

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order (5:03 PM)

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

Also present: Kenton Schafer, Robert Burns, Bart Hagston, Andrew Erbes, Joni Bailey, Kerri Gale, Yara Hindi

Approval of Minutes

- I. [23-7960](#) Approval of February 14, 2023 Minutes
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Knust, to approve the February 14, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Animal Control

- II. [23-7961](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
The County Administrator stated that the deadline for the Rabies Tag contest is at the end of the month. So far, zero have been submitted. She also mentioned that the Animal Control Officer saved a citizen from a potential dog bite, and that the dog is currently quarantined.
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Health Department & Solid Waste

- III. [23-7962](#) Jackson County Health Department
- IV. [23-7963](#) Solid Waste Enforcement
Ms. Gale reported the following:
Activities Completed 2/10/23 – 3/10/23:
- 1 property has been closed and put into general compliance
 - 1 SIRLI inspection occurred 14 February 2023.
 - 2 new citizen complaints
 - 7 Field Visits conducted on for new and ongoing open dumping and burning files.
 - Attended Environmental Protection Agency training Webinar on Building Relationship and Trust in Contamination Cleanup on 9 February 2023
 - Conducted IEPA Certification on 14 February 2023. Waiting to hear back from the state for certification.
- V. [23-7964](#) Solid Waste Fund Update
Ms. Gale reported the following:
- Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions**
- Transfers: \$4,774.24-Shredding, Medical Waste and Trash Bills for County Agencies for February
Interest: \$2,877.39-Interest & Analysis Fee for December & January
Deposits: \$0
- Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions**
- Transfers: \$0
Interest: \$397.78
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Deposits: \$50,000-Annual Deposit to Household Hazardous Waste Fund

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

Mueller commented that at the last meeting there was a discussion about putting the Solid Waste fund dollars into a CD that will earn interest. The County Administrator commented that she would follow up with the Treasurer and report back.

VI. [23-7965](#)

Recycling Program

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for General Recycling Programming –2/10/23 – 3/10/23:

- Spring Shred/Med in April 22, 8am – Noon – see attached flyer
- Household Chemical Collection in June 24, 2023 – see attached flyer
- Interviews for the Recycling Coordinator job will be start next week.
- Hosted an IEPA Southern Region meeting for Sharps Disposal discussion.

Activities Completed for K-12 Recycling Education –2/10/23 – 3/10/23:

- Supported “Read Across America” themed celebration efforts in area schools, by reading “The Lorax.”
- Presented new recycling education program to “I Can Read” afterschool program and utilized Black Faces in Green Spaces display.
- Coordinated programming at Thomas School and Carbondale New School.
- Supported a new collaborative composting project with Thomas School and the Red Hen Garden Community Garden in Carbondale.
- Created a new lesson plan for Pre-K students to create musical instruments of their own recycled materials.

Mueller mentioned the QR code on the Shred/Med flyer was not working properly. Gale commented that she would address that issue.

Emergency Management

Ambulance Service

VII. [23-7966](#)

Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Knust, to approve the Ambulance monthly claims in the amount of \$145,689.86. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Battrell, Comparato, Knust, Lister, Miller, Mueller and Snyder

VIII. [23-7967](#)

Director's Report

Director Schafer reported the following:

Monthly Claims: \$145,689.86

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$357,172.44

Activity Report: 861 patient care contacts

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Other Information:

The Ambulance monthly claims include an invoice to Motorola Solutions \$110,748 this is new radio equipment purchased through the AFG grant that was awarded last year. Once the equipment is received, its installation will begin.

The Ambulance Department has completed CPR and Stop the Bleed training with the highway department, as well as the first round of CPR training with the health department.

State's Attorney

Ms. Bailey commented that there was no formal report this month and that she and State's Attorney Cervantez were working on a format for next month. She updated the committee on staffing issues, noting that out of 9 approved attorneys, there are currently 4 active staff and 5 openings. Bailey commented that salary is their biggest obstacle when it comes to hiring attorneys.

Legislative

IX. [23-7968](#)

Ordinance Update

The County Administrator commented that the Legislative & Public Safety committee is responsible for the review of prior ordinances and resolutions to ensure that they meet current standards as imposed by the Board and to recommend any necessary changes to the full Board. She suggested to the committee to begin reviewing the Animal Control Ordinance. She noted that ordinance was out of date and needs to include language that would support the Humane Care for Animals Act. Miller asked what the process would entail to complete this. This began a discussion of other resolutions and ordinances that could be reviewed and updated. The committee decided to review the Animal Control Ordinance and bring suggestions to the next Legislative & Public Safety meeting.

A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Comparato, to approve reviewing the current Animal Control Ordinance to present at next month's Legislative meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Citizen Comments

Old Business

X. [23-7969](#)

Opioid Settlement Update

Lister questioned the process of reviewing Executive Session minutes to see what could be made public. Bailey commented that she was working on this and would have the information ready for the June County Board meeting. The committee suggested this should be done every 6 months.

Lister then referenced the articles he provided for the committee concerning opioid information. He suggested that the Board should partner with other entities in the County such as SIH, the City of Carbondale, and the Jackson County Health Department to implement an opioid prevention program. The committee had a long discussion and agreed to create an opioid sub-committee to develop a plan on how to utilize the County's Opioid Settlement money.

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A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Knust, to approve recommendation to the full Board to implement an opioid sub-committee. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business

- XI. [23-7970](#) Continuous Warming Center Funding
Comparato commented that at the February Board meeting, there was discussion about creating a line item in the budget for future funding of the Carbondale Warming Center and other non-profit organizations. The committee discussed how regular contributions to non-profit organizations within the County are made. The committee came to the consensus to recommend that the Carbondale Warming Center should continue to reach out to the full board for any future funding requests.
- XII. [23-7971](#) Future Non-Profit Funding
No action was taken on this item.
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Executive Session

Adjourn (6:06 PM)

Comparato moved and Miller seconded to adjourn, motion carried.