

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

Call to Order

(5:05pm)

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

Also Present: Kenton Schafer, Bart Hagston, Joni Bailey, Kerri Gale, Brian Chapman

Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-328 Approval of March 19, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Mueller, to approve the March 19, 2024, minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Animal Control

II. 2024-329 Animal Control Monthly Update

The County Administrator commented that the Animal Control update was in the meeting packet and noted that only 3 animals had been taken to the Humane Society, due to them not accepting owner surrenders. The committee had a lengthy conversation regarding the Humane Society contract and about what other counties do when they don't have a hold shelter for animals. The committee chair asked the County Administrator to email the Humane Society contract to the committee and ASA Bailey for review. The committee asked ASA Bailey to answer the following questions: What services are they (the Humane Society) supposed to be providing to the County?; Why are they not providing those services?; How does the County get out of the contract?; What are the county's options for suing the Humane Society for breach of contract?; and Is there a clause that limits the ability to raise fee's each year?

Heath Department & Solid Waste

III. 2024-330 Jackson County Health Department

Director Hagston reported the following:

Eclipse Follow-Up: JCHD helped staff the Jackson County EOC on Friday and Monday. We also inspected 11 temporary food vendors and 5 temporary campgrounds. We became aware over the weekend of some unregistered temporary campgrounds and one un-permitted temporary food event, but we are not aware of any significant issues they created.

JCHD continues to work on preparedness for measles. There was a recent outbreak in Chicago, with a few related cases popping up in surrounding counties. JCHD has been posting social media messages regarding measles, including promotion of the MMR vaccine to those

who may be un-vaccinated, or may be traveling internationally. We are also reviewing IDPH guidance and preparing for contact tracing efforts should local cases be detected.

We are also monitoring highly pathogenic avian influenza. Recently, in Texas, a case of avian flu was spread from dairy cows to a human. Anytime there is spillover of a zoonotic disease from animals to humans, it is of great concern. No known human to human transmission at this time. Milk supply is considered safe. Larger concerns for commercial poultry flocks.

We currently have two positions open: LPN/RN; and Outreach Educator.

Hagston also provided the committee with a copy of the JCHD 74th Annual Report for 2023. This document is available in the meeting packet.

IV. 2024-331 Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed: 3/19/24 – 4/9/24

- 1 landfill inspection*
- 6 new citizen complaints*
- 1 new site opened*
- 16 Field Visits conducted at new or ongoing open dumping / burning files.*
- 0 Sites now found in general compliance*
- 3 Advisory letters sent for property clean-up*
- Met with property owner to discuss compliance of property and clean-up process.*

V. 2024-332 Solid Waste Fund Update

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$5,764.68-Shredding, Medical Waste and Trash bills for county agencies for March 2024

Interest: \$4,392.34-Interest for March 2024

Deposits: \$0

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$0

Interest: \$796.20-Interest for March 2024

Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

VI. 2024-333 Recycling Program

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for County Recycling Program: 3/19/24 – 4/9/24

- Planning for the Spring Shred/Med Day event continues, date set for April 27, 2024 (see attached flyers).*
- Preparing for the compost bin and rain barrel sale to start in May.*
- Attended weekly meeting with Loren Gray, General Manager for CRC Recycling (Southern Recycling Center).*
- Participated in a collaborative meeting with SIU & City of Carbondale.*

- *Jackson Co. Waste and Recycling Public Survey launched, now open through June 1, 2024 – see links below.*
 - *Completed contract with Heritage Environmental Services as our contractor for annual Household Hazardous Waste collection.*
 - *Coordinating Household Hazardous Waste collection for June 2024.*
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Emergency Management

The County Administrator commented on how well employees and departments were prepared for the Eclipse and how the day's events were handled.

Ambulance Service

VII. 2024-334 Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Knust, to approve the Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$66,153.78. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VIII. 2024-335 Director's Report

Director Schafer complimented his ambulance staff for all their hard work prepping for and during the Eclipse. Director Schafer also reported the following update:

Monthly Claims: \$66,153.78

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$320,063.29

Activity Report: 911

Other Information:

We had a successful open house.

We have been very busy planning, preparing, and scheduling to ensure we maintain the expected service for visitors and residents of the county during Eclipse weekend.

I will share the details and data with the committee next month.

State's Attorney

IX. 2024-336 State's Attorney Monthly Update

ASA Bailey reported that she had no written report for the committee, but commented that she had been working on a number of FOIA requests. She also commented that if the committee was willing to create a resolution in appreciation of County employees for their hard work during the Eclipse event, she would be willing to help draft the document with the County Administrator. The consensus of the committee was unanimous.

Legislative

X. 2024-337 Future Policy Updates

The County Administrator commented that she was asked at the previous meeting to put together a list of ordinances and policies that could be created and/or updated by the committee. The County Administrator listed the following items: procurement policy, hotel/motel tax ordinance, ethics/conflict of interest policy, subdivision ordinance, County Board by-laws.

Battrell suggested the committee put together a priority schedule from the list that the County Administrator had suggested being made available at the next meeting. The County Administrator noted that her recommendation for a top priority would be to create a procurement policy, since it had been suggested by the County auditors. The committee asked the County Administrator to provide them with information on the State and Federal laws regarding Procurement and a DRAFT policy prior to next month's meeting.

Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn

(6:03pm)

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