

Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2024 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

Present: Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, Mueller, Peterson, Snyder, Phillips

Also Present: Nel Battrell, Dan Bost, Kevin Lister, Faith Miller, Liz Stevenson, Joni Bailey, Brian Chapman

Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-812 Approval of September 5, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Erbes, to approve the September 5, 2024, Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communications

Internal Office Matters

II. 2024-813 Broadband Update

Chapman reported to the committee the following Broadband updates:

- The Wk+T received a signed grant contract from the state last week, which took 4 months to get.*
 - The last of the easement letters were sent out last week.*
 - WK+T is currently meeting with landowners and hosting community events to address easement concerns.*
 - Frontier is being bought out by Verizon. Chapman noted that the financial stability of Frontier was taken into consideration and was one of the deciding factors when the board decided to partner with WK+T.*
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Computing Services

Appointments

III. 2024-814 Open Appointments in October 2024 {7} *

1. Blairsville Water District (2)
2. Board of Health (1) *County Board Representative*
3. Greater Egypt (1)
4. Jackson County Mass Transit (1) *
5. Oraville Water District (2) *

*A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Snyder, to recommend to the full Board the re-appointment of Scott Comparato as the County Board representative to the Jackson County Board of Health. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (6): Calandro, Erbes, Mueller, Peterson, Snyder, Phillips **ABSTAIN** (1): Comparato*

*A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Mueller, to recommend to the full Board the re-appointment of Susan Metcalf to Jackson County Mass Transit. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (7): Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, Mueller, Peterson, Snyder, Phillips*

*A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Snyder, to recommend to the full Board the appointment of Craig Whistle to the Oraville Water District. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (7): Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, Mueller, Peterson, Snyder, Phillips*

Old Business

New Business

IV. 2024-815 Right of First Refusal: Murphysboro City Administration Building

*Calandro explained to the committee that the city of Murphysboro was offering the County the right of first refusal for the City Administration Building, so that, if in the future the city wanted to sell the building, the County would have the option to purchase before anyone else. The cost for the right of first refusal for the County is (\$10) ten dollars. A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Erbes, to recommend to the full Board the right of first refusal for the Murphysboro City Administration Building. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (7): Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, Mueller, Peterson, Snyder, Phillips*

V. 2024-816 Proclamation for Workforce Development Month

Calandro commented that there would be no discussion about this item. He noted that Ms. Mueller had spoken with the County Administrator regarding writing a letter to Man-Tra-Con from the County regarding workforce development month.

VI. 2024-834 Authorization of the County Board Chair to Negotiate Settlement of Grand Tower Energy Corporation Tax Appeals

This item was discussed in executive session.

*Once out of executive session, a motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Mueller, to authorize the County Board Chair to negotiate a settlement of Grand Tower Energy Corporation Tax Appeals in accordance with full Board approval and not to exceed the amount discussed in executive session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (7): Calandro, Comparato, Erbes, Mueller, Peterson, Snyder, Phillips*

Executive Session

VII. 2024-833 Executive Session under 2 (c) 11 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Litigation

A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Mueller, to enter into Executive Session under 2 (c) 11 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Litigation.

Adjourn

(6:13pm)

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