

REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022 4:30 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order (4:33 PM)

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

Also present: Mitch Burdick, Joni Bailey, Maureen Berkowitz

Approval of Minutes

- I. [22-7258](#) Approval of June 15, 2022 Minutes
A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Snyder, to approve the June 13, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communication

- II. [22-7259](#) Meeting Time Change
Peterson commented on the newspaper article included in the packet and noted it was informational only. The committee briefly discussed changing the start time of the Real Property meeting going forward. Each member was given the opportunity to voice their opinion and the group came to the consensus to change the start time to 5pm.
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Land Use & Economic Development

- III. [22-7260](#) Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission
Peterson commented on viewing the Greater Egypt website for information on continuing projects, including a long range transportation plan for rural transportation. She also mentioned that Greater Egypt was hiring a consultant to conduct a regional safety study.
- IV. [22-7261](#) Supervisor of Assessments
Berkowitz explained the multi-township assessment districts information she had sent to the Board members. She commented that the County Board would only need to be involved in the matter if there was a dispute. Berkowitz also updated the committee on the Apple Festival lawsuit and the Grand Tower ruling against the Shawnee School District.
- V. [22-7262](#) Jackson Growth Alliance
Bailey introduced herself to the committee and commented that she was the Chair of JGA. She spoke about having two new members on JGA, attendance at the last two JGA meetings, negotiating the terms of a contract for a part-time executive director who would be doing work for Gary Schafer at the Southern Illinois Airport and for JGA, and emphasizing the focus of reaching out to the non-Murphysboro and non-Carbondale areas of the County for economic development.
- VI. [22-7263](#) Comprehensive Plan
No update was given.
- VII. [22-7264](#) River Levee Agreement
Bailey commented that she was aware of this item and understood it to not be complete. She also noted that this was a top priority and would help in anyway to get it completed.
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Highway Department

- VIII. [22-7265](#) SIMPO-Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization
Peterson commented that SIMPO had started with their FY23 consultants for a bike-way maps and routes study and an electric vehicle charging stations study. She also discussed the Safe Streets 4 All federal program, and that SIMPO would look for state funding and work on a vision zero planning project of their own.
- IX. [22-7266](#) Jackson County Bike Routes
Peterson discussed the IDOT Bike Route map included in the packet with the committee noting that SIMPO and Greater Egypt were working on bike maps and that there should be more complete bike maps in the future.
- X. [22-7267](#) Rural Transportation Planning
Burdick commented that the Long Range Transportation plan was on the Greater Egypt website.
- XI. [22-7268](#) Payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$78,217.57
A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Snyder, to approve payment of Highway monthly claims in the amount of \$78,217.57. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- XII. [22-7269](#) County Highway Department Update
Burdick updated the committee on the County Highway including road projects, speed study updates, grants, highway building repairs, chip and seal activities in the County, ventilation improvements for the highway buildings and information on the resolution the committee would be voting on later in the meeting.
Burdick discussed with the committee the results of the Marina Road speed study that was completed. Burdick commented that the recommended speed would be 40 miles per hour from the current 45 miles per hour. Burdick noted that the people around Marina Road are wanting a 35 mile per hour speed limit. He discussed with the committee that if the Board wanted to lower the speed to 35, he recommended getting an opinion from the State's Attorney Office to be sure it was something the Board could legally due. The committee discussed the issue and asked Bailey to research whether the Board could legally lower the speed to 35 understanding that the speed study recommended a speed of 40.
- XIII. [22-7270](#) Resolution 2022-49 A Resolution in Support of Federal Land Access Grant
A motion was made by D. Bost, seconded by Phillips, to approve Resolution 2022-49 A Resolution in Support of Federal Land Access Grant. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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County Buildings & Grounds

Snyder questioned how much square footage space the Public Defender's Office required. The committee briefly discussed the requirements.

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn (5:26 PM)

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