

County Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 2024 6:00 PM
Jackson County Courthouse, Courtroom 4

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Mueller.

Call to Order

6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Calandro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The following members were in attendance: Phillips, Knust, Bost, Erbes, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Ikner, Mueller, Battrell, Lister and Calandro.

The following members were absent: Comparato.

Recognition of Visitors

Citizen Comments

Communications

Agency Reports

Peterson reported:

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission

The Greater Egypt Commission met October 8, 2024. The members appointed a nominating committee to select members for the Executive Committee of 2025. We approved the September staff report, health insurance renewal, continuing programs and safety studies. We also approved nominations for the meritorious service and business awards for this year.

Erbes reported:

Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo)

ISACo - Met in 9/13 & 9/23 + October info - Plans finalized for annual conference – 12/13 at Union League Club of Chicago – speakers will include Cook County Board President, the Honorable Toni Preckwinkle, Board Member Emeritus, the Honorable Debra Sims, et al. Next meeting is currently scheduled to be 11/15. Members are invited to attend the United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) University of Illinois

Extension Leadership Academy Graduation Ceremony and Fall Conference in Springfield this coming Friday and Saturday, thus continuing and deepening the working relationship between UCCI and ISACo. Statewide updates – the fall legislative lame-duck veto session may not take place, as it may be found to not be politically desired/necessary. We have a fluid lobby effort planned for the first week of the session (second week of November). Campaign season news – with fewer-than-average contested/contentious general assembly races (35), much focus has been set upon county positions, with lots of funding coming from Governor Pritzker to flip seats/offices in 19 counties; the closets to us being St. Clair and Madison. I'm including a word-for-word description of other statewide news provided at my request by ISACo Executive Director Joe McCoy:

PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHED DOCUMENT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

As of our last September meeting, there are seats open on the ISACo Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, Transportation Committee, and Arts and Culture Committee. If anyone would be interested in learning more about participating, please let me know. ISACo's financial strength continues to improve with the addition of new members and wise investments by our treasurer and finance committee. Current assets (9/23) are \$944,611.84 - not bad for an organization brought back from the brink of insolvency and extinction a few short years ago. As part of our growth, the organizations "Counties Count" podcast is as always looking for interesting county officials to interview and discuss county matters. If you've not listened to them, please feel free to check them out on the ISACo website. Finally, President Prochaska, should he win his campaign to remain Kendall County Circuit Clerk, plans to continue the formation of a scholarship in conjunction with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and his position as Chairman of the Membership Committee to send members/member counties in good standing to NACo Conferences.

National Association of Counties (NACo)

Central Region Meeting 9/17 - several virtual events are/were available in the coming month, including one I forwarded to Clerk Byrd regarding elections. Please see the NACo website for a list of upcoming webinars/meetings that may be of interest to you. The only matter of significant local importance discussed is the ongoing issue of overweight vehicles on county and township roads, age/deterioration of current infrastructure, lack of funding for necessary upgrades as well as the lack of motor fuel tax revenue being generated by the continued increase in the number of electric vehicles on the roads which are heavier than similar ICE powered AND which do not pay any motor fuel tax, and what the counties can do to get the federal government to address this. I have submitted questions/suggestions on this matter, and I would invite any input from my fellow board members, our county engineer, township highway commissioners, and anyone else with an idea worth throwing against the wall.

United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI)

I was not able to attend much of the UCCI meeting in September due to conflicting scheduling with ICRMT, but I was counted as present, and we received credit for my attendance. You may find info from the meeting on UCCI's website.

Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT)

ICRMT – 9/23 - The big news here is the final changes being completed and requirements being taken to create and inaugurate White Tail Insurance Company, a captive insurance/reinsurance agency/company of/for the ICRMT through which we will in layman's terms, purchase reinsurance at a significantly discounted rate by eliminating a middleman. While this may not lead to REDUCED premiums for members, it will reduce increases and WE HOPE potentially keep rates static in the near future. We incorporated on 10/18, and by virtue of my industry knowledge and position as treasurer of the ICRMT, I will serve as one of the 5 members of the board of directors.

Snedeker Risk Management (SRM)

SRM Conference – 9/19 - News of membership renewals and new business for 2024 (increased), presentations from IFMK attorneys on continued advice to reduce possible losses, especially by law-enforcement agencies and through safe computing services/internet security protocols. These resources are available to member counties at no charge (well, no additional charge beyond our premiums) and I am happy to connect anyone who is interested with the appropriate party to answer/discuss whatever questions you may have.

Mueller reported:

Strategic Planning

Strategic Planning meeting to be held on 10/28 for Economic Development in Carbondale at the Dunn Richmond Center. Any input would be appreciated and directed to Mueller.

* A personal apology from Mueller to Brian Chapman was addressed, as well as thanking Chapman for his services.

Chairman Report

I. 2024-867 November Meetings Calendar

Calandro discussed moving November's Finance Meeting to November 7th with the full board. A motion was made by, Ikner, seconded by, Snyder, to approve moving November's Finance Meeting to November 7th. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ikner, seconded by Snyder, to approve the consent agenda with the removal of 2024-878. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (13) Phillips, Knust, Bost, Erbes, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Ikner, Mueller, Battrell, Lister, and Calandro. **ABSENT** (1) Comparato.

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Phillips, to approve item 2024-878 Ham Land Split Parcel #19-01-351-011. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (11) Phillips, Knust, Bost, Erbes, Miller, Peterson, Ikner, Mueller, Battrell, Lister, Calandro. **ABSTAIN** (2) Snyder, Rendleman. **ABSENT** (1) Comparato.

