

Legislative and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

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

Also Present: Lynn Heins, Joni Bailey, Brian Chapman, Kerri Gale, Kenton Schafer

Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-239 Approval of February 13, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Mueller, to approve the February 13, 2024, Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communication

II. 2024-240 University of Illinois Extension

Ms. Hines provided a handout and discussed it with the committee. Please see the attachment in the meeting packet for more information.

Animal Control

III. 2024-241 Animal Control Monthly Update

An Animal Control update was given to the committee. Please reference the document in the meeting packet for more information.

Heath Department & Solid Waste

IV. 2024-242 Jackson County Health Department

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- *JCHD recently permanently revoked the food permit for the franchisee which operated Popeye's in Carbondale. This was due to serious food safety issues over an extended period which facility management did not adequately address. This action does not prevent another franchisee from applying to operate the facility. Many thanks to the State's Attorney's Office for their legal assistance on the matter.*
- *This afternoon was the grand opening for the Health Department's small satellite office at the Eurma Hayes Center. Our initial plan is to be open afternoons Tue-Thu, providing sexual health outreach and services. The Health Department has eclipse eye safety information on our website, as well as information about temporary food vendors and*

temporary campgrounds planned for the eclipse.

- A measles outbreak is ongoing in Chicago, the first cases in Illinois since 2019. JCHD is posting a series of social media messages regarding measles, including promotion of the MMR vaccine to those who may be un-vaccinated.
- Next year is the Health Department's 75th anniversary, and we are beginning to plan how we will celebrate that milestone. More details will be shared closer to 2025.
- We currently have two positions open: LPN/RN; and Health Educator.

V. 2024-243 Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed: 2/13/24 – 3/19/24

- 1 landfill inspection
- 5 new citizen complaints
- 1 new site opened
- 11 Field Visits conducted on new or ongoing open dumping / burning files.
- 0 Sites now found in general compliance
- 4 Advisory letters sent for property clean-up
- Attended National Recycling Coalition – Recycling Congress – Virtual Conference – March 5 & 6, 2024
- Coordinating an Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management Association –Southern Region Meeting in April 2024.

VI. 2024-244 Solid Waste Fund Update

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$14,500.10-Shredding, Medical Waste and Trash bills for county agencies for February 2024

Interest: \$4,156.72-interest for February 2024

Deposits: \$0

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$0

Interest: \$752.84-interest for February 2024

Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

VII. 2024-245 Recycling Program

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for County Recycling Program: 2/13/24 – 3/19/24

- Completed sharps disposal kiosks design and order disposal containers.
- Planning for the Spring Shred/Med Day event continues, date set for April 27, 2024 (see attached flyers).
- Researched compost bins and rain barrel options to prepare outreach program request.
- Attended meeting with Loren Gray, General Manager for CRC Recycling (Southern Recycling Center) 2/23.
- Participated in a collaborative meeting with SIU, City of Carbondale, to discuss the composting facility and sustainable farm uses and plans. 2/29
- Jackson Co. Waste and Recycling Public Survey launched, now open through June 1, 2024 – see links below.
- Completed & advertised a Request for Proposals for a Household Hazardous Waste contract.

- *Attended National Recycling Coalition – Recycling Congress – Virtual Conference – March 5 & 6, 2024*

VIII. 2024-273 Approval of Solid Waste Funds for Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sale

The committee discussed a program designed by the Jackson County Health Department to promote backyard composting and the use of rain barrels. Please refer to the document located in the meeting packet for more information. A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Mueller, to approve using \$9,500.00 from the Solid Waste Fund for Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sales.

Emergency Management

Ambulance Service

IX. 2024-246 Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Mueller, to approve payment of the Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$50,826.92. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

X. 2024-247 Director's Report

Director Schafer reported the following:

Monthly Claims: \$50,826.92

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$441,887.01

Activity Report: 927 patient care contacts

Other Information:

We have been very busy preparing for our open house on March 20, 2024, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at our headquarters.

We finally received our new ambulance we bid and approved in May 2022. We have also been working on preparing it for IDPH inspection on March 21st.

We applied for FEMA-AFG grants for a replacement ambulance and for training equipment including human patient simulators and VR (virtual reality) training software. This training equipment would significantly enhance PD training for our employees. Attended a job fair in Harrisburg.

State's Attorney

XI. 2024-248 State's Attorney Monthly Update

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

Legislative

XII. 2024-249 Ordinance 2024-xx An Ordinance Providing for Animal Control in Jackson County, Illinois

A motion was made by Lister, seconded by Battrell, to approve Ordinance 2024-xx An Ordinance Providing for Animal Control in Jackson County, Illinois. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XIII. 2024-250 Ordinance 2024-xx Animal Control Fees Ordinance, Jackson County, Illinois

A motion was made by Lister, seconded by Battrell, to approve Ordinance 2024-xx Animal Control Fees Ordinance, Jackson County, Illinois. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Citizen Comments

Old Business

XIV. 2024-251 Animal Control Facility

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Battrell, for Chapman to draft and negotiate an agreement for an Animal Control Facility. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business

The County Administrator commented on the committee working on revising and updating past ordinances in the future. Lister commented that he would like the committee to be presented with a list of ordinances for consideration to review. Mueller discussed creating a form for future funding requests from outside entities made to the County Board.

Executive Session

Adjourn

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