

County Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 6:00 PM
Jackson County Courthouse, Courtroom 4

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Mueller.

Call to Order

6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present: Battrell, Calandro, Comparato, D. Bost, Erbes, J.S. Rendleman, Knust,
Lister, Miller, Mueller, Peterson, Phillips, Snyder

Recognition of Visitors

Citizen Comments

Communications

Agency Reports

Peterson reported:

Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization

The SIMPO Policy Committee met on January 8, 2024. The committee approved a TIP modification for FY 2024. The modification will permit the use of HSIP funds for preliminary engineering for a road diet and multi-use path in Carbondale on Grand Avenue between South Washington Street to South Wall Street. We also discussed the Safe Routes to school plan, Safe Streets for All, and the future bike plans to include communities outside of the planning area, but within the five county Greater Egypt area, Information on the eRoadMap (a summary of EV charging and the U.S. electric grid) was discussed as well.

Erbes reported:

Illinois State Association of Counties

Erbes attended the annual reception and meeting for ISACO. They discussed the outlook for the coming year, county exchange program and that all positions have been filled. Erbes also attended the Port District meeting to discuss insurance.

Mueller reported:

Jackson Growth Alliance

The meeting for JGA is scheduled for 1/22/2024. Gary Schafer has retired from the Port Authority. Mueller also wanted to bring awareness to the new web site: www.jacksongrowthalliance.org

Rendleman recognized the passing of Eddie Smith, a long time Labor Leader to the area.

Chairman Report

The Board accepted the resignation of Elizabeth "Erin" Ashley.

I. 2024-43 February Meetings Calendar

The Board agreed to change the February calendar. Changes are, February 8, 2024 will be the Executive Meeting and February 15, 2024 will be Finance & Administration.

II. 2024-44 Broadband Update

Broadband Update

- 1. In November and December, we worked with WK&T to collect field data for our grant application we submitted in late December. The proposal is just under \$10 million and will begin the Jackson Co build, based upon their engineering, in the southeast corner of the county (coming out of Union County to the south) in the Makanda, Route 51 area.*
- 2. After meeting with Assistant State's Attorney, Joni Beth Bailey (thank you) and identifying potential agreement provisions, we are working with outside counsel, Jim Wargo, on a draft agreement to share with WK&T. I'm anticipating our agreements to be grant based, thus a new agreement for each grant.*
- 3. WK&T also submitted a grant for Union County, so we are excited to see the progress.*
- 4. Our goal is to have an award letter announcement in late February/early March, with a request for matching funds contingent upon our partnership agreement approved by you. The matching funds request will be between \$1million to \$1.5 million.*
- 5. We are currently getting the word out about the broadband map challenge. Future grants in Illinois will depend upon the accuracy of the map depicting unserved and underserved locations. If you feel your broadband is slow, please test, record and submit your findings via instructions on the Illinois Office of Broadband website.*

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Comparato and seconded by Snyder to Approve the Consent Agenda.
Roll call is as follows:

Yes: Battrell, Calandro, Comparato, D. Bost, Erbes, Knust, Lister, Miller, Mueller, Peterson,
Phillips, Snyder

Abstain: J.S. Rendleman

- III. 2024-40 Approval of December 19, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes
 - IV. 2024-42 Approval of Board Member Travel Expenses in the amount of \$2,868.09
 - V. 2024-45 Approval of On-Demand Claims in the amount of \$151,443.10
 - VI. 2024-46 Approval of Murphysboro Chamber of Commerce Funding Request in the amount of \$200.00
 - VII. 2024-47 Approval of Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$39,272.41
 - VIII. 2024-48 Approval of Polling Locations
 - IX. 2024-49 Approval of Resolution 2024-01 Approval of Quality Based Selection Process
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Standing Committee Reports

- X. 2024-50 DRAFT Committee Meeting Minutes (informational only)
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Executive Committee

Finance & Administration Committee

- XI. 2024-51 Approval of HOPE Trust Dental & Vision Claims in the amount of \$9,489.21

A motion was made by Comparato and seconded by J.S. Rendleman to Approve HOPE Trust Dental & Vision Claims in the amount of \$9,489.21. Roll call vote is as follows:

Yes: Battrell, Calandro, Comparato, D. Bost, Erbes, J.S. Rendleman, Knust, Lister, Miller, Mueller, Peterson, Phillips, Snyder

- XII. 2024-52 Approval of HOPE Trust Medical Administration Claim in the amount of \$676,589.00

A motion was made by Comparato and seconded by Erbes to approve HOPE Trust Medical Administration Claim in the amount of \$676,589.00. Roll call vote is as follows:

Yes: Battrell, Calandro, Comparato, D. Bost, Erbes, J.S. Rendleman, Knust, Lister, Miller, Mueller, Peterson, Phillips, Snyder

- XIII. 2024-41 Approval of County Monthly Claims in the amount of \$574,241.73

A motion was made by Comparato and seconded by Miller to approve County Monthly Claims in the amount of \$574,241.73. Roll call vote is as follows:

Yes: Battrell, Calandro, Comparato, D. Bost, Erbes, Knust, Lister, Miller, Mueller,

Peterson, Phillips, Snyder
Abstain: J.S. Rendleman

Legislative & Public Safety Committee

Real Property Committee

XIV. 2024-54 Approval of Highway Claims in the amount of \$168,331.21

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Erbes to approve the Highway Claims in the amount of \$168,331.21. Roll call vote is as follows:

Yes: Battrell, Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, J.S. Rendleman, Knust, Lister, Miller, Mueller, Peterson, Phillips, Snyder

Abstain: D. Bost

XV. 2024-55 Minority Report Regarding the motion to support the Ambulance Director's recommendation to not move forward with the mural request

XVI. 2024-56 County Real Property

A motion was made by Erbes and seconded by D. Bost to move County Real Property to Executive Session. Roll call is as follows:

Yes: Battrell, Calandro, Comparato, D. Bost, Erbes, J.S. Rendleman, Knust, Lister, Miller, Mueller, Peterson, Phillips, Snyder

Special Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

XVII. 2024-58 Executive Session under 2 (c) 5 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property

Recess

Comparato made a motion and Peterson seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, carries