

**County Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 6:00 PM
Jackson County Courthouse, Courtroom 4**

Invocation

Call to Order

Calandro called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members present were: Knust, Miller, Peterson, Comparato, Battrell, Mueller, Phillips, Erbes, Snyder, Rendleman, Ikner, Lister, Calandro. Members Absent: Bost.

Recognition of Visitors

Citizen Comments

Rendleman paid tribute to former board member Milton Maxwell's passing.

Communications

Agency Reports

Peterson spoke about the following:

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and development Commission

The Greater Egypt Executive Committee met November 12, 2024. The nominating Committee met November 19, 2024. The Executive Committee reviewed the audit report which showed no weaknesses or deficiencies. The staff report included several projects related to Jackson county. Those included a \$484,000 DRA grant for Kinkaid Conservancy to fund a water system improvement project for Gorham, a \$496,000 DRA grant for Murphysboro to replace a main sewer trunk line, and a \$483,750 SEDAP grant to Southern Illinois Airport for hangar expansion. The nominating committee chose a slate of officers to present to the Commission for approval for 2025.

Erbes spoke about the following:

UCCI – Attended October seminar. Of most interest to Jackson is the emergency management subject which

was addressed by Illinois EMA director. I'll meet with Orval to go over our emergency management procedures etc. Personally, I think ours are in good shape, but always good to review. October meeting with exec. Board members regarding open seats on the board – which rarely happens. This, due to retirements of board members. I've been asked to serve. This would reduce the cost to Jackson further, if I was selected as all travel then becomes reimbursed, not just in part. I attended November training with Mr. Rendleman. Refreshed on what boards may do and how they may do it. John may wish to elaborate. I found the refresher helpful, and it was very well attended. Good questions were asked. John and I discussed items which were not brought up and I will forward them to UCCI. Joni and Mitch, I need to meet with to discuss solar siting/ordinances and road weight limits, respectively. We were introduced to our newest UCCI employee, former legislative director for Pres. Of Sen. Harmon, John Peebles. I think this addition will give our organization a leg up in our lobbying efforts at the capitol, as Mr. Peebles has relationships there that no one else in or at UCCI does. I also met with board members to suggest some of the abundant finances of the organization be used to send member counties to NACo, and this idea was well-received, and will be considered in '25.

ICRMT – Whitetail Insurance: Whitetail moved to NC from Ariz due to election results. Less costly initial investment as a result \$300k vs \$5 mil. Dr. Marc Kiehna of Randolph Co retired as chairman, and recommended a replacement from Randolph, who is being accepted for consideration. Our work-comp rates have gone up 18% due to a 27% increase in actual costs year-to-year over '23. These are mostly law enforcement. Hoping to keep P&C rates to less than 10% annual increases (less than average). This is from the underwriters.

NACo – New congress and president means different perspectives on counties. UCCI is planning a DC trip next year with NACo to lobby. Republicans in congress are typically more county-friendly from a legislative standpoint, but not necessarily in funding.

ISACo – many new members due to elections. We will meet later this month, and meet twice in December.

Mueller spoke about the following:

Strategic Planning Meeting update.
Jackson Growth Alliance (JGA) website.
Wrightway Rescue Vet Project.

Chairman Report

Calandro commented that the board accepted the Supervisor of Assessment's retirement letter and noted that it was the board's intention to appoint the replacement in December.

I. 2024-973 Acceptance of Supervisor of Assessments Retirement Letter

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Snyder, to approve the consent agenda with the removal of items 25 and 26. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (13) - Knust, Miller, Peterson, Comparato, Battrell, Mueller, Phillips, Erbes, Snyder, Rendleman, Ikner, Lister, Calandro. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Erbes, to approve item 25 for the Approval of County Board Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$3,522,698.64. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (13) - Knust, Miller, Peterson, Comparato, Battrell, Mueller, Phillips, Erbes, Snyder, Rendleman, Ikner, Lister, Calandro. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Rendleman, to approve item 26 for the Approval of Sherriff's Office Budget Adjustments. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (13) - Knust, Miller, Peterson, Comparato, Battrell, Mueller, Phillips, Erbes, Snyder, Rendleman, Ikner, Lister, Calandro. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

