

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 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: Tamiko Mueller, Kerri Gale, Orval Rowe, Jennifer Lindsey, Kenton Schafer

Approval of Minutes

- I. [22-6974](#) Approval of March 15, 2022 Minutes
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Erbes, to approve the March 15, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communication

- II. [22-7002](#) Mediacom Communication Letter
The County Administrator commented that this item was informational only in case citizens had any questions.
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Animal Control

- III. [22-6975](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
The County Administrator reported that there have been 2 additional intergovernmental agreements added, one for Campbell Hill and one for Ava. She also commented that animal incidents were up for the month of March and that the Animal Control Officer was working on setting up rabies vaccination clinics for the spring/summer.
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Health Department & Solid Waste

- IV. [22-6976](#) Jackson County Health Department
Ms. Gale updated the committee on Covid data trends, IDPH preparation for new Covid surges, contact tracing efforts, and vaccination efforts. Ms. Gale also referenced the Contact Tracing Program document located in the packet.
- V. [22-6977](#) Solid Waste Enforcement
Ms. Gale reported the following: 6 open dumping inspections or field visits, 4 revisits to existing sites, 2 visits to new sites, 0 revisits to sites resulted in closure due to compliance, 4 citizen complaints, 0 routine landfill inspections, 0 field visits, and 1 meeting with landfill. She also reported a Shred/Med day on April 23rd.
- VI. [22-6978](#) Solid Waste Fund Update
Ms. Gale referenced the Solid Waste Fund update document in the packet and offered to answer any questions from the committee.
- VII. [22-6979](#) Recycling Program
Ms. Gale reported the following:
Activities Completed for General Recycling Programming – 3/11/22 - 4/12/22:
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- Attended the National Recycling Coalition's How to Apply for Federal Funding webinar March 16.
- Attended the IEPA Recycling Contamination webinar April 7.
- Published Q2 Recycle Jackson County Newsletter – see attached.
- Staff sent out recycling surveys March 18 to haulers and other local businesses to gather recycling data.
- Working to update the recycling and solid waste website to mirror the green guide.
- Planning for household chemical collection event, document shredding & medical disposal event, and developing backyard compost bin program.
- Staff worked on an issue with electronics at Southern Recycling.

Activities Completed for K-12 Recycling Education – 3/11/22 – 4/12/22

- Staff presented education to Carbondale New School.
- Staff participated in an Earth Day and program planning meeting with the River to River Chapter of the Environmental Educators Association.
- Staff created an education display for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) event at Thomas School.
- Staff have scheduled upcoming presentations at Thomas and Parrish in collaboration with the City of Carbondale Recycling Truck.

VIII. [22-7003](#)

Approval of Household Hazardous Waste Funds for the Disposal of Damaged Electronics

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Snyder, to approve the Household Hazardous Waste Funds for the Disposal of Damaged Electronics. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Morris

Emergency Management

Rowe reported the following:

- Continue to order and supply County Stakeholders with PPE supplies to combat the spread of COVID.
- Continued working with Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development on our County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Attended and Participated in National Weather Service Spring Severe Weather Preparedness Workshop in Paducah, KY.
- Completed The Hurst Hazardous Material Response Incident After Action Report and sent to IEMA for approval.
- Attended the SIH-MHC Monthly Emergency Preparedness Meeting in Carbondale.
- Attended And Participated in the SIH-SJMH Monthly Emergency Preparedness Meeting.
- Continued completion of meetings and documents to host the Jackson County/Carbondale Hazardous Material/Train Derailment Full Scale Exercise on April 12.
- Co-hosted NWS Basic Storm Spotter Class at the Murphysboro High School Auditorium on March 29, 33 attendees.
- Attended And Participated in the SIH/MHC Hazard Vulnerability Assessment Meeting in Carbondale.
- Attended And Participated in The Region 11 StarCom 21 Radio Drill hosted by Massac County EMA.
- Completed and Signed FEMA-4489-DR-IL Subgrant Closeout Documents and sent to IEMA for approval.

Ambulance Service

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- IX. [22-6980](#) Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$128,387.96
A motion was made by Basden II, seconded by Comparato, to approve the Ambulance monthly claims in the amount of \$128,387.96. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 6 - Ashley, Basden II, Comparato, Erbes, Scott and Snyder
Absent: 1 - Morris
- X. [22-6981](#) Director's Report
Schafer reported the following:
Monthly Claims: \$128,387.96
Accounts Receivable Cash: \$439,032.38
Activity Report: 802 patient contacts for 789 incidents
Other Information:
The department has finally taken delivery of the 2 new ambulances that were approved over a year ago. The issues to the process because of the effects of COVID have proven very burdensome. The Ambulance department is scheduled for inspection by IDPH on April 14th and the ambulances will be in service. The department plans to have a press release once it has officially placed the trucks in service. The monthly claims are higher this month due to the payment for the new transport ventilators. We have begun the initial training and will have in-person training with the ventilator trainers during the week of April 25th. Once the training has been completed the equipment will be placed in service.
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Legislative

Citizen Comments

Old Business

Basden questioned why the State's Attorney Office was not present to give their legal opinion on paying back the solid waste fund. Mueller commented that there was a plan in place to pay back the fund. Basden, Comparato, and Calandro all agreed that there should be a written document with the State's Attorney Office's legal opinion. After a brief discussion between the committee members on whether the Board needed a written legal opinion or not, Calandro commented that he would speak with the State's Attorney Office to see if they had a legal written document containing their opinion on paying back the solid waste fund.

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn

Comparato moved and Basden seconded to adjourn, motion carried.
