

Real Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 14, 2024 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

Present: Peterson, Lister, Knust, Phillips

Absent: Bost, Rendleman

Also Present: Nel Battrell, Andrew Erbes, Mitch Burdick, Jeff Whitbeck, Joni Bailey, Kay

Rippelmeyer

Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-103 Approval of January 10, 2024 Minutes

A motion was made by Lister, seconded by Phillips, to approve the January 10, 2024, minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communications

Peterson discussed an article in the Carbondale Times that coincided with the request of the Jackson County Historical Society.

XV. 2024-117 Jackson County Historical Society

*Peterson moved this item up on the agenda for discussion. Peterson introduced the guest speaker, Kay Rippelmeyer, and asked her to speak to the committee regarding her request. Rippelmeyer gave a brief background on her topic regarding the Civilian Conservation Corps in Southern Illinois. She commented that her request was two-fold. The first request was to preserve the history and tourism of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) through the creation of a trail, map, and historic markers. The second request was an ask for funding to help with costs for a potential historical marker. The County Administrator commented that if the committee agreed, the County Board staff could do some research on the request and what is involved, then bring the information back to the committee. She also noted that as for the funding, the only money available for FY24 would be from contingency and if the committee wanted to fund the historical society in the future, they would possibly need to update the hotel/motel tax ordinance for appropriation of funds. A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Phillips, to have the Board staff gather information on a CCC trail, map, and historical markers. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Phillips, to fund the Jackson County Historical Society in the amount of \$20,000.00 to be paid from contingency. The motion carried by the following voice vote: YES: Peterson, Phillips, Knust
NO: Lister*

Land Use & Economic Development

II. 2024-104 Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission

Peterson reported that Greater Egypt was moving forward with current projects. She commented that the next meeting was on April 9th at 6pm in Marion for anyone who wished to attend. Peterson also commented on SIMPO during this discussion, noting that Greater Egypt was working to keep the current MPO planning projects in place.

III. 2024-105 Supervisor of Assessments

No update was given.

IV. 2024-106 Jackson Growth Alliance

Bailey commented that the next JGA meeting would be at the Dunn-Richmond Center in Carbondale and that they would be working on a 5-year strategic plan with the DCEO. She also noted the JGA annual meeting would be in April. The County Administrator commented that the Port District's April meeting would be at the airport in Carbondale and asked Bailey to please pass the information along to the JGA executive director.

V. 2024-107 Southwest Connector Taskforce

No update was given.

Highway Department

VI. 2024-108 SIMPO-Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization

This item was discussed during the Greater Egypt discussion.

VII. 2024-109 Jackson County Bike Routes

No formal update was given.

VIII. 2024-110 Payment of Highway Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Lister, to approve payment of Highway Monthly claims in the amount of \$150,545.58. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IX. 2024-111 County Highway Department Update

Burdick gave the committee a brief Highway Department update, including information on the Reed Station road extension, truck equipment, chipping/sealing roads, quality based selection process being advertised now, additional signing requests, bike route signage, and 2024 Eclipse preparation information. Burdick also gave updates and answered questions from the committee on the 3 following agenda items.

X. 2024-112 Agreement for County Engineer Salary-Federal/State Funds

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Knust, to approve the Agreement for County Engineer Salary-Federal/State Funds. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XI. 2024-113 Contract for Professional Services for In-Depth Bridge Inspections

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Knust, to approve the Contract for Professional Services for In-Depth Bridge Inspections. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XII. 2024-114 Budget Adjustment for Capital Outlay-Equipment

A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Lister, to approve the Budget Adjustment for Capital Outlay-Equipment. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

County Buildings & Grounds

XIII. 2024-115 County Buildings & Property

The County Administrator gave a general update on various county buildings and properties. She updated the committee on the courthouse repair project, the mold remediation of the Spears building, the successful purchase of the Capital Supply property, and a brief update on the timeline for the Willis/Craine building demolition. The County Administrator also commented on the documents that were stored in the Willis/Craine building and are now being housed at the Ambulance Headquarters. She noted that the Board office staff was working with the State Archive department on destruction and/or retention of the documents.

Once out of Executive Session, a motion was made by Knust, seconded by Lister, to allow the County Administrator to negotiate the matter discussed during the executive session. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business

XIV. 2024-116 Ambulance Mural Project

The committee briefly discussed the project. The County Administrator commented that Schafer had twice requested additional information from the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce on the project since the last meeting and had received no response as yet. A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Phillips, to allow the mural painting on the Carbondale Ambulance base building. The motion failed by a unanimous "no" vote.

New Business

Executive Session

XVI. 2024-118 Executive Session 2 (c) 5 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property

(6:15pm)

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Knust, 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 (4) Peterson, Phillips, Knust, Lister

Adjourn

(6:39pm)

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