- II. 2024-970 Approval of October 22, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes
- III. 2024-974 Approval of Resolution 2024-81 Extending the County Administrator Contract
- IV. 2024-975 Approval of Extension of County Administrator Contract Agreement
- V. 2024-976 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Dental & Vision Claims in the amount of \$12,293.84
- VI. 2024-977 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Medical Administration Claim in the amount of \$280,316.00
- VII. 2024-972 Approval of Board Member Travel Expenses in the amount of \$4,603.52
- VIII. 2024-978 Approval of On-Demand Claims in the amount of \$469,824.63
- IX. 2024-979 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-65 Permanent Parcel #02-25-262-015
- X. 2024-980 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-66 Permanent Parcel #10-20-228-011
- XI. 2024-981 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-67 Permanent Parcel #09-32-478-002
- XII. 2024-982 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-68 Permanent Parcel #14-04-333-001
- XIII. 2024-983 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-69 Permanent Parcel #14-04-333-017
- XIV. 2024-984 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-70 Permanent Parcel #14-04-396-029
- XV. 2024-985 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-71 Permanent Parcel #14-04-453-005
- XVI. 2024-986 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-72 Permanent Parcel #14-04-457-021
- XVII. 2024-987 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-73 Permanent Parcel #14-05-432-010
- XVIII. 2024-988 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-74 Permanent Parcel #14-08-251-012
- XIX. 2024-989 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-75 Permanent Parcel #14-08-252-011
- XX. 2024-990 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-76 Permanent Parcel #14-10-102-010
- XXI. 2024-991 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-77 Permanent Parcel #05-05-328-005
- XXII. 2024-992 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2024-78 Permanent Parcel #15-16-326-011
- XXIII. 2024-993 Approval of Resolution 2024-79 State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Resolution
- XXIV. 2024-994 Approval of Courts Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$963.14
- XXV. 2024-995 Approval of County Board Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$3,522,698.64
- XXVI. 2024-996 Approval of Sheriff's Office Budget Adjustments
- XXVII. 2024-997 Approval of Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$50,141.74
- XXVIII. 2024-998 Approval of Morrison to Popejoy Land Split Parcel #14-30-100-030

- XXIX. 2024-999 Approval of Payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$822,121.80
- XXX. 2024-1005 Approval for the Resource Coordinator to Continue Exploring the Illinois Solar for All Program for the Real Property Committee to Consider Possible Solar Installations on Eligible County Properties
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Standing Committee Reports

- XXXI. 2024-1000 DRAFT Committee Meeting Minutes (informational only)
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Executive Committee

- XXXII. 2024-1001 Open Appointments in November 2024 {6} *
1. Blairsville Water District (2)
 2. Greater Egypt (1)
 3. Oraville Water District (2)
 4. Southern Most Illinois Tourism Bureau (1)* *County Board Representative*

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Ikner, to approve the appointment of Scott Comparato to the Southern Most Illinois Tourism Bureau. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (12) - Knust, Miller, Peterson, Battrell, Mueller, Phillips, Erbes, Snyder, Rendleman, Ikner, Lister, Calandro. ABSENT (1) - Bost. ABSTAIN (1) - Comparato.

- XXXIII. 2024-1002 Authorization for the County Board Chair to Enter into a Settlement of Grand Tower Energy Corporation Tax Appeals

After Executive Session a motion was made by Knust, seconded by Rendlema, to authorize County Board Chair to execute agreements and documents necessary for the resolution of all pending real estate tax valuation and collection matters with GTEC for the global settlement amount of \$6.5 million. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (13) - Knust, Miller, Peterson, Comparato, Battrell, Mueller, Phillips, Erbes, Snyder, Rendleman, Ikner, Lister, Calandro. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

A second motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Knust to authorize the County Treasurer and State's Attorney's Office to communicate the matters discussed in executive session with the affected taxing districts and their governing boards for the purpose of explaining the proposed settlement and executing the final agreements and documents. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (13) - Knust, Miller, Peterson, Comparato, Battrell, Mueller, Phillips, Erbes, Snyder, Rendleman, Ikner, Lister, Calandro. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

Finance & Administration Committee

- XXXIV. 2024-1003 Approval of County Monthly Claims in the amount of \$527,396.99

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Battrell, to approve the County Monthly Claims in the amount of \$527,396.99. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (12) - Knust, Miller, Peterson, Comparato, Battrell, Mueller, Phillips, Erbes, Snyder, Ikner, Lister, Calandro. ABSENT (1) - Bost. ABSTAIN (1) - Rendleman.

Legislative & Public Safety Committee

XXXV. 2024-1006 Approval of Resolution 2024-82 Authorizing Participation as a Member in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System Response Pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Establishment of a Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Service Agreement

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Knust, to approve Resolution 2024-82 Authorizing Participation as a Member in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System Response Pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Establishment of a Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Service Agreement. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (13) - Knust, Miller, Peterson, Comparato, Battrell, Mueller, Phillips, Erbes, Snyder, Rendleman, Ikner, Lister, Calandro. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

XXXVI. 2024-1007 Approval of Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System Agreement

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Comparato, to approve the Illinois Management Mutual Aid System Agreement. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (13) - Knust, Miller, Peterson, Comparato, Battrell, Mueller, Phillips, Erbes, Snyder, Rendleman, Ikner, Lister, Calandro. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

Real Property Committee

Special Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

XXXVII. 2024-1004 Executive Session under 2 (c) 11 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Litigation

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

Recess

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Knust, to recess the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.