

Legislative and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2024 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

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

Absent: Mueller

Also Present: Joni Bailey, Ben Killman, Kenton Schafer, Andrew Erbes, Bart Hagston

Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-12 Approval of November 14, 2023 Minutes

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Lister, to approve the November 14, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Animal Control

II. 2024-13 Animal Control Monthly Update

The County Administrator commented that the Animal Control Monthly update was in the meeting packet. She mentioned that the biggest item was the installation of the new Animal Control truck chassis. Killman answered questions from the committee concerning the Humane Society and how well the new chassis was working.

Heath Department & Solid Waste

III. 2024-14 Jackson County Health Department

Director Hagston reported the following:

The Health Department continues to provide flu and Covid vaccinations. We also provide RSV vaccinations to those age 60 and over with certain medical conditions.

Effective Jan. 1, 2024, there was a change to the Smoke Free Illinois Act which adds vaping to the definition of "smoking". This means vaping is now prohibited in the same locations where smoking is prohibited – indoor public places, and outside within 15 ft of entrances. We expect an uptick in complaints to investigate.

We are actively planning for the eclipse. Our largest anticipated activities are inspections of temporary food events and inspections of temporary campgrounds. The County Board passed a temporary campground ordinance prior to the 2017 eclipse, which requires them to register with the Health Department and sets minimal sanitation standards. We will begin some outreach to make the public aware of the ordinance in order to help gain compliance around the

eclipse.

The Health Department has begun work to develop a new 5-year Strategic Plan and a new Community Health Improvement Plan for 2025-2029. These are required by the state Health department.

IV. 2024-15 Solid Waste Enforcement

Director Hagston reported the following:

Activities Completed - 11/14/23 – 1/9/24

- 2 SIRLI landfill inspection
- 4 new citizen complaints
- 1 new sites opened
- 8 Field Visits conducted on for new and ongoing open dumping and burning files.
- 0 Sites put into general compliance
- 1 Advisory letters sent for property clean-up
- Attended a meeting with the regional IEPA office to discuss open sites in Jackson County.

V. 2024-16 Solid Waste Fund Update

Director Hagston reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$14,723.82 - Shredding, Medical Waste and Trash bills for county agencies for November 2023. \$76,189.14 - Health Dept reimbursements for programming

Interest: \$3516.72- Interest for November 2023

Deposits: \$91,933.33 - 4th Qtr Tipping Fees

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$34,606.54 - Bill for electronics disposal

Interest: \$713.21 - Interest for November

Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

Hagston commented that the Jackson County Solid Waste Fund update was in the meeting packet if anyone had any further questions.

VI. 2024-17 Recycling Program

Director Hagston reported the following:

Activities Completed for General Recycling Programming –11/14/23 – 1/9/24:

- Promoted recycling and solid waste planning efforts on the "Seeing Green" WDBX community radio show 11/27 <https://archive.wdbx.org/>
- Worked with the Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission to distribute the Solid Waste and Recycling Survey to all municipalities within the county. Also working to develop a similar community organization/business survey and a survey for those who live, work, and play within Jackson County.
- Attended Illinois Environmental Council's Zero-waste Town Hall Meeting 11/15
- Presented recycling education programming to Tri-co Special Education School students on America Recycles Day 11/15
- Attended Illinois Food Scrap and Composting Coalition Mtg 12/4 and Policy Committee Mtg.

11/16

- Participated in Illinois Product Stewardship Council Mtg. 11/14
 - Recycling presentation to Jesse Gordon Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution 12/5
 - Attended a pumpkin smash 2024 planning committee mtg. 12/4
 - Submitted a funding proposal to IL EPA to support a new residential sharps collection program within the county.
 - Implemented the special annual holiday light recycling collection effort – through January 31, 2024. The length of the program was extended this year by three weeks to allow residents more time to participate.
 - Attended meeting with Loren Gray, General Manager for CRC Recycling, who recently purchased the Southern Recycling Center. 12/20
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Emergency Management

Ambulance Service

VII. 2024-18 Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Knust to approve payment of the Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$39,272.41. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (6) Snyder, Battrell, Comparato, Knust, Lister, Miller

VIII. 2024-19 Director's Report

Director Schafer reported the following:

Monthly Claims: \$39,272.41

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$351,984.84

Activity Report: 1014 patient contact reports Total patient contact reports 2023 - 11,343.

Other Information:

We have scheduled EMS career information meetings this month with Anna-Jonesboro and Trico.

We have upcoming EKG/Capnography training sponsored by SIH on January 22.

State's Attorney

IX. 2024-21 State's Attorney's Office Update

ASA Bailey updated the committee on what she is currently working on for the County, including items for Ambulance, Animal Control, and Emergency Management. Please see the attached document in the meeting packet for more information.

Legislative

X. 2024-20 Animal Control Ordinance Proposal

The County Administrator communicated to the committee that the DRAFT ordinance had been

available for suggested changes for a few months and asked if there were questions from the committee members or if they were ready to vote to approve the ordinance as is. The committee discussed several items with Animal Control Officer Killman and ASA Bailey. Battrell asked if the committee could have a completed DRAFT to review all the changes that have been suggested. Bailey commented that she would have one ready for review by next month's Legislative & Public Safety meeting.

Citizen Comments

Old Business

Lister commented that he had done some research on opioid prevention and asked committee chair Snyder if he could have permission to contact the Illinois Extension Office to investigate a specific program he found (Overdose Lifeline). The committee briefly discussed the issue and Snyder commented that she wanted to review the programs' website before making any decisions.

Lister continued the discussion by commenting that he wanted to be sure the Board was following the by-laws and procedures when it came to canceling meetings. The County Administrator assured Lister and the committee that the procedure outlined in the bylaws was followed. The committee discussed the issue briefly.

The discussion of Old Business continued with Lister commenting that he felt there should be more transparency with Board members' travel vouchers. He noted that there were several items listed on the Board member travel vouchers, such as a meeting with the County Administrator or a meeting with Board staff that he believes are not transparent enough for citizens. He suggested that there be more explanation for these particular items. This led to a long discussion between the committee members regarding what the board's responsibility is towards other elected officials, management of office staff, and what is/isn't included in the board's bylaws.

New Business

XI. 2024-22 Polling Locations

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Comparato, to approve the 2024 Polling Locations. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Executive Session

Adjourn

(6:53pm)

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

