Department
Hagston reported the following:
As of June 10, Jackson County is 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 Community Level system takes a county-by-county look at new cases over the past seven days, plus new Covid hospital admissions and percent of hospital inpatient beds occupied by Covid patients. The system helps individuals and communities make decisions based upon current local risk. The county had previously moved from "low" to the "medium" category on May 20. About one-third of Illinois counties are currently rated at the "high" level.

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Jackson County Health Department continues to provide free COVID-19 vaccinations Monday-Friday by appointment. To schedule, please visit www.jchdonline.org or call 618-684-3143, ext. 150. This week JCHD is likely to have all Federal authorizations needed to begin vaccinating children ages 6 months to 4 years, which is the final segment of the population to become eligible. JCHD would be able to begin vaccinations with this group following delivery of the vaccine, which is slated for June 23-29.

Other Health Department News:

- In July the department will begin a push to promote back to school immunizations for school children.
- On July 15 & 18 JCHD is planning to host two free dental exam days with the SIU Dental Hygiene Program. Program flier not yet available.
- As far as the new bargaining unit, today JCHD participated in a session with a federal mediator to try and move the sides closer to a contract agreement.
- JCHD currently has four positions open, all the information is posted on the website.

V. [22-7164](#)

Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed 5/10/22 – 6/10/22:

- Environmental Health Program staff met with the IEPA staff to discuss the Intergovernmental Agreement and expectations. IEPA stated they are very satisfied with the work that we provide and thanked JCHD for being a longtime partner.
- 12 open dumping inspections or field visits were conducted;
- 8 revisits to existing sites
- 1 visits to new sites
- 3 revisits to sites resulted in closure due to compliance (approximately 100 cubic yards of waste were removed the sites).
- 2 citizen complaints were received.
- 0 routine landfill inspection/ 0 field visits/ 0 meeting with landfill

VI. [22-7165](#)

Solid Waste Fund Update

Ms. Gale reported that a deposit had been made to the Solid Waste Management Fund from the County Board.

VII. [22-7166](#)

Recycling Program

Activities Completed for General Recycling Programming – 5/10/22 - 6/10/22:

- Jessica Flamm is the new recycling coordinator and will start July 5th.
- Attended How to Apply for Federal Funding Part 2 webinar May 24.
- 315 participants in June 4 Household Chemical Collection.
- Reviewing 22-23 Waste Hauler License Applications.
- Attended Larvicide training May 10 at JCHD.

Activities Completed for K-12 Recycling Education – 5/10/22 – 6/10/22:

- A special program day for the end of school year event was presented to all students at Thomas School.

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- A collaborative effort with River to River chapter of Environmental Educators Association, support for planning and implementation of the Kids to Parks Day with activities at Giant City Park was completed, with several local school districts participating.
 - Provided support to help coordinate the upcoming National Get Outdoors Day event at Touch of Nature.
 - End of the school year program information was solicited from school recycling coordinators, including photos, success stories, and feedback.
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Emergency Management

Rowe reported the following:

- Continue to resource and supply County Stakeholders with PPE supplies to combat the spread of COVID.
 - Continue working with Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development on the County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
 - Attended and participated in the IEMA Region 11 quarterly and SPARC meetings.
 - Attended and conducted the quarterly County LEPC Meeting at the Jackson County Health Department.
 - Attended and participated in the SIH-MHC monthly Emergency Preparedness Meeting in Carbondale.
 - Attended and participated in the 5 day All Hazards Incident Management Team training at Rend Lake College.
 - Completed and submitted the After-Action Report Improvement Plan (AAR/IP) for the County Full-Scale Exercise to IEMA for approval.
 - Attended and participated in the monthly Starcom 21 Radio Drill for the month of May.
 - Completed Standard Operating Procedures for Integrated Public and Warning System (IPAWS) for the County's Collaborative Operational Group (COG).
 - Worked with Scott at Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) with updates and improvements to the Lake Kincaid Emergency Action Plan (EAP).
 - Met with Ryan and Kathy at Carbondale Fire/OEM in regard to additional training on CodeRED Mass Notification System.
 - Sent out the County's First IPAWS alert for the Train/Pedestrian incident in Carbondale from a request by Carbondale Fire/OEM.
 - Attended and participated in the City of Marion Cyber Security Workshop and Table-Top Exercise (TTX).
 - Met with the new EMA Coordinator from Williamson County to discuss future projects.
 - Attended and participated in the Kincaid Creek Watershed Plan Webinar (final meeting).
 - Continued updating County EOP Resource Database with information requested from County Stakeholders.
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Ambulance Service

VIII. [22-7167](#)

Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$63,019.07

A motion was made by Basden II, seconded by Scott, to approve the Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$63,019.07. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Comparato

IX. [22-7168](#)

Director's Report

Mr. Schafer reported the following:

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Monthly Claims: \$63,019.07

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$335,240.67

Activity Report: 906 patient care reports for 885 incidents

Other Information:

Submitted a period of performance extension request for the department's bariatric ambulance grant. Chassis still not available with no predicted availability date.

Legislative

X. [22-7169](#)

Solid Waste Opinion

Snyder informed the committee that the Finance Committee decided to request a second opinion, from UCCI, on the repayment of the Solid Waste Fund. Basden disagreed with the decision, commenting that the Board has taken too long with this matter. He asked to hear the full opinion from the State's Attorney. Langenstein reviewed her opinion with the committee noting that she had done extensive research and had come to the conclusion that the County was obligated to pay back the Solid Waste Fund. The committee discussed the issue at length and decided they needed a motion to approve the State's Attorney Office to reach out to the UCCI outside council for a second opinion. Basden agreed, but commented that he did not want this process to go on longer than one month.

A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Basden II, to authorize the State's Attorney Office to reach out to the UCCI outside council for a second opinion on the County paying back the Solid Waste Fund with the stipulation that a report be given at the next Legislative & Public Safety meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XI. [22-7170](#)

County Board By-Laws

Erbes began the discussion by commenting that while at a conference in D.C., it was brought to his attention that Board members may not be paid for more than one meeting in a 24 hour period. Langenstein commented that she had researched this and found the information to be correct. She suggested updating the language in the County by-laws to reflect this information. Langenstein also commented that the Real Property start time should be changed to 5pm and that there should be changes to the language concerning how Board members are paid for committee meetings they are not assigned to. The committee discussed the topic in detail. Basden commented that he was under the impression that if changes are to be made to the by-laws, they could simply be presented to the committee without the input from the State's Attorney Office. The committee discussed the issue further, deciding on a motion to have Erbes work with the State's Attorney Office to update the changes and present those changes at the next Legislative & Public Safety meeting.

A motion was made by Ashley, seconded by Scott, to authorize Erbes and Langenstein to work on updating the language concerning per diems in the County's by-laws and to present those changes at the next Legislative & Public Safety meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Citizen Comments

Old Business

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New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn (5:56 PM)

Basden moved and Erbes seconded to adjourn, motion carried.