

Legislative and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

Present: Knust, Miller, Lister, Snyder

Absent: Battrell, Comparato

Also Present: Robert Burns, Liz Stevenson, Joni Bailey, Kenton Schafer, Ben Killman, Bart Hagston, Jennifer St. Louis, Pam Eaton, Christy Anderson, Edie Weiner, Lauren Handshy, Cindy Hall, Laurie Geiger, Dr. Kay Creese, Diane Daugherty, Carla Doggett, Lisa Potter

Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-478 Approval of May 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Miller, to approve the May 14, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communication

II. 2024-479 Mediacom Notice

The County Administrator commented that the document included in the meeting packet was the most recent quarterly report and that it included information on what the County gets back for the cable TV fee. She noted the item was informational only.

Animal Control

III. 2024-480 Animal Control Presentation

Guest speakers from St. Francis Care, Wright-Way Rescue, Cats of Carbondale TNR, The Stable Pet Project, and the Humane Society were each allowed time to voice their concerns about the animal control issue facing the County and the effect it was having on their respective establishments, while answering many questions from the committee.

(5:48pm Mueller arrived)

IV. 2024-481 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 noted the County's low-cost rabies clinics flyer in the meeting packet, and the Humane Society notice of termination of services as of December 1, 2024.

V. 2024-482 County Wide Animal Control

Chapman commented that Murphysboro and Carbondale have had discussions to partner

together to create an animal control facility. Chapman asked the committee to give him authority to negotiate for the County an intergovernmental agreement with Murphysboro and Carbondale to work together to create an animal control facility. The committee discussed the issue and asked many questions regarding the costs and needs of the County. A motion was made by Lister, seconded by Knust, to give Chapman the authority to negotiate for the County an intergovernmental agreement with Murphysboro and Carbondale to work together to create an animal control facility. The motion carried by voice vote; Knust voted "no".

The committee continued the discussion and requested additional information about the proposed project including cost estimates. The committee came to the consensus to hold the motion until next month's full Board meeting, so that the committee could review the requested information at the July Legislative meeting.

Heath Department & Solid Waste

VI. 2024-483 Jackson County Health Department

Director Hagston reported the following:

The Health Dept. continues to monitor the highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreak in dairy cattle and poultry. The outbreak has been detected in 12 states, with 3 human cases (no human or non-human cases in IL to date). Testing of cattle and dairy workers is expanding, and various restrictions on the movement of sick cattle have been 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. JCHD has provided a list of Jackson County veterinarians to IDPH and has also had a couple of conversations with the Jackson County Farm Bureau regarding outreach to dairy farmers.

Work is well underway to develop the Health Department's FY25 draft budget. Most grant award offers have been received, with a few more to go. The budget typically gets approved by the Board of Health in August, before going into the County Board's budget process.

With Bart Hagston's departure, the Board of Health has appointed Paula Clark as Interim Administrator. Paula will serve in that role until a new Administrator comes on board. Bart is working with managers to hand off projects and ensure a smooth transition. Applications for the Administrator position are currently due by June 28.

VII. 2024-484 Solid Waste Enforcement

Director Hagston reported the following:

Activities Completed: 5/10/24 – 6/11/24

- 1 Landfill Inspection & 1 Field Visit.
- 8 Citizen Complaints.
- 3 new site opened.
- 8 Field Visits conducted at new or ongoing open dumping / burning files.
- 0 Sites now found in general compliance.
- Conducted mosquito trapping for 3 weeks with no positives.
- Staff worked on the household chemical collection event.

