

REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021 4:30 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order (4:30 PM)

Members Present: Ashley, D. Bost, Peterson and Phillips
Members Absent: Erbes, Rendleman and Snyder

Also present: Maureen Berkowitz, Brian Chapman, Mitch Burdick

Approval of Minutes

- I. [21-6633](#) Approval of November 10, 2021 Minutes
A motion was made by Ashley, seconded by Phillips, to approve the November 10, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communication

Peterson communicated that she had spoken with John Rendleman about the river levee work needing done since last spring at the Tater Bend area. His opinion was to contract an attorney to petition the court due to the State's Attorney Office being absent on this issue. It was the consensus of the committee to move this information to the County Administrator to get her opinion on whether it was necessary to pass on to a committee for approval.

Land Use & Economic Development

- II. [21-6634](#) Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission
Peterson noted that she had attended an open house of the new facility for Greater Egypt and that the committee elected new officers.
- III. [21-6635](#) Supervisor of Assessments
A. James and Delores King Land Division Parcel #09-21-352-003
Berkowitz updated the committee on the James and Delores King Land Division. She noted that the division conformed with the ordinance and was ready for approval from the Board. She also commented that the Grand Tower Power Plant did not pay their 2020 taxes, so the property went to the tax sale with no one purchasing it, noting that this was tax money the County was expecting but wouldn't receive. The Committee briefly discussed the topic.
A motion was made by D. Bost, seconded by Ashley, to approve the James and Delores King Land Division Parcel #09-21-352-003. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- IV. [21-6636](#) Jackson Growth Alliance
Chapman updated the committee on what Jackson Growth Alliance had been working on including creating a new Industrial Park for the County, seeking to reinstitute the Jackson/Union County Port District, assisting Jackson County Board with Accelerate Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Planning Grant, assisting the Carbondale Chamber with a Job Fair in 2022, and assisting the Natural Resource Economic Development Board with increasing tourism in Jackson County.
- V. [21-6637](#) Comprehensive Plan
No update given.
- VI. [21-6638](#) River Levee Project Update
Update was given at the beginning of the meeting.
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Highway Department

- VII. [21-6639](#) SIMPO-Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization
Peterson commented that SIMPO was looking for a new Transportation Planner and for new Economic Development Planners.
- VIII. [21-6640](#) Jackson County Bike Routes
No update was given.
- IX. [21-6641](#) Rural Transportation Planning
Burdick informed the committee that there had been a group of projects submitted to be added to the Long Range Transportation plan for Jackson County. He noted that these were outside of the Metropolitan Planning Organization and that there was no funding associated with these. These projects included road and bike path projects. Burdick also mentioned that the Long Range Transportation plan should be complete by next year and that it would be the first one in Illinois.
- X. [21-6642](#) Payment of Highway Monthly Claims
A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Ashley, to approve payment of the Highway monthly claims in the amount of \$129,441.88. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- XI. [21-6643](#) County Highway Department Update
Burdick updated the committee on various projects being completed by the Highway department noting road upgrades, safety studies, and possible upcoming requests for budget changes.
- XII. [21-6644](#) Resolution 2021-85 for Township Aid-DeSoto Township
Burdick briefly explained the resolution and answered questions from the committee. A motion was made by Ashley, seconded by Phillips, to approve Resolution 2021-85 for Township Aid-DeSoto Township. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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County Buildings & Grounds

Old Business

Peterson commented that she had made some inquiries about the Reed Station Road Mobile Home Park which is now cleaned up. She discussed with the committee about what to do with the 30 acres of land. She noted an easement situation with FEMA that the State's Attorney Office would need to deal with. Berkowitz commented that she had spoken with the State's Attorney's Office and they worked out a way around the issue, noting that it just needed to be followed through. Burdick commented that he wasn't sure if the County would have control over the property in the end.

- XIII. [21-6645](#) Keep Jackson County Beautiful
Peterson led a discussion of her interest in the County joining the Keep America Beautiful Campaign. She noted that she had reached out to Carbondale about becoming an affiliate with their existing organization. She also commented that the County could become its own affiliate. The committee had a brief discussion of the two options and came to the agreement to get with the Health Department to see about possible involvement and then pass the item on to the Legislative committee.
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New Business

Burdick commented that SIMPO would be looking into next years planning grants. One possible idea would be to pre-emptively perform a needs study for electric vehicle charging stations in the County, since there would be grant money available for them.

Executive Session

Adjourn (5:28 PM)

Ashley moved and D. Bost seconded to adjourn, motion carried.