County Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025   6:00 PM
Jackson County Courthouse, Courtroom 4

Invocation

Call to Order

Chairman Calandro called 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

Communications

Agency Reports

Peterson spoke about the following:

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission

The Greater Egypt Executive Committee met on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. The committee discussed revisions to the Greater Egypt Grant Management Policies and Procedures Manual, approved the USDA Forest Service Grant for Wildfire prevention in Jackson County, and approved a Resolution in Support of the Vision Zero Action Plan Approach for Road Safety. The next full board meeting will take place on February 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Mueller spoke about the following:

Jackson Growth Alliance (JGA)

JGA met last month. Strategic planning was discussed. Mueller calls for suggestions that she can take to next meeting.

Erbes spoke about the following:

United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI)

Important topics discussed - State of counties in Illinois, urban vs. rural strengths and challenges, committee reports, corporate partnerships, political vs. business culture, attracting economic drivers and recognition of retirements.

Chairman Report

I. 2025-75 February 2025 Meetings Calendar

Chairman Calandro discussed moving Real Property Meeting from February 12th to February 13th due to holiday.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Snyder, to approve the consent agenda. 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. 2025-76 Approval of Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of $285,707.06

III. 2025-77 Approval of Ordinance 2025-01 Procurement Policy

IV. 2025-78 Approval to Conduct Survey of Animal Control Facility Not to Exceed $8,500.00

V. 2025-79 Approval of Payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of $76,305.21

VI. 2025-80 Approval of Resolution 2025-29 to Approve Joint County/Township Drainage Project-Desoto RD-Local Funding

VII. 2025-81 Approval of Resolution 2025-30 to Approve Engineering Agreement-Bike Trail-ITEP Funding

VIII. 2025-82 Approval of Resolution 2025-31 to Approve Engineering Agreement Bridge Replacement-Bradley Rd-Ehlers Rd-TBP Funding

IX. 2025-83 Approval of Resolution 2025-32 to Approve Engineering Agreement Bridge Replacement Makanda Rd-School House Rd-TBP Funding

X. 2025-84 Approval of Resolution 2025-33 to Approve Engineering Agreement Bridge Replacement Elk Rd-yates Rd-TBP Funding

XI. 2025-85 Approval of Resolution 2025-34 to Approve Engineering Agreement -Bridge Replacement-Elk Rd-Winthrop Rd-TBP Funding

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Standing Committee Reports

XII. 2025-86 DRAFT Committee Meeting Minutes (informational only)

Executive Committee

XIII. 2025-87 Open Appointments in January 2025 {7} *

1. Blairsville Water District (2)
2. Elverado Water District (1)
3. Greater Egypt (2)
4. Oraville Water District (1)
5. United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) (1) * *County Board Representative*

A motion was made by Ikner, seconded by Peterson, to approve the appointment of Andrew Erbes as the County Board Representative on the United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) Board. 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

XIV. 2025-88 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Dental & Vision Claims in the amount of $12,555.26

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Battrell, to approve payment of HOPE Trust Dental & Vision Claims in the amount of $12,555. 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.

XV. 2025-89 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Medical Administration Claim in the amount of $665,462.00

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Erbes, to approve Payment of HOPE Trust Medical Administration Claim in the amount of $665,462.00. 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.

XVI. 2025-90 Approval of On-Demand Claims in the amount of $26,228.77

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Phillips, to approve On-Demand Claims in the amount of $26228.77. 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.*

XVII. 2025-91 Approval of County Monthly Claims in the amount of $635,048.29

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Snyder, to approve County Monthly Claims in the amount of $635,048.29. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (12) - Knust, Miller, Peterson, Comparato, Battrell, Mueller, Phillips, Erbes, Snyder, Ikner, Lister, Calandro. ABSTAIN (1) - Rendleman. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

XVIII. 2025-92 Approval of Board Member Travel Expenses in the amount of $4,452.86

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Rendleman, to approve Board Member Travel Expenses in the amount of $4,452.86. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (7) - Peterson, Comparato, Erbes, Snyder, Rendleman, Ikner, Calandro. NO (3) - Knust, Battrell, Lister. ABSTAIN (3) - Phillips, Miller, Mueller. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

XIX. 2025-93 Approval of Resolution 2025-35 Approving Grand Tower Station Settlement Agreement Concerning Real Property Tax And Equalized Assessed Valuation

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Knust, to approve Resolution 2025-35 Approving Grand Tower Station Settlement Agreement Concerning Real Property Tax and Equalized Assessed Valuation. 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.

XX. 2025-100 Approval of Resolution 2025-36 Approving Waiver of Interest, Penalties, and Costs Related to Grand Tower Station Settlement Agreement Concerning Real Property Tax and Equalized Assessed Valuation

A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Ikner, to approve Resolution 2025-36 Approving Waiver of Interest, Penalties, and Costs Related to Grand Tower Station Settlement Agreement Concerning Real Property Tax and Equalized Assessed Valuation. Treasurer Stevenson explained the benefit of board's approval. 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.

Legislative & Public Safety Committee

XXI. 2025-94 Approval to Authorize the County Board Chairman to Execute a HSSI Property Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the Price Discussed in the Legislative & Public Safety Executive Session

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Erbes, to authorize the County Board Chairman to Execute a HSSI Property Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the price discussed in the Legislative & Public Safety Executive Session. 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

7:02 P.M.
A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Mueller, to enter Executive Session. 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.

7:13 P.M.
A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Snyder, to end Executive Session. 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.

XXII. 2025-95 Executive Session under 2 (c) 5 and 11 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Real Property and Litigation

Recess

7:15 P.M.
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Ikner, to adjourn the meeting. 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.