

Legislative and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 2024 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

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

Absent: Comparto

Also Present: Andrew Erbes, Kenton Schafer, Paula Clark, Kerri Gale, Joni Bailey, Ben Killman, Brian Chapman, Representatives from: St. Francis Care Rescue, Humane Society, Wright Way Rescue, Stable Pet Project, and Cats of Carbondale TNR

Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-565 Approval of June 11, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Lister, seconded by Miller, to approve the June 11, 2024, minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Animal Control

II. 2024-566 Animal Control Monthly Update

Killman updated the committee on Animal Control, including information on the two completed rabies clinics and the upcoming one in August.

Heath Department & Solid Waste

III. 2024-567 Jackson County Health Department

Ms. Clark 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 conversations with Jackson County Farm Bureau regarding outreach to dairy farmers. The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) announced an intrastate testing requirement for lactating dairy cattle participating in livestock exhibitions in Illinois to minimize the spread of H5N1 (highly pathogenic avian influenza). While Illinois currently has no reported cases of H5N1 in dairy cattle, 12 states have confirmed cases, and this step is being taken out of an abundance of caution. Testing requirements apply to lactating dairy cattle being exhibited at county fairs, Illinois State Fair, Du Quoin State Fair and any other livestock exhibition held in Illinois.

Back to school immunization clinics are available Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 8:30-3:30. Late clinic is available on Tuesdays 8:30-5:30. Please see attached flyer. Appointments are required: www.jchdonline.org

JCHD's budget is near completion with the final approval going to the BOH in August. The majority of our grant award offers have been received. After BOH approval, we will be prepared to submit to the County Board.

With Bart Hagston's departure on June 28, the Board of Health has appointed Paula Clark as Interim Administrator. Paula will serve in that role until a new Administrator comes on board. Applications for the Administrator position are currently under review by the Board of Health.

IV. 2024-568 Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale Reported the following:

Activities Completed: 6/11/24 – 7/11/24

- 1 Landfill Inspection*
- 5 Citizen Complaints*
- 0 new site opened*
- 2 Field Visits conducted at new or ongoing open dumping / burning files.*
- 0 Sites now found in general compliance*
- 2 Rounds of mosquito trapping with 0 West Nile Positives. Trapping has been hindered due to rainfall.*

V. 2024-569 Solid Waste Fund Update

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$7,444.97-Shredding, Medical Waste and Trash bills for county agencies for June 2024

Interest: \$4,730.73-Interest for June 2024

Deposits: \$0

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$0

Interest: \$783.43-Interest for June 2024

Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

VI. 2024-570 Recycling Program

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for County Recycling Program: 6/11/24 – 7/11/24

- Participated in The Nature Conservancy – Volunteer Stewardship Network Meeting. 6/11*
- Continued rain barrel sale initiative – and the rescheduling of distribution due to shipping issues from the supplier.*
- Began coordination of JCHD annual records destruction.*
- Program planning for the fall Shred/Med Day event.*
- Coordination of fall Household Chemical Collection event, this one funded by ILEPA.*
- Placement and set up of remote online monitoring of sharps disposal kiosks at four locations, see flyer for details. Still seeking two additional host sites that meet regulations/program requirements.*
- Assisted with coordination and tour of CRC Southern Recycling Center with community*

leaders and members.

- Coordinated meeting with St. Louis Compost, City of Carbondale and SIU staff to explore composting services/options in the county area.
 - Began "Recycle Coach" onboarding to a new communication platform which includes a free mobile app with personalized schedules, pickup and event reminders, "what goes where" and educational activities. This opportunity provided by the ILEPA
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Emergency Management

Ambulance Service

VII. 2024-571 Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

*A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Miller, to approve payment of Ambulance Monthly claims in the amount of \$46,944.83. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (6): Snyder, Lister, Battrell, Miller, Mueller, Knust **ABSENT** (1): Comparato*

VIII. 2024-572 Director's Report

Director Schafer reported the following:

Monthly Claims: \$46,944.83

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$322,496.71

Activity Report: 905 patient contacts

Other Information:

We taught 44 students CPR. I worked with the Illinois Department of Human Services (HFS) and negotiated a GEMT reimbursement payment plan. A resolution regarding an interfund loan for our department will be presented to the finance committee for consideration.

State's Attorney

IX. 2024-573 State's Attorney Monthly Update

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

Legislative

X. 2024-574 Approval of Election Judges

The committee discussed removing one member from the list due to the member being an elected precinct committee member. A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Miller, to amend the Election Judges list to remove that member. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A second motion was made by Lister, seconded by Battrell, to approve the amended Election Judges list. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Citizen Comments

Mueller commented on the Pickup Jackson County campaign that will run from July 19th to

August 15th. Lister thanked the local animal facility attendees for their input on a possible County animal control facility and commented that work towards a possible facility was being done.

Old Business

XI. 2024-576 Animal Control Proposal

Chapman commented that he had put together a draft research packet including state statutes, a flow chart of the animal control process, and options for the County to consider including purchasing, building, leasing, or contracting for a possible County animal control facility. Representatives from St. Francis Care Rescue, Humane Society, Wright Way Rescue, Stable Pet Project, and Cats of Carbondale TNR were allowed time to speak about the need for a County animal control facility and how it would affect their businesses. There was a lengthy discussion regarding a need for solutions to educate the public, whether the County needed to create ordinances regarding animal owner requirements, and the issue of puppy mills and what the County could do to address it. After committee discussion, Snyder asked ASA Bailey (with the consensus of the committee) to look into puppy mill enforcement for possible Board consideration. Snyder also asked the various entities to please email the County Administrator with resources they each provide so that a resource sheet could be compiled.

New Business

Executive Session

XII. 2024-577 Executive Session under 2 (c) 5 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property

(6:15pm)

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Lister, to enter into Executive Session under 2 (c) 5 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (6): Snyder, Lister, Battrell, Miller, Mueller, Knust **ABSENT**: (1): Comparato

Adjourn

(7:19pm)

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