

Real Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 2024 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

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

Also Present: Joe Sweitzer, Joni Bailey, Mitch Burdick, Bruce Wallace, Nel Battrell, Nathan Knapke, Brandon Bullard

Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-1053 Approval of November 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ikner, seconded by Rendleman to approve the November 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communications

II. 2024-1054 SIU Economic Impact Report

Peterson commented that the report was attached to the online meeting packet and was informational only.

III. 2024-1073 Murphysboro Solar Farm Presentation

Knapke, the Director of Project Development from NAVISUN, spoke to the committee regarding a solar farm project his company is working on in Somerset Township. He answered various questions from the committee. His handout with information regarding the project is located in the online meeting packet for anyone who may have questions.

Land Use & Economic Development

IV. 2024-1055 Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission

Peterson reported that Greater Egypt met and approved their audit. She commented that the next meeting would be January 14, 2025. Peterson also mentioned there was a tribute to Milton Maxwell. Mueller spoke briefly regarding the tribute and her admiration for Mr. Maxwell.

V. 2024-1056 Reserve SIMPO Funds

The committee discussed whether the County should leave the remaining SIMPO reserve funds in the amount of \$2,295.96 with Greater Egypt for safety projects or ask that the funds be returned. A motion was made by Ikner, seconded by Knust, to leave the remaining SIMPO reserve funds in the amount of \$2,295.96 with Greater Egypt. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. 2024-1057 Supervisor of Assessments

No update was given this month.

VII. 2024-1058 Jackson Growth Alliance

The County Administrator commented that Director Bryant had included his update in the meeting packet. Mueller commented on Bryant's work and spoke about his round table discussions. Bailey suggested visiting the new JGA website for more information.

VIII. 2024-1059 Southwest Connector Taskforce

No update was given this month.

Highway Department

IX. 2024-1060 Jackson County Bike Routes

No update was given this month.

X. 2024-1061 Payment of Highway Monthly Claims

*Burdick commented on several items in his claim report and answered questions from the committee. A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Lister, to approve payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$86,053.31. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (7) Peterson, Phillips, Rendleman, Ikner, Knust, Lister, Bost*

XI. 2024-1062 County Highway Department Update

Burdick updated the committee on the County Highway including information on current road projects, bridge projects, road resurfacing projects, safety studies, multi-use paths, and various grants. He also answered various questions from the committee.

XII. 2024-1067 Resolution 2024-96 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Phillips, to approve Resolution 2024-96 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XIII. 2024-1068 Resolution 2024-97 County Engineer Salary Reimbursement Program

A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Rendleman, to approve Resolution 2024-97 County Engineer Salary Reimbursement Program. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XIV. 2024-1069 Resolution 2024-98 Vision Zero Action Plan

Burdick discussed the requested resolution with the committee. A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Ikner, to approve Resolution 2024-98 Vision Zero Action Plan. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

County Buildings & Grounds

XV. 2024-1063 Project Manager RFQ

The County Administrator reminded the committee that they asked her permission last month to put together a draft RFQ for a Project Manager to bring back to the committee. She commented that the draft RFQ was in the meeting packet and ready for the committee's approval. The committee briefly discussed the draft RFQ with the County Administrator and asked various questions. A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Lister to approve the draft Project Manager RFQ. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XVI. 2024-1065 Illinois Solar for All

The County Administrator commented that the Resource Coordinator was asking for permission to draft an RFP to bring back to the committee to get solar proposals for the county on all eligible county properties. The committee discussed the request and asked questions from Bruce Wallace. A motion was made by Bost, seconded by Ikner, to authorize the Resource Coordinator to draft an RFP for Illinois Solar for All to bring back to the committee. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XVII. 2024-1066 Community Solar Presentation

Wallace spoke about the difference between the various solar programs and what they meant to the County. He introduced Brandon Bullard who talked to the committee about Community Solar. He asked for permission to do a Community Solar Study for county-owned buildings to be presented at a future Real Property meeting. The committee discussed the request with Mr. Bullard and came to a consensus to allow him to do the study.

Old Business

Lister commented on deferred maintenance items for the County. He suggested that a subcommittee be created to put together a list of deferred maintenance items with narratives for each item which would be reported back to the Real Property Committee. Peterson suggested the item could be put on the January agenda for discussion. Knust asked if there could be a section added to the agenda for items such as deferred maintenance projects, to be discussed as needed.

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn

(6:28pm)

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