

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 5:00 PM
DIAL IN NUMBER (US) 1-312-584-2401 MEETING ID: 1378275#
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Call to Order (5:00 PM)

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

Members Absent: Morris and Snyder

Also present: Liz Hunter, Orval Rowe, Sharee Langenstein, Bart Hagston, Kenton Schafer

Approval of Minutes

- I. [21-5890](#) Approval of March 9, 2021 Minutes
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Basden II, to approve the March 9, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 5 - Basden II, Calandro, Comparato, Erbes and Scott
Absent: 2 - Morris and Snyder
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Animal Control

- II. [21-5891](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
The County Administrator communicated to the committee that the Animal Control Officer had been working on the following: applied for a scholarship to attend the upcoming Animal Welfare Conference and has scheduled the first rabies clinic of 2021 on 5/29-details to come. Calandro noted that if Riverside Park was wanted as a location for any upcoming rabies clinics, to please let him know and he would be able to secure the location.
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Health Department & Solid Waste

- III. [21-5892](#) Jackson County Health Department
Hagston updated the committee on the following:
Jackson County Health Department (JCHD) continues to work with Illinois National Guard to operate COVID-19 vaccination clinics at the Banterra Center and Carbondale Civic Center six days a week. JCHD has also helped coordinate National Guard mobile teams vaccinating at some sites around the county. In total, JCHD has administered around 58,000 doses since the end of December. Jackson County currently ranks 4th out of Illinois' 102 counties as far as % of population fully vaccinated (28.53%). If you factor in those not eligible to be vaccinated (those age 15 and under), then around 34% of eligible Jackson County residents have been fully vaccinated.
On March 29, with IDPH approval, Jackson County moved to open eligibility (Phase 2), meaning anyone age 16 and older can get vaccinated, regardless of health condition or occupation. JCHD has also opened up to walk-in vaccinations, as well, making vaccination even more convenient. 16 & 17 year old's are only eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine and must have parental consent. JCHD has been utilizing all three authorized vaccines at its clinics.
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Today, IDPH directed the Health Department to pause the use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine based upon a recommendation from FDA & CDC. A Federal review is being conducted on some rare health conditions which have appeared in some individuals within three weeks of receiving vaccine. The Health Department will return to using this vaccine if, and when, directed.

Over the past two weeks JCHD has seen a sharp decline in demand for vaccine. On some days 80-95% of the vaccination slots go unfilled. The early success now brings JCHD to the stage where those who sought out vaccination have received their shots. Moving forward the Health Department will have to work harder to get smaller numbers, and it will need to continue to address vaccine convenience and vaccine confidence issues. JCHD is working with State and local partners on these matters.

Beginning Monday, April 19th, JCHD will consolidate down to one vaccination site at the Banterra Center. JCHD will continue to receive support from the Illinois National Guard and will still be vaccinating six days a week, but will adjust the schedule as needed based upon demand.

IV. [21-5893](#)

Solid Waste Enforcement

Hagston reported that the staff had conducted the following: 10 open dumping/open burning inspections or field visits (6 revisits to existing sites and 4 visits to new sites), 2 revisits to sites resulted in closure due to compliance with approximately 32 cubic yards of waste removed, 4 citizen complaints, and 1 routine landfill inspection.

V. [21-5894](#)

Solid Waste Fund Update

Hagston reported the following: Solid Waste Management fund as of 3/31/21 was \$621,379.29 and the Household Hazardous Waste Fund as of 3/31/21 was \$85,802.90. The Host Fee Deposited in County General Fund 2021 was \$69,631.02.

VI. [21-5895](#)

Recycling Program

Hagston reported to the committee that they had began advertising and opened scheduling for a June 19th Household Chemical Collection at SIU. This event will be open to all residents, but the visit must be scheduled at either recyclejacksoncounty.org or by calling 618-684-3143 ext. 128.

Emergency Management

Rowe updated the committee on what Emergency Management had been working on. This included a Hazmat Training course, completing an IEMA action plan, NWS Severe Weather Seminar, assisting the County Board office with Homeland Security Grant, continuing to provide PPE, and staying updated on road closures for Jackson County due to flooding.

Ambulance Service

VII. [21-5896](#)

Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$14,593.32

This agenda item had a typo. The amount voted on was \$114,593.32, not \$14,593.32.

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Erbes, to approve the Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$114,593.32. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Basden II, Calandro, Comparato, Erbes and Scott

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Absent: 2 - Morris and Snyder

VIII. [21-5897](#)

Director's Report

Schafer reported the following to the committee:

Monthly Claims: \$114,593.32

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$383,634.98

Activity Report: 935 patient care reports for 894 incidents.

Other Information:

Monthly claims higher than normal due to purchasing an automated CPR devices listed on the GL distribution as Capital Outlay to Stryker for \$61,770.68. \$50,000 of this purchase was funded by the Assistant to Firefighters Grant the Ambulance Department received.

Tritech Software annual renewal was also due this month \$12,543.32 this is the software that is used in the billing office to process claims.

Special Thank You to Jennifer and Emily for helping the Ambulance Department with the Community Funding Project. If this project comes to fruition it will be a huge asset to our County.

Legislative

IX. [21-5898](#)

Review of County By-Law Proposed Changes

Calandro noted that he wanted to vote on the By-Law changes except the last one (Packet Delivery) due to the Governor not changing his order on the way meetings are being held at this time.

X. [21-5899](#)

Per-Diem Change

A motion was made by Basden II, seconded by Scott, to approve recommendation to the full Board the Per-Diem Change to the County By-Laws. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Basden II and Scott

No: 3 - Calandro, Comparato and Erbes

Absent: 2 - Morris and Snyder

XI. [21-5900](#)

\$1 Per-Diem Change

A motion was made by Basden II, seconded by Scott, to approve recommendation to the full Board the \$1 Per-Diem Change to the County By-Laws. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Basden II and Scott

No: 3 - Calandro, Comparato and Erbes

Absent: 2 - Morris and Snyder

XII. [21-5901](#)

Vice-Chair Sentence Structure

A motion was made by Basden II, seconded by Scott, to approve recommendation to the full Board the Vice-Chair Sentence Structure change to the County By-Laws. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Basden II, Calandro, Erbes and Scott

No: 1 - Comparato

Absent: 2 - Morris and Snyder

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XIII. [21-5902](#) Packet Delivery
This item was not voted on.

Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn (5:20 PM)
Comparato moved and Scott seconded to adjourn, motion carried.