

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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: Josh Barringer, Robert Burns, Joni Bailey, Kenton Schafer, Bart Hagston, Kerri Gale, Liz Hunter

Approval of Minutes

- I. [23-7871](#) Approval of January 10, 2023 Minutes
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Knust, to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Animal Control

- II. [23-7872](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
The County Administrator gave the committee the monthly Animal Control update. This included information on a newspaper article that mentioned the Animal Control Officer. The County Administrator also updated the committee on the rabies tag design contest that the Animal Control Officer had created for local high schools. She commented that if the committee and Board approved, there would be a \$25 gift card incentive for the winner of the contest and a \$50 gift card incentive for the winner's teacher (\$75 total for the 1-year tag winner/teacher and \$75 total for the 3-year tag winner/teacher: Total \$150). The committee briefly discussed the incentive and made a motion to approve.
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Mueller, to approve the \$150 gift card incentive for the teacher and winner of the rabies tag design contest. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Health Department & Solid Waste

- III. [23-7873](#) Jackson County Health Department
Director Hagston reported the following:
Jackson County is now rated as "medium" risk on CDC's COVID-19 community level rating system and has been rated medium or low for the last month. Demand for Covid boosters has tailed off significantly since November. The FDA's vaccine advisory group met in late January and discussed what the future of Covid vaccinations should look like. The panel voted to recommend moving toward a uniform vaccine strain composition across all Covid vaccine brands and to recommend a single initial dose, versus the current two doses initial series, except for those at high risk. They also discussed simplifying the immunization schedule, such as one annual dose, but no decision was made on that point. No changes for now on any of the above, as this was only an advisory committee. Much more discussion at the federal level will be occurring this year on how to move forward with Covid vaccinations.
The Federal public health emergency declaration and State of Illinois emergency declaration for COVID-19 will both be allowed to expire on May 11. The end of the Federal declaration, in particular, will trigger some changes that are still being sorted out. JCHD knows that commercialization of the vaccine will occur sometime this year and will result in JCHD having to purchase it, where it has always been free to the department before. JCHD will then need to
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start billing insurance for vaccine cost & administration. JCHD will learn over the next couple months about other potential impacts.

Due to the end of the Ebola outbreak in Uganda in January, the health dept. was able to discontinue monitoring any travelers from that Country for the 21-day virus incubation period. JCHD had a total of one traveler that was monitored, with no issues and no illness developed.

JCHD is a co-sponsor of the Black Men's Health Conference this Saturday, Feb. 18th at Carbondale Civic Center from 7:30am-12:30pm. The event includes various local speakers and free wellness screenings.

JCHD will hold two health department orientations & tours for County Board members at 5pm on Thursday, Feb 23 and Tuesday, Feb 28. Any Board member interested in attending either date please let Bart Hagston know.

IV. [23-7874](#)

Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed 1/6/23 – 2/10/23:

- 1 property has been closed and put into general compliance
- 1 SIRLI inspection occurred 11 January 2023.
- 2 new citizen complaints
- 8 Field Visits conducted on for new and ongoing open dumping and burning files.
- 3 Day FEMA Incident Command System Training (ICS 300) at Marion, IL 30 Jan 2023-01 Feb 2023.
- IEPA Certification will occur on 14 Feb 2023.
- Coordinated with Recycling to do a write-up on open dumping policies and procedures for the Recycling Newsletter.

V. [23-7875](#)

Solid Waste Fund Update

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: 13,238.84 - Shredding, Medical Waste and Trash bills for county agencies for December & January.

Interest: \$5,310.76 - Interest & Analysis Fee for December & January.

Deposits: \$82,882.40 - 4th Qtr Tipping fees

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$0

Interest: \$768.99

Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$65,261.73

Knust questioned where the County was in paying back the Solid Waste Fund process. The committee discussed and agreed to have the County Treasurer look into putting the \$100K that was budgeted to make a payment to the Solid Waste Fund this year into various options such as a high interest CD account for a limited time to increase the amount and then make the yearly payment to the Solid Waste Fund.

VI. [23-7876](#)

Recycling Program

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Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for General Recycling Programming –1/6/23 -2/10/23:

- Planning meeting for Solid Waste Plan advisory committee with Greater Egypt
- Planning for Spring Shred/Med in April and Household Chemical Collection in June. We are waiting on final agreements to be put in place to release the dates.
- Preparing for Recycling Coordinator replacement
- Jessica will be leaving Feb 23 to take a job at SIU. She would like to thank the Legislative & Public Safety Committee for their support of this position!

Activities Completed for K-12 Recycling Education –1/6/23 - 2/10/23:

- Prepared a new educational display for educator use during Black History Month. Entitled “Black Faces in Green Spaces: The Journeys of Black Professionals in Green Careers” is a new first-of-its-kind resource, recently released by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), Project Learning Tree (PLT), and Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS) to highlight 22 Black Americans who share personal stories about their passions and overcoming challenges and finding careers in the conservation sector.
- Assisted with the coordination of new programming in collaboration with the “I Can Read!” afterschool program in Carbondale.
- Participated in Carbon-Free Healthy Schools Teach-In
- Participated in the Environmental Educators Association of Illinois regional meeting.
- Provided support for the Mr. James Wells Memorial Bench project. The project currently seeks plastic caps and lids to be recycled into a bench to be donated to the Murphysboro Park District, honoring a long-time MMS recycling coordinator.

Emergency Management

Ambulance Service

VII. [23-7877](#)

Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Battrell, to approve payment of the Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$47,638.43. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

VIII. [23-7878](#)

Director's Report

Director Schafer reported the following:

Monthly Claims: \$47,638.43

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$723,724.30

Activity Report: 953 patient service contacts

IX. [23-7880](#)

MABAS Agreement

Schafer commented that the Ambulance Department recommended the Committee approve the updated Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) agreement. Participating would allow the department access to the MABAS Division 45 Technical Rescue Team (TRT) for those injured or trapped typically in the Little Grand Canyon or Piney Creek Ravine which would require the use of ropes and/or repelling equipment and training to affect the rescue. This is an invaluable

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resource for the department-at no charge. The committee discussed the recommendation briefly before making a motion to approve.

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Knust, to approve recommendation to the full Board to approve the MABAS Agreement. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

X. [23-7881](#)

Ordinance 2023-01 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Miller, to approve Ordinance 2023-01 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Legislative

Citizen Comments

Old Business

XI. [23-7879](#)

Opioid Settlement Update

The County Administrator presented the committee with a summarized report on the Opioid Settlement, commenting that the committee would need to decide what to do with the money during the next few Legislative meetings. The committee had a long discussion on how to utilize the money in the best way. The committee decided to keep the item on future agendas and that they would begin taking suggestions and mapping out their plan at the next meeting.

New Business

Schafer presented the committee with a memo regarding the CAD system that had been discussed at last week's Finance & Administration meeting. Burns and Schafer commented that this would bring about a County wide platform for sharing information and how this would benefit public safety. Both commented that anyone could review the attached Tyler Technology memo for more information.

Executive Session

Adjourn (6:35 PM)

Comparato moved and Knust seconded to adjourn, motion carried.