

Legislative and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2024 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

Present: Snyder, Battrell, Knust, Miller, Mueller

Absent: Comparato, Lister

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

Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-401 Approval of April 9, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Knust, to approve the April 9, 2024, Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Animal Control

II. 2024-402 Animal Control Monthly Update

The County Administrator commented that the Animal Control update was in the packet and asked if anyone had questions regarding the information provided. She also mentioned that ASA Bailey's opinion on the Humane Society Contract was included in the packet and asked if anyone had questions regarding that document. The committee briefly discussed the Humane Society and what the County Board would need to consider moving forward with the possibility of ending the contract with them.

Heath Department & Solid Waste

III. 2024-403 Jackson County Health Department

Director Hagston reported the following:

The Health Dept. continues to monitor the highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreak in dairy cattle. The outbreak has been detected in 9 states, with 1 human case in Texas. Testing of cattle and dairy workers is expanding, and various restrictions on the movement of sick cattle are being implemented at the federal and state levels. When animal diseases spillover into humans, it is of great importance to public health to detect and prevent further spread.

After 24 years at the health department, Bart Hagston has submitted his resignation, effective June 26. He is taking a position as regional Emergency Response Coordinator with IDPH in Marion. He is working with the Board of Health and managers to prepare the health department for the transition. The Board of Health will likely select an Interim Administrator to serve during the search for a permanent one.

IV. 2024-404 Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed: 4/9/24 – 5/10/24

- 1 landfill inspection
- 3 new citizen complaints
- 2 new sites opened
- 6 Field Visits conducted on new or ongoing open dumping / burning files.
- 2 Sites now found in general compliance
- 0 Advisory letters sent for property clean-up
- Conducted illegally dumped tire collection on April 25th and 26th. Tires are awaiting pickup from EPA at the Jackson County HWY Dept. Approximately 600 tires were collected from the townships and municipalities that were illegally dumped in the county.
- Attended ILCSWMA meeting as the Southern Region Representative 16 April at GDB Paints and Coatings.
- Attended IDPH Mosquito, Tick and Larvicide training.
- Starting mosquito trapping the week of 6 May.

V. 2024-405 Solid Waste Fund Update

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$2,123.24-Shredding, medical waste and trash bills for county agencies for April 2024

Interest: \$4,306.85-interest for April 2024

Deposits: \$0

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$0

Interest: \$799.75-Interest for April 2024

Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

VI. 2024-406 Recycling Program

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for County Recycling Program: 4/9/24 – 5/10/24

- Shred/Med Day event held April 27, 2024 – 223 vehicles and 137 lbs. of meds
- Launched a compost bin sale, nearly 100 bins sold thus far.
- Coordinating Rain Barrel Pilot Project to take place in early June. All sales will be online, and we are working with University of Illinois Extension to collaborate as a pick-up location.
- Attended SIU Sustainability Green Fund Ceremony – Received the Community Partner Environmental Ambassador Award
- Jackson Co. Waste and Recycling Business & Community Group Survey launched, Public Surveys also remain open through June 1, 2024 – see links below!
- Co-hosted a Sustainability workshop at the SIU Sustainable Farm.
- Coordinating Household Hazardous Waste collection for June 1, 2024, 8am – 3pm at SIUC Banterra Center parking lot (see attached flyer).
- Attended the Illinois Food Scrap and Composting Coalition monthly Mtg.
- Recycling Educator presented to 320 students at Thomas School. Educator attended 3 community events, Carbondale Puppet Parade, Alto Eco Family Day, and STEM Family night.

Public Survey Links:

English: <https://forms.gle/UuUhgwBFXyRzrPaJ8>

Spanish: <https://forms.gle/VRqars4oBDkc2KpA8>

Business and Community Group Survey:

<https://forms.gle/nrJw6dKDjHEg9H1G8>

VII. 2024-411 Approval of Hazardous Waste Collection Funds June 2024

Ms. Gale discussed the Household Chemical Collection event for June 2024 and asked the committee to recommend a motion to authorize JCHD to expend funds from the county's household hazardous waste (HHW) fund. She noted a full report and request was located in the meeting packet and asked if anyone had any questions. The committee discussed the request. A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Miller, to recommend to the full Board that JCHD be authorized to expend HHW funds up to \$65,000 to coordinate and conduct a household chemical collection in June 2024. This authorization includes: a) transfer of \$10,000 to JCHD for event supplies and advertising, and b) payment of the contractor's invoice following the event. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (5) Snyder, Battrell, Knust, Miller, Mueller **ABSENT**: (2) Comparato, Lister

Emergency Management

Snyder commented that she wanted to congratulate EMA Rowe on his work during the recent storms and with the Code Red system. She also mentioned that she wanted to congratulate EMA Rowe and County Highway Engineer Burdick on their work with the sinkhole on Rt. 51 near DeSoto.

Ambulance Service**VIII. 2024-407 Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims**

A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Mueller, to approve the Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$59,090.03. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (5): Snyder, Battrell, Knust, Miller, Mueller **ABSENT** (2): Comparato, Lister

IX. 2024-408 Director's Report

Director Schafer reported the following:

Monthly Claims: \$59,090.03

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$304,326.24

Activity Report: 890

Other Information:

- Statistics related to our 2024 Eclipse Response Plan:
 1. Operational Period: April 5, 2024, 0700 ending April 9, 2024, 0700.
 - Calls for service during operational period: 128.
 - Overtime hours: 276 (general staff) 246 (command staff).
 - Estimated cost: \$15,000.
- Blood drive on April 12th at Headquarters.
 - We surpassed our goal of 15 pints of blood by collecting more than 20!

- Scheduling another blood drive in 3-4 months
- Participated in a disaster drill on April 26th at Murphysboro High School which included a mass casualty scenario where an intoxicated driver collided with a school bus.
 - Over 250 actors, including teachers and students from Murphysboro School district participated in various roles.
 - Goals included professional development for first responders and providing “food for thought” for the students of MHS on prom weekend.
 - Planning stages for this event lasted more than a year.
 - We worked with several agencies:
 - Jackson County Sheriff's Department and Emergency Management
 - Murphysboro High School, Police, Fire, and Emergency Management
 - SIH St. Joseph Memorial Hospital
 - Angela Stanton
 - Goals obtained for our department:
 - Professional development triaging multiple victims.
 - Track/transport multiple victims.
 - 6 employees volunteered to participate on their day off for the training.
 - They properly triaged/tracked/transported 50 victims in less than an hour.

X. 2024-436 EMS Week Proclamation

Schafer gave some background information on the requested proclamation. The committee discussed the item before making a motion. A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Miller, to approve the EMS Week proclamation. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

State's Attorney

XI. 2024-409 State's Attorney Monthly Update

ASA Bailey commented that her report was included in the meeting packet and asked if anyone had any questions concerning anything on the document list.

Legislative

XII. 2024-410 Procurement Policy

The County Administrator commented that at the last Legislative meeting, it was suggested to work on creating a draft procurement policy due to the auditors suggesting the county have one on file. She mentioned that she created this draft from several other documents she had reviewed. The committee briefly discussed the draft document with ASA Bailey and decided to have her review the document and report back at the next Legislative & Public Safety meeting with comments and suggestions.

Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn

(5:44pm)

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