- II. 2024-864 Approval of September 17, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes
- III. 2024-868 Approval of Right of First Refusal: Murphysboro City Administration Building
- IV. 2024-869 Approval of Work Comp Renewal
- V. 2024-870 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Dental & Vision Claims in the amount of \$10,025.08
- VI. 2024-871 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Medical Administration Claim in the amount of \$315,385.00
- VII. 2024-872 Approval of On-Demand Claims in the amount of \$132,671.06
- VIII. 2024-873 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-59 Parcel #13-30-153-015
- IX. 2024-874 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-60 Parcel #13-30-153-016

- X. 2024-875 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-61 Parcel #05-05-328-006
- XI. 2024-876 Approval of Resolution 2024-64 Fixing the Annual Salary for the County Coroner
- XII. 2024-877 Approval of Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$42,100.89
- XIII. 2024-878 Approval of Ham Land Split Parcel #19-01-351-011
- XIV. 2024-879 Approval of Diesburg Land Split Parcel #10-20-300-006
- XV. 2024-880 Approval of Payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$489,272.59
- XVI. 2024-881 Approval of Resolution 2024-62 for Township Road District Aid-Makanda Road District-Raccoon Valley Road
- XVII. 2024-882 Approval of Resolution 2024-63 for Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Carbondale-Traffic Signal Maintenance
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Standing Committee Reports

- XVIII. 2024-883 DRAFT Committee Meeting Minutes (informational only)
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Executive Committee

- XIX. 2024-884 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 Snyder, seconded by Ikner, to approve Scott Comparato to the Board of Health. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (13) Phillips, Knust, Bost, Erbes, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Ikner, Mueller, Battrell, Lister, and Calandro. **ABSENT** (1) Comparato.*

*A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Rendleman, to approve Susan Metcalf to the Jackson County Mass Transit. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (13) Phillips, Knust, Bost, Erbes, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Ikner, Mueller, Battrell, Lister, and Calandro. **ABSENT** (1) Comparato.*

*A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Erbes, to approve Craig Whistle to the Oraville Water District. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (11) Phillips, Knust, Bost, Erbes, Snyder, Peterson, Ikner, Mueller, Battrell, Lister, Calandro. **ABSTAIN** (2) Miller, Rendleman. **ABSENT** (1) Comparato.*

- XX. 2024-892 Authorization for County Board Chair to work with the State Attorney's Office 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

*A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Bost, to authorize the County Board Chair to work with the State Attorney's Office 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 following roll call vote: **YES** (13) Phillips, Knust, Bost, Erbes, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Ikner, Mueller, Battrell, Lister, and Calandro. **ABSENT** (1) Comparato.*

Finance & Administration Committee

XXI. 2024-885 Approval of Board Member Travel Expenses in the amount of \$4,159.24

*A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Erbes, to approve Board Member Travel expenses in the amount of \$4,159.24. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (13) Phillips, Knust, Bost, Erbes, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Ikner, Mueller, Battrell, Lister, and Calandro. **ABSENT** (1) Comparato.*

XXII. 2024-886 Approval of County Monthly Claims in the amount of \$662,700.34

*A motion was made by Ikner, seconded by Miller, to approve County Monthly Claims in the amount of \$662,700.34. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (11) Phillips, Knust, Bost, Erbes, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Ikner, Mueller, Lister, and Calandro. **ABSTAIN** (2) Rendelman, Battrell. **ABSENT** (1) Comparato.*

XXIII. 2024-887 Approval of Property & Liability Insurance Renewal

*A motion was made by Ikner, seconded by Battrell, to approve the Property and Liability Insurance Renewal. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (13) Phillips, Knust, Bost, Erbes, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Ikner, Mueller, Battrell, Lister, and Calandro. **ABSENT** (1) Comparato.*

XXIV. 2024-888 Approval of DRAFT Ordinance Providing for and Making the Annual Tax Levy for Jackson County, Illinois for the Year December 1, 2024, Through November 30, 2025

*A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Ikner, to approve the DRAFT Ordinance Providing for and Making the Annual Tax Levy for Jackson County, Illinois for the Year December 1, 2024, Through November 30, 2025. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (7) Snyder, Peterson, Ikner, Mueller, Battrell, Lister, Calandro. **NO** (4) Phillips, Knust, Bost, Erbes. **ABSTAIN** (2) Miller, Rendleman. **ABSENT** (1) Comparato.*

XXV. 2024-889 Approval to Place DRAFT FY25 Budget on File

*A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Ikner, to approve placing the DRAFT FY2025 Budget on File. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (8) Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Ikner, Mueller, Battrell, Lister, Calandro. **NO** (4) Phillips, Knust, Bost, Erbes. **ABSTAIN** (1) Miller. **ABSENT** (1) Comparato.*

Legislative & Public Safety Committee

Real Property Committee

XXVI. 2024-890 Ambulance Headquarters AGE Electric Contract

Bruce Wallace shared information regarding the AGE Electric Contract for the Ambulance Headquarters.

*A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Miller, to approve the Ambulance Headquarters AGE Electric Contract. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (13) Phillips, Knust, Bost, Erbes, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Ikner, Mueller, Battrell, Lister, and Calandro. **ABSENT** (1) Comparato.*

Special Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

XXVII. 2024-891 Executive Session under 2 (c) 11 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Litigation

*A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Snyder, to enter into Executive Session under 2 (c) 11 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Litigation. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (13) Phillips, Knust, Bost, Erbes, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Ikner, Mueller, Battrell, Lister, and Calandro. **ABSENT** (1) Comparato.*

Recess

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