

Legislative and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2023 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

Present: Snyder, Battrell, Comparato, Lister, Miller, Mueller

Absent: Knust

Also present: Joni Bailey, Kerri Gale, Lynn Heins

Approval of Minutes

I. 2023-317 Approval of July 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Miller, to approve the July 11, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Animal Control

II. 2023-318 Animal Control Monthly Update

The County Administrator updated the committee on Animal Control, commenting on the success of the past rabies clinic and the Humane Society issues that the Animal Control Officer has been dealing with.

Heath Department & Solid Waste

III. 2023-319 Jackson County Health Department

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- *The Health Department continues to give back to school vaccinations.*
- *Participation in the WIC program has steadily increased since the end of extended Federal SNAP benefits in February.*
- *The Community Health Assessment Survey continues to collect feedback from residents that will be used as the next five-year Community Health Improvement Plan is developed.*
- *JCHD is working to plan for COVID-19 vaccinations once vaccines are no longer available for free. This switch will occur sometime this Fall. Insurance will be billed for vaccinations, and a federal program will continue to provide free vaccinations for the next year to those uninsured or whose insurance doesn't pay for the shots.*
- *Planning for the 2024 solar eclipse has begun. The biggest impacts on JCHD are inspections of temporary food events and temporary campgrounds. JCHD will also be providing public health & safety information to the public, and working with event*

coordinators to help plan for public health & medical needs.

- The Board of Health approved a FY24 budget, which has now been submitted to the County Board.
- JCHD will be closed to the public on Sep. 27 for required staff training.

IV. 2023-320 Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed - 7/11/23 – 8/7/23:

- 1 SIRLI landfill inspection
- 3 new citizen complaints
- 7 Field Visits conducted for new and ongoing open dumping and burning files.
- 2 Sites put into general compliance
- 2 Advisory letters sent for property clean-up
- Trapped and collected mosquitoes once a week and designated locations throughout Jackson County.

V. 2023-321 Solid Waste Fund Update

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$7,260.18-Shredding, Medical Waste and Trash bills for County agencies for July

Interest: \$4,171.61-Interest for July

Deposits: \$0

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$0

Interest: \$740.92-Interest for July

Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

VI. 2023-322 Recycling Program

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for General Recycling Programming –7/11/23 – 8/7/23:

- Hosted two meetings with Greater Egypt Regional Planning to discuss the Solid Waste Plan update.
 - Began the creation of the Jackson County Solid Waste and Recycling Survey.
 - Participated in the Illinois Recycling Contamination Solutions Task Force.
 - Working on a recycling school education survey to send out to our K-12 schools.
 - Continuing Recycling Coordinator program training.
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Emergency Management

The County Administrator commented that the emergency evacuation training for courthouse employees had begun. She noted the next training session would be August 24th. The County Administrator also commented that she was working with EMA to prepare some training for Board members and that she hoped to have that scheduled sometime in September or October.

Ambulance Service

VII. 2023-323 Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Comparato, to approve the payment of Ambulance monthly claims in the amount of \$324,402.54. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

YES (6): Snyder, Battrell, Comparato, Lister, Miller, Mueller

ABSENT (1): Knust

VIII. 2023-324 Director's Report

Snyder commented that the Ambulance department was unable to attend the meeting, but that the director's report was in the meeting packet for the committee to review. The County Administrator gave a brief update on the progress of the new Ambulance building.

Legislative

State's Attorney

ASA Bailey commented that she had been working with the County Administrator to amend and update the current Animal Control Ordinance. She noted that related ordinances establishing fines, the value of livestock, and repealing old ordinances would be needed. Bailey also commented that she had been reviewing the Health Department's proposed First Amendment Audit policy, noting that it was a good starting point for other departments and offices. Bailey commented that she was comparing the policy to UCCI and DOJ guidance. The committee then had a lengthy discussion concerning signage for restricted spaces in the courthouse and the fact that citizens are now allowed to have cell phones in the courthouse and how these items would affect potential First Amendment Audits.

Old Business

New Business

IX. 2023-325 University of Illinois Extension

Ms. Heins presented information regarding the University of Illinois Extension (U of I) to the committee. Her presentation included information on the Modern Homesteading Program, staff serving Jackson County, the Jackson County program reach/list, and the main issues and areas U of I Extension is focused on. Ms. Heins answered questions from the committee and offered her contact information for those who would like to contact her.

Mueller reminded the committee that this was the last week of the Pick Up Jackson County project, for anyone who was interested in participating.

Executive Session

Adjourn

(5:57pm)

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Mueller, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.