

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order (5:00 PM)

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

Also present: Joni Bailey, Kerri Gale, Kenton Schafer, Andrew Erbes
Scott Comparato chaired the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

- I. [23-7721](#) Approval of December 13, 2022 Minutes
A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Miller, to approve the December 13, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Animal Control

- II. [23-7722](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
The County Administrator updated the committee on Animal Control, noting the following:
1. Successfully activated the Disaster Relief Trailer in response to a parvo outbreak and staffing issues at the humane society. The emergency shelter was able to keep 6 animals out of the humane society while they dealt with the parvo outbreak. 1 animal was returned to owner, 1 went to rescue, 2 went to the Humane Society of Southern Illinois after the "all clear" and, 2 were sent to Randolph County Humane Society.
 2. With activating the trailer, Animal Control was able to identify potential choke points and pit falls that may arise in a full-scale disaster activation. It was a considerable learning experience, and the county will be better prepared in the future.
 3. HSSI is still experiencing staffing issues and overcrowding, making operations with them difficult. The effect on the public is a growing concern. Long term activation of the trailer is not currently possible due to location and weather constraints.
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Health Department & Solid Waste

- III. [23-7723](#) Jackson County Health Department
Ms. Gale reported the following:
Jackson County has remained in the medium risk category of the CDC's COVID-19 Community Level rating system for much of the past month. JCHD is monitoring the spread of the latest Covid variant (XBB.1.5) to see how it impacts risk of illness.
Demand for the bivalent Covid booster dropped off in December, after fairly strong demand Sep-Nov.
JCHD is co-sponsoring a Black Men's Health Conference on Feb. 18 at the Carbondale Civic Center.
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The Health Department's new website has been well received. The links to the latest inspection report for every restaurant in the county are also popular. These are uploaded the same day the inspection occurs.

IV. [23-7724](#)

Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed 12/8/22 – 1/6/23:

- 2 properties have been closed and put into general compliance
- 4 new citizen complaints
- 1 landfill inspection with Marion IEPA Regional office at SIRLI on 19 December 2022
- 15 Field Visits conducted on for new and ongoing open dumping and burning files.
- Scheduled site visits with IEPA to become a certified inspector in late January 2023.

V. [23-7725](#)

Solid Waste Fund Update

No update given.

VI. [23-7726](#)

Recycling Program

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for General Recycling Programming –12/8/22 – 1/6/23:

- Holiday light recycling program was successful, approximately a full gaylord (box) collected at 3 local sites and then taken to Southern Recycling for drop-off.
- Collaborated with Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission on an IEPA grant to complete the Jackson County Solid Waste Plan. JCHD has released public notice this week that JCHD is working on this plan.
- Completed end of year tasks for FY22 and prepared for maternity leave.

Activities Completed for K-12 Recycling Education –12/8/22 – 1/6/23:

- Completed recycling education presentations at Giant City School and coordinated the placement of a compost display in the school's library.
- Attended Greater Egypt Regional Planning mtg. on Carbondale Urban Heat Island Pilot study project – exploring public education opportunities about the impact and importance of water pollution control.
- Supported Carbondale Pre-K teachers environmental and recycling thematic classroom units with Project WILD's – Growing Up WILD curricula.
- Collected and prepped recycled newspaper materials to replenish supplies for two classroom activity kits.
- Updated section components to the recycling wheel display for future public events.

Emergency Management

Ambulance Service

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- VII. [23-7727](#) Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims
A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Knust, to approve payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$62,029.99. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 5 - Battrell, Comparato, Knust, Miller and Mueller
Absent: 2 - Lister and Snyder
- VIII. [23-7728](#) Director's Report
Director Schafer reported the following:
Monthly Claims: \$62,029.99
Accounts Receivable Cash: \$483,367.11
Activity Report: 1014 patient incidents
Other Information:
Statistical fun facts for anyone interested. HHS provided us the following facts:
As of Sept 2022, 65,103,807 people are enrolled in Medicare. 34,984,295 are enrolled in original Medicare, 30,119,512 are enrolled in Medicare Advantage or other health plans. This includes Advantage plans with and without prescription coverage.
50,574,570 are enrolled in Medicare Part D. This includes enrollment in stand-alone prescription plans as well as Medicare Advantage plans that offer prescription drug coverage.
12 million individuals are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid and are counted in the enrollment figures for both programs.
A report has been included from the billing software indicating the Ambulance Department's payer mix FY 21-22. (Please see attached online report for more information)
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Legislative

The County Administrator commented that since this was the beginning of a new year, the committee could begin thinking about possibly renewing policies, goals, by-laws etc. if they chose to do so.

Citizen Comments

Old Business

Knust questioned the progress of the National Opioid Settlement and the requests for funding from various departments. The County Administrator commented that this item was temporarily put on hold until the Board office knows how much the County will be receiving from the settlement. Knust asked if the item could be kept under old business for future meetings so the committee could track the progress.

New Business

Miller asked the committee to review the online video of the Community Conversation on Gun Violence. The County Administrator commented that she would the link to the Board members.

Executive Session

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Adjourn (5:25 PM)

Mueller moved and Battrell seconded to adjourn, motion carried.

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