

**Legislative and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room**

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

Present: Snyder, Lister, Miller, Mueller, Phillips

Absent: Comparato, Knust

Also Present: Brian Chapman, Joni Bailey, Kenton Schafer, Oral Rowe, Barb Stevenson, Ben Killman, Kerri Gale

Approval of Minutes

I. 2025-35 Approval of December 10, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Phillips, to approve the December 10, 2024, minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chair's Report

II. 2025-36 Meeting Date & Time

The committee discussed the item and decided to continue meeting on the same date and time for 2025.

Animal Control

III. 2025-37 Animal Control Monthly Update

Killman updated the committee on Animal Control including information on Tyler software, his excel document with call information, 2025 rabies tags, invoicing for 2024 tags, and certification for euthanasia application. Killman also answered questions from the committee regarding intergovernmental agreements.

IV. 2025-38 Animal Control Facility Update

This item discussed in Executive Session.

Heath Department & Solid Waste

V. 2025-39 Jackson County Health Department

Ms. Gale introduced the new director of the Health Department (Barb Stevenson). Gale reported the following:

- *The CDC dashboard reports that our region is currently in a high level of respiratory*

viruses. Please utilize extra precautions.

- We continue to monitor the Avian Flu and review our procedures. We also monitor, along with IDNR, deceased water fowl and urge the public to not handle deceased birds. Although there has been a reported human death in Louisiana, there are no known cases in Illinois.
- Reminder: We are planning for our 75th Anniversary Celebration. We will have a variety of Press Releases highlighting our history and current programming throughout 2025 and will host an Open House on April 10, 2025.

VI. 2025-40 Solid Waste Enforcement

Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed: 12/10/24 – 1/14/25

- 2 Landfill Inspection
- 3 Citizen Complaints
- 0 new sites opened (Violation Notice's)
- 3 Field Visits conducted at new or ongoing open dumping / burning files.
- 1 Site now found in general compliance

VII. 2025-41 Solid Waste Fund Update

Gale reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$9,782.76-Shredding, Medical Waste and Trash Bills for county agencies for December 2024

\$244.17-November interest correction

Interest: \$3,814.68-Interest for December 2024

Deposits: \$0

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$30-November interest correction

Interest: \$477.21-Interest for December 2024

Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

VIII. 2025-42 Recycling Program

Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for County Recycling Program: 11/12/24 – 12/10/24

- Solid Waste Plan is being shared with for public comment until January 21, 2025.
- Holiday Light recycling drop-off locations open now until – January 31, 2025.
- JCHD staff has partnered with City of Carbondale, CRC and SIUC farms to submit a USEPA Solid Waste Infrastructure grant to support new programming in the region. The grant was submitted 12/18/24 and notification for the award will occur Summer of 2025.

Emergency Management

Rowe gave an update on the recent winter weather and answered questions from the committee. He commented that he did not expect much monetary assistance from the State for cleanup.

Ambulance Service

IX. 2025-43 Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

*A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Lister, to approve payment of the Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$285,707.06. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (5): Snyder, Lister, Miller, Mueller, Phillips **ABSENT** (2): Comparato, Knust*

X. 2025-44 Director's Report

Director Schafer reported the following:

Monthly Claims: \$285,707.06

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$379,859.80

Activity Report: 1067 patient care reports

Other Information:

Notable information on our monthly claims:

\$199,740.65 reimbursement to GEMT program 2023 Q3 & Q4 \$40,318.45 payment to Zoll Data Solutions annual payment

- 1. Patient care charts*
- 2. Patient billing*
- 3. Integrated disposable supply tracking*

We trained 12 candidates in CPR.

Total patient care reports for the previous 3 years:

2024: 11,732

2023: 11,313

2022: 10,718

State's Attorney

XI. 2025-45 State's Attorney Monthly Update

ASA Bailey reviewed her written report with the committee and answer questions. She commented that the report is in the meeting packet for anyone needing more information.

Legislative

XII. 2025-46 Procurement Policy

The committee discussed the draft policy and asked questions from Chapman and ASA Bailey. A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Miller, to approve the procurement policy. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

The committee had a discussion regarding having the ability to e-sign their monthly travel vouchers using ADOBE. Chapman commented he would touch base with IT.

Executive Session

XIII. 2025-47 Executive Session under 2 (c) 5 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property

(5:39pm)

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Mueller, to go into executive session under 2 (c) 5 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Once out of executive session, two motions were made.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Lister, to approve conducting an animal control facility survey with expenditures not to exceed \$8,500.00. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

*A motion was made by Muller, seconded by Miller, to authorize the County Board Chairman to execute a HSSI Property real estate purchase agreement for the price discussed in executive session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (4): Snyder, Lister, Miller, Mueller **NO** (1): Phillips **ABSENT** (2): Comparato, Knust*

Adjourn

(6:10pm)

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