

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order (5:00 PM)

Members Present: Battrell, Comparato, Knust, Lister, Miller, Mueller and Snyder

Also present: Liz Hunter, Kenton Schafer, Josh Barringer, Ben Killman, Orval Rowe, Joni Bailey, Kerri Gale, Bart Hagston, Andrew Erbes

Approval of Minutes

- I. [23-8037](#) Approval of March 14, 2023 Minutes
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Miller, to approve the March 14, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communication

- II. [23-8068](#) Solid Waste Repayment Investment Options Memo
The committee discussed the two options mentioned in the memo provided in the meeting packet. This led to a discussion of whether the \$100K could be kept in County General longer than 6 months to earn as much interest as possible before making a payment to the Solid Waste fund.
A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Comparato, to approve to pay the Solid Waste Fund in November the \$100K plus any interest earned. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Animal Control

- III. [23-8038](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
The County Administrator informed the committee that the Animal Control officer had completed the following:
- Testified at a DCFS hearing.
 - Completed Humane Care Investigation Training offered by Chicago Police Department.
 - 3 animal bites with rabies testing.
- Mueller and the County Administrator praised the work of the Animal Control officer. They also updated the new Board members on past accomplishments of the Animal Control officer.
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Health Department & Solid Waste

- IV. [23-8039](#) Jackson County Health Department
Director Hagston reported the following:
The national emergency declaration for Covid has ended, but the public health emergency order remains in place until May 11. Jackson County is currently rated as "medium" on CDC's Covid-19 Community Rating System, up from "low" last week. Recently the CDC clarified that anyone who has had a bivalent Covid booster, which came out in September, is up to date on
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their vaccinations and current guidelines do not allow for a second bivalent booster to be administered. Bivalent boosters are available to anyone ages 6 months and older. JCHD still doesn't know any further information about when there will need to begin charging for a COVID vaccine. The CDC is still saying late summer or early fall.

April 3rd -9th was recognized as National Public Health Week. All Board members and department heads were sent a news release JCHD developed celebrating the event and thanking our community partners and staff. This week is Sexually Transmitted Infection Awareness Week. The CDC released new data showing that syphilis increased by 74% from 2017 to 2021. Jackson County reported a record high 45 cases in 2022 and 22 cases have already been reported in the county for 2023. The Health Department has programs which focus on developing public messaging on STIs, testing individuals at-risk, and STI prevention.

V. [23-8040](#)

Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed 3/10/23 -4/10/23:

- 1 SIRLI landfill inspection
- 3 new citizen complaints
- 5 Field Visits conducted on for new and ongoing open dumping and burning files.
- Aaron Kelley has received his IEPA Solid Waste Inspector Certification.

VI. [23-8041](#)

Solid Waste Fund Update

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions:

Transfers: \$6,271.97-Shredding, Medical Waste and Trash Bills for county agencies for February
Interest: \$3,327.91-Interest & Analysis Fee for March

Deposits: \$0

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions:

Transfers: \$0

Interest: \$644.76

Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

VII. [23-8042](#)

Recycling Program

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for General Recycling Programming –3/10/23 – 4/10/23:

- Spring Shred/Med in April 22, 8am – Noon – Currently have 78 people scheduled.
- Household Chemical Collection in June 24, 2023 – Schedule is open online at www.jchdonline.org
- Event planning and advertising for both spring events.
- We have not filled the recycling coordinator position at this time.

Activities Completed for K-12 Recycling Education –3/10/23 – 4/10/23:

- Provided recycling education programming to all students at the Carbondale New School. Students made recycled paper, conducted a schoolyard safari, and made instruments from household recycled materials.
- Presented a recycling education display and promoted the upcoming collection events at the Unity Point School Family Night. The “Wellness Rocks!” themed event included a make -n- take instrument activity.

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- Researched best practices in effective recycling social media campaigns for the creation of new outreach efforts within the county.
 - Prepared an educational display for upcoming events
 - Provided coordination to Brehm Preparatory School to implement a new recycling program on their campus
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Emergency Management

- VIII. [23-8043](#) Resolution 2023-60 Adopting the Jackson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
Rowe introduced himself and gave an overview (timeline) of the Jackson County Mitigation Plan since 2019. He commented that formal approval of this plan is required as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects. Rowe also mentioned that formal approval of this plan is contingent upon the adoption by the participating jurisdictions of this plan. Rowe discussed the resolution request with the committee and answered questions.
A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Miller, to approve recommendation to the full Board the approval of Resolution 2023-60 Adopting the Jackson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Ambulance Service

- IX. [23-8044](#) Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Knust, to approve the payment of Ambulance Monthly claims in the amount of \$50,743.51. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 7 - Battrell, Comparato, Knust, Lister, Miller, Mueller and Snyder
- X. [23-8045](#) Director's Report
Director Schafer reported the following:
Monthly Claims: \$50,743.51
Accounts Receivable Cash: \$400,645.62
Activity Report: 953 patient contacts
Other Information:
Captain Kenny Ray attended grant writing training to help better prepare our submissions for the AFG grant and various other forms of grants.
One of our Captains was involved in a vehicle accident in our command truck. The police investigation determined we were not at-fault. Repairs are currently underway.
- XI. [23-8046](#) Ambulance Building Purchase
Director Schafer began the discussion by referring to the information provided in the meeting packet. He answered a few questions from the committee before a motion was made.
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Battrell, to approve recommendation to the full Board to approve the Ambulance Building Purchase. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Legislative

- XII. [23-8047](#) Animal Control Ordinance Proposal
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- XIII. [23-8048](#) The committee had a long discussion with the Animal Control Officer regarding the proposed draft ordinance. There was discussion of the Animal Control Officer carrying a weapon, and what that would entail. There was also discussion of moving the Animal Control Officer under jurisdiction of the Sheriff. Snyder commented that she would have a conversation with the Sheriff regarding this and report back to the committee. The discussion continued with conversations regarding enforcement of the ordinance and state statute. Many suggestions were made regarding updating the ordinance. It was decided to make the requested changes to the ordinance and bring back a draft copy to next month's Legislative meeting for discussion.
- Resolution 2023-63 IMRF Resolution Allowing Service Credit for Military Service
- The County Administrator commented that this resolution would allow up to 4 years of military service credit toward an employee's IMRF retirement. Mueller expressed her support and passion for the board to pass this resolution as an added benefit to those who serve and work for the County. The committee discussed the topic briefly before a motion was made to approve.
- A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Knust, to approve Resolution 2023-63 IMRF Resolution Allowing Service Credit for Military Service. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

- XIV. [23-8050](#) Discussion of Billboards
- The County Administrator reminded the committee that a citizen had brought the topic up at the last board meeting and it was decided to be discussed at the next Legislative meeting. ASA Bailey mentioned that she had spoken with the citizen and suggested that she gather a petition and bring the matter back to the Legislative Committee. The committee had a long discussion about creating an ordinance, which would require zoning implementation and what that would bring to the unincorporated area of the County. Erbes commented that he had not had a response from UCCI yet regarding the matter. Lister and Knust commented that if the County wasn't interested in zoning, they should make the billboards taxable.
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Executive Session

- XV. [23-8051](#) Executive Session under 2 (c) 5 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property
- The committee did not go into executive session.
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Adjourn (6:32 PM)

Mueller moved and Battrell seconded to adjourn, motion carried.
