

REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order (5:01 PM)

Members Present: Ashley, D. Bost, Knust, Lister, Peterson and Phillips
Members Absent: Rendleman

Also present: Kenton Schafer, Anthony Henson, Joni Bailey, Mitch Burdick, Andrew Erbes, Jeff Whitbeck, Tamiko Mueller

Approval of Minutes

- I. [23-8053](#) Approval of March 8, 2023 Minutes
A motion was made by Lister, seconded by Phillips, to approve the March 8, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communication

Peterson mentioned that the Carbondale Superblock had been mentioned in the Southern Illinoisan.

Land Use & Economic Development

- II. [23-8054](#) Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission
Peterson's update on Greater Egypt included information regarding a free program for large farms to participate in a water quality management planning program, broadband funding updates for Greater Egypt, information on Murphysboro being awarded an ITEP grant for its Streetscape, Carbondale being awarded money for Piles Fork Greenway improvements, DRA strategic planning money, and Greater Egypt writing another CEDS (comprehensive economic development strategy).
- III. [23-8055](#) Supervisor of Assessments
i. Resolution 2023-61 Recinding the Requirement for Annual Renewal of the Senior Homestead Exemption
There was a brief discussion regarding the resolution. ASA Bailey commented that the resolution looked to be in order and was ready to be voted on.
A motion was made by D. Bost, seconded by Phillips, to approve Resolution 2023-61 Rescinding the Requirement for Annual Renewal of the Senior Homestead Exemption. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- IV. [23-8056](#) Jackson Growth Alliance
Mueller's update to the committee included information on JGA's quarterly showcase (a Back to Business grant program available through 5/10/23) and information on JGA's annual meeting to be held on 4/17/23 at 12pm. She commented that JGA was looking for new members and anyone interested was welcome to attend. ASA Bailey commented that the new JGA Executive Director would be announced and introduced at the JGA annual meeting.
The committee had a brief discussion on next year's solar eclipse.
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Highway Department

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- V. [23-8057](#) SIMPO-Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization
Peterson mentioned that SIMPO would be dissolving, but assured the committee that IDOT and Greater Egypt were working to ensure that current projects and funding would continue. She also mentioned that IDOT would be holding a workshop at John A Logan on 5/3/23 and 5/4/23 for anyone interested.
- VI. [23-8058](#) Jackson County Bike Routes
No formal update was given. Bost mentioned that he would be meeting with Greg Legan (chair of the Natural Resource Economic Development board) to discuss the Trans-American Bike Trail. He commented that he would like Mr. Burdick to attend that meeting if possible.
- VII. [23-8059](#) Payment of Highway Monthly Claims
A motion was made by Ashley, seconded by Knust, to approve payment of the Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$97,208.51. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- VIII. [23-8060](#) County Highway Department Update
Burdick's update to the committee included project updates on roads and bridges, speed study completions, staffing, seasonal employment hiring, the fuel system upgrade, the roof repair project, a County Engineering Conference on 5/9/23 and 5/10/23, and his upcoming vacation.
- IX. [23-8061](#) Resolution 2023-62 Township Aid-Makanda Township
A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Knust, to approve Resolution 2023-62 Township Aid-Makanda Township. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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County Buildings & Grounds

- X. [23-8062](#) Ambulance Building Purchase
Schafer began the discussion by updating the committee on the information provided in the meeting packet. He commented that many of the questions the board previously had were answered in the document provided. The committee had a brief discussion and asked several questions before making a motion to approve.
A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Knust, to approve recommendation to the Full Board the Ambulance Building Purchase. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- XI. [23-8063](#) Courthouse Roof
Whitbeck commented that he was requesting approval for an infrared scan of the courthouse roof to identify areas of moisture and locate wet insulation. The committee discussed the issue with Whitbeck before making a motion to approve.
A motion was made by D. Bost, seconded by Knust, to approve an infrared investigation of the courthouse roof to identify areas of moisture in the amount of \$3,250.00. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- XII. [23-8064](#) Courthouse Leak Remediation Update
The committee discussed the information provided in the meeting packet with Mr. Whitbeck. He commented that there would be more technical information coming once the infrared scan of the roof was finished and that he would share that information with the committee once that was available.
- XIII. [23-8065](#) ADA Steps
This item was informational only. Whitbeck suggested the committee wait to decide to repair the ADA steps until the roof work was complete and there was more information available on what work was needing completed for the courthouse.
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Old Business

Lister mentioned that he would like the 2015 Space Needs Study emailed to all of the committee members for review and discussion at the next Real Property meeting.

New Business

XIV. [23-8066](#)

Energy Transition Community Grant Program

Henson reported that the County had been selected to receive an Energy Transition Community Grant in the amount of \$124,423.00 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). He noted that phase 2 of the process was to be completed by May 31, 2023, and that he needed the board to decide what to do with the money. Henson discussed eligible projects that could be completed with the grant funds and offered a staff recommendation to use the money toward demolishing and cleanup of the Willis and Craine Buildings. The committee briefly discussed eligible projects and decided to go with the staff recommendation.

A motion was made by Lister, seconded by D. Bost, to approve recommendation to the full Board to use the DCEO grant money towards the demolition and cleanup of the Willis and Craine Buildings. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Citizen Comments

Executive Session

XV. [23-8067](#)

Executive Session under 2 (c) 5 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property
The committee did not go into Executive Session.

Adjourn (6:32 PM)

Ashely moved and Bost seconded to adjourn, motion carried.