VIII. 2024-485 Solid Waste Fund Update

Director Hagston reported the following:

Current Month Sold Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$12,331.63-Shredding, medical waste and trash bills for county agencies for May 2024

Interest: \$4,420.559-Interest for May 2024

Deposits: \$76,551.35-1st quarter tipping fees

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$0

Interest: \$817.45-Interest for May 2024

Deposits: \$0

Hose Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

IX. 2024-486 Recycling Program

Director Hagston reported the following:

Activities Completed for County Recycling Program: 5/10/24 – 6/11/24

- Household Chemical Collection event held 6/1/24 - 579 vehicles and 1 bike
- Continued a compost bin sale, nearly 160 bins sold thus far.
- Launched online Rain Barrel Pilot Project sale – also initiated a trail “Pop-Up” Sale – combined total effort resulted in 102 barrels sold. New online sale now underway. www.rainbarrel.ca/jchd Order online by 7/7/24 for delivery 7/12/24. Residents can also preorder at the health department in the back building.
- Jackson Co. Waste and Recycling Business & Community Group Survey closes 6/15/25, to date 69 surveys submitted. Public Surveys also remain open through June 15, 2024 – see links below! Nearly 200 public input surveys submitted thus far. NEED MORE – Please promote this opportunity.
- Applying to IL EPA for a fall Household Chemical Collection event, date TBA.
- Received sharps disposal kiosks, preparing for installation and distribution to Shawnee Health (Murphysboro & Carbondale locations only), JCHD, and SIU Student Health Center. Still looking for one additional host site that meets requirements.
- Attended IFSCC Mtg. – composting permitting process training, presented by J. Jennings of IL EPA. – Exploring compost site options with City of Carbondale, SIU Farms, St. Louis Compost.

Public Survey Links:

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

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

Business and Community Group Survey:

<https://forms.gle/nrJw6dKDJhEg9H1G8>

Emergency Management

Ambulance Service

X. 2024-487 Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Lister, to approve payment of the Ambulance

monthly claims in the amount of \$43,268.04. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XI. 2024-488 Director's Report

Director Schafer reported the following:

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$344,531.15

Activity Report: 986 patient contacts

Other Information:

We trained 139 students in CPR, including classes for the Sheriff's dept.

To assist with recruitment and retention, our management team suggested the department plan a family picnic. This would not only appreciate the dedication of our employees but provide an opportunity to say Thank You for the sacrifice our employee's family endures while serving our community. We had the event at our headquarters, and it was very well attended, and we received great feedback suggesting this become an annual event. We also wanted to take a moment to say Thank You to the county board for their continued support of our department. Without the headquarters building, this would not have been possible.

XII. 2024-489 Medicaid GEMT Reimbursement

*Director Schafer reviewed the information in the meeting packet regarding the Medicaid GEMT Reimbursement. His document gave the committee a history of the issue being presented and where the department currently stands. The committee discussed the issue and the need for payment. The County Administrator commented that there needed to be a motion to transfer \$1M from cash reserves to the Ambulance Department to pay for the Medicaid GEMT Reimbursement. Bailey suggested that there be a resolution created to pay the bill with specifics included and noted that she could have one ready by the full Board meeting this month. The County Administrator commented that the motion could be approved now, and that the resolution would go to the full Board meeting for approval. A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Mueller, to approve transferring \$1M from cash reserves to the Ambulance Department to pay for the Medicaid GEMT Reimbursement. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES (5):** Snyder, Lister, Knust, Mueller, Miller **ABSENT (2):** Battrell, Comparato*

State's Attorney

XIII. 2024-490 State's Attorney Monthly Update

ASA Bailey commented that her report was in the meeting packet and asked if anyone had questions regarding the information provided.

Legislative

XIV. 2024-491 Approval of Election Judges

A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Lister, to approve the Election Judges. Miller commented that she felt she should not be on the list and that she knew someone on the list who was deceased. She asked how to remedy the issue. The committee agreed to table the motion until July to give the County Administrator time to work with the County Clerk to remedy the issue.

XV. 2024-492 Procurement Policy

The County Administrator asked the committee to push this item off until the next meeting so

that departments had time to review the document. The committee agreed and asked about a state/local policy. ASA Bailey was asked to create a state/local policy to be reviewed at a future meeting.

Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn

(7:16pm)

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