

**Legislative and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room**

Call to Order

(5:00PM)

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

Also Present: Joni Bailey, John Rendleman, Kenton Schafer, Kerri Gale, Paula Clark, Brian Chapman, Diane Daugherty, Christy Anderson, Stacy Ballard, a representative from the Stable Pet Project, and several HSSI Board members

Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-749 Approval of August 13, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Battrell, to approve the August 13, 2024, Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Heath Department & Solid Waste

II. 2024-750 Jackson County Health Department

Ms. Clark reported the following:

- *Our budget was approved by our BOH in August, and it has been entered into BS&A with a memo detailing expenditures.*
- *We are currently gearing up Flu and COVID vaccinations. Flu will begin to be offered on Monday, September 9 and the COVID vaccination will soon follow. Stay tuned.*
- *Administrator interviews have completed round one. More to follow.*

III. 2024-751 Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed: 8/7/24 – 9/4/24

- *1 Landfill Inspection*
- *3 Citizen Complaints*
- *1 new sites opened (Violation Notice's)*
- *6 Field Visits conducted at new or ongoing open dumping / burning files.*
- *0 Sites now found in general compliance*
- *3 weeks of mosquito trapping have been completed*

IV. 2024-752 Solid Waste Fund Update

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$12,364.39-Shredding, Medical Waste and Trash bills for County agencies for August 2024

Interest: \$0
Deposits: \$0

V. 2024-753 Recycling Program

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for County Recycling Program: 8/7/24 – 9/4/24

- On-going solid waste planning with Greater Egypt Regional Planning – hosted community advisory committee public meeting August 22 10 AM and 6 PM Zoom mtg.
- Attended Carbondale Halloween Committee Mtg. re: pumpkin smash event collaboration 8/30 -also attended pumpkin smash planning mtg. following
- Assisting with collaboration of services for a recycling event for rural electric service members at Egyptian Electric, scheduled 10/19
- Attended Illinois Product Stewardship Alliance Mtg. 8/20
- Household Chemical Collection event and Shred/Med/Sharps disposal day registration links are live on website
- Attend two mtgs. with Illinois Zero-waste Coordinator. 1. Discuss materials management challenges in southern Illinois 2. Discuss reusables at food service entities.
- Attend meeting with Illinois Food Scrap and Composting Coalition – International Compost Awareness Week Planning
- Attend mtg. with Keep Carbondale Beautiful and City of Carbondale to discuss partnership opportunities latex paint swaps.

VI. 2024-754 Approval of Household Hazardous Waste Funds for the Fall 2024 Collection

Ms. Gale discussed the Household Chemical Collection Event for Fall 2024. She noted there was a memo in the meeting packet with all the information regarding the event. A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Mueller, to approve Jackson County Health Department being authorized to expend Household Hazardous Waste Funds up to \$30,000 for the Fall 2024 collection event. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Emergency Management

Ambulance Service

VII. 2024-755 Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Comparato, to approve payment of the Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$337,392.32. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
YES (7): Snyder, Battrell, Comparato, Knust, Lister, Miller, Mueller

VIII. 2024-756 Director's Report

Director Schafer reported the following:

Monthly Claims: \$337,392.32

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$375,904.69

Activity Report: 1047 patient contact reports

Other Information:

Monthly claims included our \$25,000.00 payment to the State's Attorney for legal services, and \$275,890.70 for our leased equipment from Stryker Medical. This includes our 8 power loads, 9 power stretchers, 9 cardiac monitors, 9 automated CPR devices, 9 Stair chairs.

We participated in the annual safety briefing with Carbondale and Murphysboro school districts.

We hosted our second blood drive at our headquarters. We collected 22 pints which exceeded our donation goal. Red Cross has asked us to host another blood drive. Planning is ongoing.

We hosted and participated in a tabletop emergency response drill with county departments including the sheriff's office, highway department, EMA, and our local hospitals.

We participated and provided details on career opportunities in EMS at Marion High School.

We are continuing to participate in monthly meetings with Illinois Department of Public Health EMT Training, Recruitment and Retention Taskforce. The next meeting will be Sept 12. This taskforce is Co-chaired by Senator Lightford and Representative Hauter. The intended goal of this taskforce is to assist in the shortage of EMTs and Paramedics.

State's Attorney

IX. 2024-757 State's Attorney Monthly Update

ASA Bailey reviewed her update report that is included in the meeting packet. She added that she was working with Civic Plus and the County Administrator on codification of ordinances for the County. She also had a brief discussion with the committee regarding utility easements. Knust commented that she would bring the item up at the Real Property meeting.

Legislative

Animal Control

X. 2024-758 Animal Control Monthly Update

Killman gave his monthly update to the committee, noting that there was a new report he had created regarding animal holds that was included in the meeting packet.

XI. 2024-759 Animal Control Facility Options

The Stable Pet Project gave a quick presentation regarding their proposal to help the County with the animal control situation due to the humane society closing. The representative commented that the document in the meeting packet was the same proposal submitted at last month's meeting. She answered various questions from the committee, including how the proposal benefits the county as a whole.

Old Business

New Business

XII. 2024-760 Amendments to Animal Control Ordinances

Snyder commented that Knust had made some suggestions of items she would like to see added to the current animal control ordinances, such as registration fees, breeders having litter fees, and using funds obtained from fees for low-cost spay and neuter programs in the county. Snyder commented that she would like the suggestions to go through legal to see what the county may have the authority to do before the committee takes any action.

Snyder allowed for public comments. Ms. Daugherty commented and asked what the committee would like St. Francis to do to help remedy the issue of the humane shelters' closure. Rendleman turned the question around and asked what St. Francis would like the county to do to remedy the problem. There was a long conversation regarding what the County is required to provide for the public per interpretation of state statute. Ms. Ballard made a few comments regarding the issues. Bailey commented that the County is taking the matter seriously, noting that the process does take time and is not a quick fix.

Executive Session

XIII. 2024-761 Executive Session under 2 (c) 5 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property

(6:01pm)

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Comparato, to approve going 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 (7): Snyder, Battrell, Comparato, Knust, Lister, Miller, Mueller

Once out of Executive Session, a motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Lister, to authorize Chapman to work on a consideration to lease property as discussed during the Executive Session and to continue a conversation with the City of Carbondale regarding animal control. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adjourn

(8:24pm)

Snyder adjourned the meeting.