

**Real Property Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 16, 2024 5:00 PM**  
**Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room**

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**Call to Order**

*(5:00pm)*

*Present: Peterson, Lister, Knust, Rendleman, Phillips, Ikner, Bost*

*Also Present: Nel Battrell, Bruce Wallace, Maureen Berkowitz, Tammy Ehlers, Mitch Burdick, Joe Sweitzer, Joni Bailey, Andrew Erbes, representative from Illinois Solar for All*

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**Approval of Minutes**

I. 2024-846 Approval of September 11, 2024, Minutes

*A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Rendleman, to approve the September 11, 2024, Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

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**Communications**

II. 2024-847 Jackson County Mass Transit Article

*Peterson commented that the article in the meeting packet was informational only and noted that she included it to make everyone aware of the new name for Jackson County Mass Transit. Peterson also commented on the Jackson County Historical Society Idea of Democracy Symposium.*

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**Land Use & Economic Development**

III. 2024-848 Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission

*Peterson gave an update on Greater Egypt, commenting on the awards that had been presented.*

IV. 2024-849 Supervisor of Assessments

*Berkowitz commented that Ehlers had passed the statewide certification test and has applied to the department of revenue for a certification which will show she is qualified to take the Supervisor of Assessment position.*

V. 2024-850 Ham Land Split Parcel #19-01-351-011

*Berkowitz reviewed the Ham Land Split and answered questions from the committee. A motion was made by Bost, seconded by Ikner, to approve the Ham Land Split Parcel #19-01-351-011. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Rendleman took no part in the discussion and abstained from voting.*

VI. 2024-851 Diesburg Land Split Parcel #10-20-300-006

*Berkowitz reviewed the Diesburg Land Split and answered questions from the committee. A*

*motion was made by Knust, seconded by Phillips, to approve the Diesburg Land Split Parcel #10-20-300-006. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

VII. 2024-852 Jackson Growth Alliance

*Ms. Bailey reported that JGA would have a strategic planning event in a few weeks at the Dunn-Richmond Center to discuss the upcoming year.*

VIII. 2024-853 Southwest Connector Taskforce

*No update was given this month.*

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## **Highway Department**

IX. 2024-854 Jackson County Bike Routes

*Bost reported that the Old Depot Bike Rally was being held on Saturday, October 26th. All proceeds for the event will go towards the Old Depot renovation. The committee had a brief discussion regarding the continuous bike path between Marion and Murphysboro.*

X. 2024-855 Payment of Highway Monthly Claims

*A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Knust, to approve payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$489,272.59. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (7): Peterson, Bost, Erbes, Ikner, Knust, Phillips, Rendleman  
Burdick commented on a few items that were on the claims report.*

XI. 2024-856 County Highway Department Update

*Burdick gave an update on the County Highway Department, including information regarding road intersection updates, requests for special bridge funding, bridge replacement projects, road resurfacing projects, and his nomination to join the executive committee of the Illinois State Engineers.*

XII. 2024-857 Resolution 2024-62 for Township Road District Aid- Makanda Road District- Raccoon Valley Rd

*A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Knust, to approve Resolution 2024-62 for Township Road District Aid-Makanda Road District-Raccoon Valley Road. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

XIII. 2024-858 Resolution 2024-63 for Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Carbondale-Traffic Signal Maintenance

*A motion was made by Lister, seconded by Ikner, to approve Resolution 2024-63 for Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Carbondale-Traffic Signal Maintenance. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

*Phillips commented on the debris along Route 51, noting he has received several complaints from constituents. The County Administrator commented that he could reach out to Kerri Gale at the Health Department.*

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## **County Buildings & Grounds**

XIV. 2024-859 Project Manager Discussion

*Sweitzer reviewed the PowerPoint presentation that is in the meeting packet and answered*

questions from the committee. Peterson commented that the item would stay on the agenda for the committee to discuss further.

XV. 2024-860 Solar Ordinance

*Burdick handed out a document from ISACo on County Wind and Solar Zoning Restrictions. The document is located in the updated meeting packet. Burdick discussed that he would like direction and/or permission to draft a solar ordinance for Jackson County so that when a solar project was being created in the County, companies would be required to communicate the project to the County Board. The committee discussed a few options. Rendleman commented that he would like to be part of the draft ordinance creation. A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Ikner, to allow Burdick, ASA Bailey and Rendleman to draft a solar ordinance for the County. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

*(Rendleman left the meeting)*

XVI. 2024-861 Ordinance for County Board to be Informed of Upcoming Economic Development Projects

*Burdick commented that the goal of this kind of ordinance would be to give the County Board knowledge and to possibly set up a permit process for new economic development projects. ASA Bailey suggested that she could work with Burdick to bring examples of similar ordinances for the committee to review at the next meeting. Peterson commented that she would keep the item on the agenda. A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Ikner, to have Bailey continue to research and bring back examples to the committee. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

XVII. 2024-862 Bruce Wallace Solar Presentation

*Wallace briefly discussed a Community Solar program. His handout is located in the updated meeting packet. He asked for the item to be on next month's meeting agenda for discussion.*

*Representatives from Illinois Solar for All discussed a solar program for the County that would include the Health Department and the Ambulance Headquarters. The committee asked various questions and discussed the proposal with the representatives. Peterson commented that she would like the item to be moved to next month's meeting agenda to allow time to speak with the Health and Ambulance departments and to have further discussion on the program.*

XVIII. 2024-863 Electric Contract

*Bruce Wallace reviewed a new electric contract for the Ambulance Headquarters, which would expire at the same time as the County's current electric contract. Once expired, all locations could be on the same contract. A motion was made by Bost, seconded by Ikner, to send the proposed contract to the full Board. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

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**Old Business**

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**New Business**

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**Executive Session**

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## **Adjourn**

*(6:54pm)*

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