

REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021 4:30 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office

Call to Order (4:30 PM)

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

Also present: Brian Chapman, Maureen Berkowitz, Mitch Burdick, Sharee Langenstein, Mark Holt, Jeff Whitbeck

Approval of Minutes

- I. [21-6156](#) Approval of June 16, 2021 Minutes
A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Erbes, to approve the June 16, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communication

Peterson communicated to the committee about an article in the Southern Illinoisan regarding safety issues with multi-modal transportation. The committee had a quick discussion about the topic.

Land Use & Economic Development

- II. [21-6161](#) River Levee Project Update
Items II through V are all related. Holt gave an update on the Degognia-Fountain Bluff Levee and drainage district. The committee discussed possible scenario's from the information given. Burdick mentioned that their may possibly need to be an amendment to the existing intergovernmental agreement. The committee then decided on a motion.
A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Erbes, to approve recommendation to the full Board to Authorize and Approve the 2015 Intergovernmental Agreement to Permit the Proposed Work on Tater Bend Area Subject to Legal and Judicial Approval if Necessary. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- III. [21-6189](#) Degognia-Fountain Bluff Levee & Drainage District Request to Complete Repair of Tater Bend Seepage
- IV. [21-6190](#) Review of Court Order 15-MC-1 In the Matter of the Degognia and Fountain Bluff Levee and Drainage District and the Grand Tower Levee and Drainage District, Jackson County, Illinois, Petitioners
- V. [21-6191](#) Review of 2015 Intergovernmental Cooperation/Participation Agreement Jackson County River Levee Maintenance and Repair Project
- VI. [21-6157](#) Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission
Peterson updated the committee on Greater Egypt projects which included working on a \$758K Community Navigator Program grant, an update on the new building for Greater Egypt, and the possibility of a 5 county RFP in which Greater Egypt would bring the counties together and manage a broadband project. The committee had a brief discussion on the possible 5 county RFP.
- VII. [21-6158](#) Supervisor of Assessments
Berkowitz reported that Assessments had received their 2021 parcel lines from an outside company. They had processed 287 documents and were able to remove 1,090 parcels from the map and add back in 1,116 new ones.
- VIII. [21-6159](#) Jackson Growth Alliance
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Chapman updated the committee on his first few days at JGA. He discussed that his focus right now would be on CURE money. He also discussed the Delta Regional Authority broadband mapping project which will support digital infrastructure. He commented that the process for citizens would be as simple as scanning a QR code with their phone. He noted that this project would help drive federal funding for broadband.

- IX. [21-6160](#) Comprehensive Plan
Peterson requested that the County Administrator send the Comprehensive Plan outline to all the Board members.
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Highway Department

- X. [21-6162](#) SIMPO- Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization
Peterson updated the committee on SIMPO and spoke about a 232K funding project which required no local match for the entire MPO. She noted that project ideas could be submitted.
- XI. [21-6163](#) Jackson County Bike Routes
Peterson commented that the Built Environmental Action Team meeting was Friday, July 16, 2021. D. Bost discussed the Trans American Bike Trail and how Jackson County could help those patrons who utilized the bike trail to enter and exit Jackson County be as safe as possible. The committee offered ideas and commented on who to reach out to for more information. Burdick offered clarification on funding for the County bike route completion.
- XII. [21-6164](#) Rural Transportation Planning
No new information for this item was given.
- XIII. [21-6165](#) Payment of Highway Monthly Claims
A motion was made by D. Bost, seconded by Snyder, to approve payment of the Highway Claims in the amount of \$720,224.14. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- XIV. [21-6166](#) County Highway Department Update
Burdick gave an update on the Highway Department. His update included information on challenges with IDOT and environmental issues, an update on 2 Township bridges in the process of being repaired, ITEP approval of a funding application, the Highway Safety Improvement Program application process, and a seasonal help update. He also mentioned that going forward he would not be giving an update on COVID impacts.
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County Buildings & Grounds

This section was moved up before the Highway department section. Rendleman suggested that the Board get a timeline on the courthouse ceiling repairs from Hurst-Roche. Whitbeck noted he would ask for a completion date.

Erbes mentioned that a few citizens have complained about the flags at the Jail and the Courthouse not being lit at night. The County Administrator commented that she would discuss this with the Sheriff.

- XV. [21-6167](#) Bailey Law Office Building
Both buildings were discussed in detail by the committee and Berkowitz. This included spacing, convenience for citizens, and cost. The consensus of the committee was for the County Administrator to draw up plans to house Assessments, Public Defender, and Probation to have available at the next Real Property meeting.
- XVI. [21-6168](#) Baine Building
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Old Business

Peterson mentioned the Keep America Beautiful campaign. She noted that she had reached out to someone and had not heard back. Burdick commented that it might be a good idea to have the Health Department be a part of the discussion for the campaign with the County. She also mentioned that she had not heard any new information from Clean Southern Illinois.

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn (6:03 PM)

Erbes moved and Phillips seconded to adjourn, motion carried.