

Real Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

Present: Peterson, Bost, Ikner, Knust, Rendleman

Absent: Lister, Phillips

Also Present: Nel Battrell, Maureen Berkowitz, Joni Bailey, Mitch Burdick, Tamiko Mueller

Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-412 Approval of April 10, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Bost, to approve the April 10, 2024, Minutes as presented. The Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communications

II. 2024-413 Safe Route to Schools Project Update

Peterson discussed the update she had received, noting that of the 10 highest scored schools on the list, there were several in Jackson County.

III. 2024-414 Williamson County Animal Control Article

Peterson commented that this article was informational only.

IV. 2024-437 2023 Jackson County Final Multiplier Article

Berkowitz commented that she felt the article got information wrong when it came to the multiplier vs. the equalizer numbers.

Land Use & Economic Development

V. 2024-415 Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission

Peterson reported that the executive committee did meet and discussed items such as the draft budget, taking on work that SIMPO had been doing, including bicycle planning.

VI. 2024-416 Supervisor of Assessments

Berkowitz reported that the County Clerk is working on extending the rates since the final multiplier is complete. She noted that it would take about a month, and then it would go to the County Treasurer for printing.

VII. 2024-417 Jackson Growth Alliance

Bailey reported that she had attended a marketing subcommittee meeting by zoom and the JGA was continuing to work on testimonials for their new website. She asked those that had not yet visited the new website, to please visit www.jacksongrowthalliance.org to help boost the SEO numbers. She also mentioned that JGA was working on future intergovernmental agreements for funding. Mueller and Bailey were both complimentary regarding the new JGA director.

VIII. 2024-418 Southwest Connector Taskforce

Rendleman commented that \$6M had been donated by Federal and State for the execution of tests that will be done on the proposed routes for more lanes. He also mentioned that \$15M would go to district 9 for engineering and construction work.

Highway Department

IX. 2024-419 SIMPO-Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization

Peterson reported that SIMPO did meet by zoom, but there was no quorum to complete any business. This led the committee to discuss what happens when SIMPO disbands later this year, with Peterson commenting that Greater Egypt would continue working on the projects moving forward. They also had a long discussion regarding Rides and Jackson County Mass Transit and the funding they received while being in the MPO.

X. 2024-420 Jackson County Bike Routes

Bost mentioned that the next Bike Rally would be on Saturday, October 26th. He also commented that he would keep the committee posted when more information was available.

XI. 2024-421 Payment of Highway Monthly Claims

*Burdick reviewed a few items from his claims list. A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Ikner, to approve Payment of the Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$232,867.48. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (5) Peterson, Bost, Ikner, Knust, Rendleman **ABSENT** (2) Lister, Phillips*

XII. 2024-422 County Highway Department Update

Burdick gave a brief update on the County Highway Department, including information on speed studies, road project delays, road resurfacing projects, the US Rt 51 closure, summer hire advertising, and oil bids. Rendleman questioned what the process was to have a speed study done on old Rt 13, mentioning that constituents have complained about fast driving and increased traffic. Burdick had a long discussion with the committee members regarding the issue, suggesting at the end of the discussion that to control the speed, law enforcement would really need to enforce the speed limit. This led the committee to discuss the possible use of speed cameras and roundabouts.

County Buildings & Grounds

XIII. 2024-423 Courthouse Skylight Glass Replacement

Peterson began the discussion by asking if everyone had reviewed the information in the meeting packet. Rendleman commented that he had concerns about projects the Board Staff continues to present to the committee with no opportunity to investigate the issues further. Knust commented that she and the Board were still waiting on the list of County projects that Whitbeck was working on and didn't feel comfortable approving other projects until she and the Board had reviewed the list. Both Rendleman and Knust had concerns that the Board was continuing to tack on additional projects that were not in the original courthouse repair proposal, such as the proposed window replacement and the skylight glass replacement. The discussion continued with questions regarding the architect of record's contract with the County that is not complete and the possible need for the County to have a project manager on record. After a lengthy discussion, Peterson commented that she would move the items to the June Real Property agenda and have someone available to discuss the items with the committee.

XIV. 2024-424 Courthouse Window Replacement

Old Business

New Business

Knust had presented a document from the VFW regarding a request for the County to donate land. Peterson suggested the committee review the document and that the item would be on the June Real Property agenda.

Executive Session

Adjourn

(6:25pm)

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