

**Legislative and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2024 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room**

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

Present: Snyder, Battrell, Comparato, Knust, Lister, Miller

Absent: Mueller

Also Present: Mark Kuhns, Joni Bailey, Ben Killman, Brian Chapman

Approval of Minutes

- I. 2024-1041 Approval of November 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Knust, to approve the November 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Animal Control

- II. 2024-1042 Animal Control Monthly Update

Killman updated the committee on Animal Control, including information on his new CAD system, the number of animal control calls being logged for the previous month, and his amateur radio technicians license. He also answered questions from the committee.

- III. 2024-1043 Animal Control Facility Update

Chapman asked to speak on this agenda item during Executive Session.

- IV. 2024-1070 Review of DRAFT Animal Control Fees

Chapman reported that he had provided a DRAFT list of animal control fees in the meeting packet that may be implemented when opening a new animal control facility. He commented that the fee structure was DRAFT and was up for discussion. The committee reviewed the fees and suggested changes. Snyder mentioned a fee study and what the cost of that would look like and discussed whether the study should be done just for animal control or for the entire county. Chapman answered various questions from the committee. Knust asked if the next DRAFT version could contain some notation on which items were required by state statute. Chapman noted he would make the suggested changes and bring the document back to the January meeting.

- V. 2024-1044 Amendment to Ordinance 2024-03 Animal Control Fees Ordinance to Adjust Rabies Tag Fees

Chapman commented that the purpose of the amended ordinance proposal was to assist with the issue of animals not being fixed by their owners. He commented that the proposed amendment would keep the current cost of rabies tag fees for spayed/neutered animals and would double the fee for owners of intact animals. The committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the issue. Comparato commented that this was for educational/compliance purposes, not as a punishment for citizens. A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Knust, to

recommend to the full Board the amendment to Ordinance 2024-03 keeping the rabies tag fees at \$7 for 1-year and \$18 for 3-years for spayed/neutered animals and \$14 for 1-year and \$36 for 3-years for intact animals. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Heath Department & Solid Waste

VI. 2024-1045 Jackson County Health Department

Snyder commented that no one from the Health Department was present at the meeting and their monthly information was in the meeting packet. The committee had a brief discussion regarding the background of the new Health Department director.

VII. 2024-1046 Solid Waste Enforcement

VIII. 2024-1047 Solid Waste Fund Update

IX. 2024-1048 Recycling Program

Emergency Management

Ambulance Service

X. 2024-1049 Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

This item is being moved to the full Board agenda due to the late addition of claims.

XI. 2024-1050 Director's Report

Snyder read the Ambulance report located in the meeting packet and asked if anyone had any questions.

State's Attorney

XII. 2024-1051 State's Attorney Monthly Update

ASA Bailey commented on her report that was provided to everyone at the meeting. She also had a brief discussion with the committee where she suggested the committee possibly review the Board by-laws and begin making any necessary changes.

Legislative

Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

Snyder updated the committee on what the HR Subcommittee had been working on, which is updating the County's Affirmative Action Plan. She commented that the subcommittee had been working on small sections at a time so as not to make it overwhelming. Snyder mentioned the use of new hire packets and termination forms by department heads. The committee briefly discussed the packets. ASA Bailey commented that the termination form does not mention retiree Medicare supplemental reimbursement. She also commented that the new hire packet does not include information on supplemental insurance such as the 457-B investment plan form from Nationwide.

Executive Session

XIII. 2024-1052 Executive Session under 2 (c) 5 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property

(5:56pm)

*A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Comparato, to go into Executive Session under 2 (c) 5 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (6): Snyder, Comparato, Battrell, Lister, Knust, Miller **ABSENT** (1): Mueller*

Adjourn

(6:31pm)

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