

REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021 4:30 PM
DIAL IN NUMBER (US) 1-312-584-2401 MEETING ID: 1378275#
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Call to Order (4:30 PM)

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

Members Absent: Snyder

Also present: Gene Basden, Maureen Berkowitz, Roger Twenhafel, Mitch Burdick, Tamiko Mueller, Sharee Langenstein

Approval of Minutes

- I. [21-5903](#) Approval of March 10, 2021 Minutes
A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Erbes, to approve the March 10, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communication

- II. [21-5904](#) Mass Transit Binder Update
Peterson communicated that the Mass Transit information binder located in the County Board office has been updated and that anyone who was interested was welcome to check it out. Once the committee begins meeting in person, Peterson noted that it will be brought to a meeting for viewing in person.
- III. [21-5905](#) Fighting Fire with Fire Article
Peterson noted this item was informational only and it concerned prescribed burns.
- IV. [21-5906](#) Designation Requires Attention Article
This item was informational only.
- V. [21-5907](#) Initiative to Clean Up Region Article
This items was informational only. Peterson spoke about the local litter problem and offered ideas on how it could be handled. Mueller offered a suggestion of having the County Board members help with a clean-up day. Peterson mentioned working with Burdick on Keep America Beautiful signage and whether it would help if signs were put up in the County.
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Land Use & Economic Development

- VI. [21-5908](#) Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission
Peterson updated the committee on Greater Egypt noting that the new building is going up, discussion had been had on grant cycles, and asked Mueller if she could mention to Jackson Growth Alliance about possible funding from EDA for businesses who lost tourism money last year due to COVID.
- VII. [21-5909](#) Supervisor of Assessments
Peterson questioned Berkowitz on several upcoming Assessment legislative bills.
- VIII. [21-5937](#) Twenhafel Land Split Parcel #09-21-426-007, 010, 011, 013,017
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Berkowitz updated the committee on the Twenhafel land split and noted that Mr. Twenhafel had joined the meeting in case anyone had questions about the land split. Rendleman questioned the current use of the property and questioned whether there would need to be additional access points available. Twenhafel replied that it was not necessary at this time. Peterson noted that upon driving to the location, it was hard to tell what the buildings were currently being used for. She also questioned whether the buildings were going to remain or be torn down. Twenhafel noted that the second property was in good condition and the the other property was being cleaned up as it had not been taken care of.

A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by D. Bost, to approve the Twenhafel Land Split Parcel #09-21-426-007, 010, 011, 013, 017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - D. Bost, Edmond, Erbes, Peterson and Phillips

Absent: 1 - Snyder

Abstain: 1 - Rendleman

- IX. [21-5910](#) Jackson Growth Alliance
Mueller updated the committee on the Jackson Growth Alliance annual member meeting to be held on Monday, April 19 at 12pm. She noted that she would provide a link to be posted on the County website.
- X. [21-5911](#) Comprehensive Plan
Peterson noted that there was nothing new to report for this item.
- XI. [21-5912](#) River Levee Project Update
Peterson noted that there was nothing new to report for this item.
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Highway Department

- XII. [21-5913](#) SIMPO- Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization
Peterson communicated that she did attend the SIMPO policy committee meeting and that there was no update on the ITEP grant. SIMPO also concluded a safety study and Carbondale is applying for highway safety improvement funds for Park and Wall St. Peterson also noted that SIMPO also completed an air service feasibility study with the Marion Airport. Rendleman questioned now that the survey is complete, what will the Airport do with the information? Peterson noted she would keep him updated on any information she receives. Peterson also mentioned that there was a 2024 Carbondale culvert project (to be funded by STU funds) for College Street that is being pulled due to a request by Mike Bost and Dick Durbin to be funded with federal money. This will allow the project to be finished quicker than expected.
- XIII. [21-5914](#) Jackson County Bike Routes
D. Bost and Peterson noted that there was nothing new to report for this item.
- XIV. [21-5915](#) Payment of Highway Monthly Claims
A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Rendleman, to approve the Payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$321,945.89. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 6 - D. Bost, Edmond, Erbes, Peterson, Phillips and Rendleman
Absent: 1 - Snyder
- XV. [21-5916](#) County Highway Department Update
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Burdick gave a County Highway update to the committee. He noted that his attached update could be referenced for more information. Rendleman questioned Burdick about project completion priority. Burdick responded on how projects were prioritized for completion. Rendleman questioned if there was a way to move a project up in priority. Burdick responded with the different parameters that were considered for project completion. Burdick noted that if any County Board member had concerns or suggestions, they should feel free to contact him at any time. Rendleman questioned the hiring parameters for summer help and what the rate of pay would be. Burdick responded that typically summer help was hired above minimum wage anywhere from \$12 -\$12.50. Rendleman questioned how Burdick would ensure that the summer job postings were reaching out to historically underserved people. Burdick responded that he typically utilizes Southern Illinois Jobs Online for job postings and that he was open to reaching out to people beyond that method. Burdick also noted that the Highway department would be hiring 4-5 people for summer help.

XVI. [21-5917](#)

Resolution 2021-42 to Award 2021 MFT Material Bid for Old Products

Burdick noted a typo on the agenda item. The item should read Oil, not Old.

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by D. Bost, to approve Resolution 2021-42 to Award 2021 MFT Material Bid for Oil Products. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - D. Bost, Edmond, Erbes, Peterson and Rendleman

Absent: 1 - Snyder

Abstain: 1 - Phillips

County Buildings & Grounds

XVII. [21-5934](#)

Courthouse Repair List

The County Administrator noted that she had spoken with Jeff Whitbeck and that there was consensus to begin with item 3 on the Courthouse Repair List which is to Investigate and mitigate cause of water damage to Courthouse ceilings. Peterson questioned if there was money to start the process of requesting this item to be repaired and the County Administrator noted that there should be approximately \$80K in the building and maintenance repair fund. Peterson asked for a consensus of the committee to agree to begin asking the Finance committee for funds to investigate and repair the water damaged ceilings in the Courthouse. Phillips called for a motion to investigate only.

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by D. Bost, to approve investigating the cause of water damage to the Courthouse ceilings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - D. Bost, Edmond, Erbes, Peterson, Phillips and Rendleman

Absent: 1 - Snyder

Old Business

New Business

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Executive Session

Adjourn (5:31 PM)

Phillips moved and Erbes seconded to adjourn, motion carried.