

**Real Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 9, 2023 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room**

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

Present: Peterson, Ashley, Bost, Knust, Lister, Phillips, Rendleman

Also Present: Mitch Burdick, Greg Legan, Joni Bailey, Robert Burns, Jeff Whitbeck, Andrew Erbes, Tamiko Mueller, Darrell Bryant

Approval of Minutes

I. 2023-326 Approval of July 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Ashley, to approve the July 12, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communications

Peterson commented on the solar grid being installed north of Murphysboro. She noted that there would be a public hearing on August 31st for the company to apply for an extension to the enterprise zone. She commented that the hearing was open to the public for anyone interested in attending.

Land Use & Economic Development

II. 2023-327 Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission

Peterson commented that Greater Egypt would be changing their meetings to every other month. She also mentioned that Greater Egypt was recognized by NADO for their safety studies and that Greater Egypt was still looking for applicants for planning grant funding.

III. 2023-328 Supervisor of Assessments

No update given this month.

IV. 2023-329 Jackson Growth Alliance

Mr. Bryant reviewed his update that was included in the meeting packet. He focused his update on strategic planning and creating a new website for JGA.

V. 2023-330 Southwest Connector Taskforce

Rendleman updated the committee on the Southwest Connector Taskforce. He discussed funding opportunities being created for the project, commenting that there was no shovel ready project yet available, but there was momentum to move forward.

VI. 2023-331 NRED FY24 Funding Request

Legan discussed the request and answered questions from the committee. He noted that this request was for FY24 and that last month's request was for the remainder of the current year. The County Administrator commented that if the Board approved the request, it could then be budgeted for next year. A motion was made by Ashley, seconded by Rendleman, to approve the NRED FY24 Funding Request in the amount of \$10,000.

Highway Department

VII. 2023-332 SIMPO-Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization

Peterson commented that SIMPO was meeting at a later date, but that the TAC committee had met. The committee had a brief discussion concerning electric vehicle charging.

VIII. 2023-333 Jackson County Bike Routes

No update was given. Bost commented that the Old Depot Bicycle Rally was September 9th. He noted that he would send a flyer to the County Administrator to post on the website and share with Board members and County employees.

IX. 2023-334 Payment of Highway Monthly Claims

Burdick reviewed the Highway monthly claims and answered questions from the committee.

*A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Rendleman, to approve payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$654,069.84. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
YES (6): Peterson, Ashley, Knust, Lister, Phillips, Rendleman
ABSTAIN (1): Bost*

X. 2023-335 Resolution 2023-77 Township Aid Appropriation Vergennes Road District-Crow Road

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Phillips, to approve Resolution 2023-77 Township Aid Appropriation Vergennes Road District-Crow Road. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XI. 2023-336 Resolution 2023-78 Jackson County Highway Department Surplus Equipment Designation and Sale

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Knust, to approve Resolution 2023-78 Jackson County Highway Department Surplus Equipment Designation and Sale. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XII. 2023-340 Quality Based Selection Discussion

Burdick gave a quick Highway update that included information on road surfacing projects, township bridge replacement bids, and a Highway open house (which was decided by the committee to be on September 1st, at 9am).

Burdick handed out information on the quality-based selection process that the Highway department has used in the past. He commented that since several laws have changed since the last time the process was used in 2020, updating the policy was needed. He asked the committee to review the information and reach out to him with comments or questions. He noted that he would collect any comments and concerns, update the policy, and present the updated version to the full Board for approval when completed. A few committee members commented that this process may be useful in the future for other professional services the County may need.

(Bost left the meeting)

County Buildings & Grounds

XIII. 2023-337 Fencing for Vacant Lot

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Ashley, to approve fencing for the vacant lot across from the courthouse. The committee had a brief discussion concerning the cost and where to pay it from which led both Rendleman and Ashley to withdraw the motion. A new motion was then made by Ashley, seconded by Rendleman, to approve fencing for the vacant lot to be paid from building maintenance and not to exceed \$4,000.

XIV. 2023-338 Capital Supply Building Purchase

This item was discussed in Executive Session.

Once out of Executive Session, a motion was made by Knust, seconded by Ashley, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to negotiate a price not to exceed the agreed amount discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

YES (5): Peterson, Ashley, Knust, Lister, Phillips

NO (1): Rendleman

ABSENT (1): Bost

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

XV. 2023-339 Executive Session under 2 (c) 5 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property

(6:03pm)

A motion was made by Lister, seconded by Phillips to go into Executive Session under 2 (c) 5 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

YES (6): Peterson, Ashley, Knust, Lister, Phillips, Rendleman

ABSENT (1): Bost

Adjourn

(6:36pm)

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