Real Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 12, 2024 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order

(5:00pm)
Present: Peterson, Ikner, Lister, Phillips, Rendleman, Knust
Absent: Bost
Also Present: Mark Kuhns, Maureen Berkowitz, Joni Bailey, Mitch Burdick, Darrell Bryant, Judith Ashby

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Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-493 Approval of May 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ikner, seconded by Rendleman, to approve the May 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communications

Judith Ashby gave a presentation regarding the Fuller Dome Home in Carbondale. She answered questions from the committee and commented that her group was looking for finances to help finish building the new visitor's center. The committee discussed the item and agreed that once the new funding request form was approved by the full Board, it would be sent to Ms. Ashby for her to complete her funding request.

The County Administrator commented that ROE had provided a memo regarding their move from the courthouse to the new location and that it was in the meeting packet for review.

Land Use & Economic Development

II. 2024-494 Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission

Peterson updated the committee regarding Greater Egypt, commenting on various projects which included the 2025 budget, safe streets for all, and grants.

III. 2024-495 Supervisor of Assessment
A. Pugh Land Division Parcel #14-06-201-021

Berkowitz presented the information regarding the Pugh Land Division, commenting that the owners had complied with the law and that they were looking for a commitment from the committee to approve before spending $3K on a surveyor. The committee discussed the issue and asked various questions before coming to the consensus that the variances should not hold up the land split.

IV. 2024-496 Jackson Growth Alliance

Bryant gave the committee his update and answered questions from the committee. He noted his update was included in the meeting packet for more details.

V. 2024-497 Southwest Connector Taskforce

Rendleman commented that he had met with the taskforce in May and noted that the full $15M appropriation was available for construction, routing, etc. He also commented that there were IDOT roadblocks that the taskforce was facing and that a new route from Pinckneyville to the metro east would need to be determined.

Highway Department

VI. 2024-498 SIMPO-Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization

Peterson reported that SIMPO had met and that it was their final meeting. She commented on a few of the final projects and noted that a list was provided in the meeting packet. Rendleman commented that he would like the minutes to reflect the County's appreciation for the hard work and accomplishments that Ms. Peterson had while working with the MPO.

VII. 2024-499 Jackson County Bike Routes

No update given.

VIII. 2024-500 Payment of Highway Monthly Claims

Burdick explained a few claims and answered questions from the committee. A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Rendleman, to approve payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of $228,827.59. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: ***YES (6)*** *Peterson, Ikner, Lister, Rendleman, Phillips, Knust* ***ABSENT (1)*** *Bost*

IX. 2024-501 County Highway Department Update

Burdick gave a brief update on the County Highway Department, including information regarding road intersection updates, resurfacing projects, bridge replacements, speed study updates, township bridge funding, safe streets for all, summer staffing, oil bid completion, and having a resolution at the July Real Property meeting for the IDOT Highway Engineer appointment. Burdick answered questions from the committee regarding his update and the following two agenda items.

X. 2024-502 Resolution 2024-44 to Award 2024 MFT Oil BAM Material Bids

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Knust, to approve Resolution 2024-44 to Award 2024 MFT Oil BAM Material Bids. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XI. 2024-503 Agreement for Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements- Elkville Road

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Knust, to approve the Agreement for Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements-Elkville Road. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

County Buildings & Grounds

XII. 2024-504 Courthouse Window Replacement

This item was not discussed due to several committee members wanting a comprehensive list of County projects.

XIII. 2024-505 Courthouse Door Replacement

This item was not discussed due to several committee members wanting a comprehensive list of County projects.

XIV. 2024-507 Courthouse Skylight Glass Replacement

Whitbeck discussed the safety issue regarding the courthouse skylight glass, noting that none of the bottom glass is safety glass and that the wood molding surrounding the glass is brittle and needed repair. He commented that his recommendation was for the replacement of the skylight glass with safety glass and film. The committee discussed the options before a motion was made. A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Ikner, to approve the Skylight Glass Replacement with safety glass and film in the amount of $14,801.25. The motion failed by the following roll call vote: ***YES (3)*** *Peterson, Rendleman, Ikner* ***NO (3)*** *Phillips, Knust, Lister. A second motion was made by Lister, seconded by Phillips, to approve safety film under Skylight Glass in the amount of $6,644.83. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:* ***YES (4)*** *Rendleman, Knust, Phillips, Lister* ***NO (2)*** *Peterson, Ikner*

Old Business

XV. 2024-506 VFW Letter

Peterson commented that the committee was not in a position to vote on the agenda item due to the County not legally owning the property. The committee discussed the topic with ASA Bailey. The consensus of the committee was to have Bailey complete the research on what was involved in completing the ownership of the land to the County and what information was needed if the County were to gift land to another entity for the July Real Property Meeting.

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn

(6:35pm)
A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Knust, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.