

**Real Property Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2025 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room**

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

Present: Peterson, Battrell, Bost, Phillips, Snyder

Absent: Ikner, Rendleman

Also Present: Kevin Lister, Mitch Burdick, Barb Stevenson, Erin Ashley, Brian Chapman, Tonya Knust, Marsha Cascio-Hale, Joe Sweitzer, Bruce Wallace, Brandon Bullard

Approval of Minutes

I. 2025-156 Approval of January 15, 2025, Minutes

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Snyder, to approve the January 15, 2025, Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communications

II. 2025-157 Grand Tower Crossing Project

Chapman commented that there would be a presentation at the full Board meeting next week and that the Board members would have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the Crossing Project.

Land Use & Economic Development

III. 2025-158 Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission

Peterson updated the committee on Greater Egypt including items regarding grants, IDNR, and a possible upcoming AI workshop.

IV. 2025-159 Supervisor of Assessments

No update given this month.

V. 2025-160 Jackson Growth Alliance

No update given this month.

VI. 2025-161 Southwest Connector Taskforce

No update given this month.

Highway Department

VII. 2025-162 Jackson County Bike Routes

No update given this month.

VIII. 2025-163 Payment of Highway Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Phillips, to approve payment of Highway monthly claims in the amount of \$354,193.81. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (5): Peterson, Battrell, Bost, Phillips, Snyder ABSENT (2): Ikner, Rendleman

IX. 2025-164 County Highway Department Update

Burdick updated the committee on the County Highway department and included information on Safe Streets 4 All, delivery of snowplow trucks and pickup trucks, and agreements that would be presented to the committee at next month's meeting.

County Buildings & Grounds

X. 2025-165 Request for Qualifications Proposals for Project Manager

The County Administrator commented that 2 Request for Proposals (RFQ) had been submitted and that both were in the meeting packet for the committee to review. She noted that she had included a short rubric for comparison for the committee to use when reviewing the proposals. The committee had a short discussion and asked questions. A motion was made by Battrell, seconded by Snyder, to approve recommending to the full Board the approval of Navigate as the on-call Project Manager. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (5): Peterson, Battrell, Bost, Phillips, Snyder ABSENT (2): Ikner, Rendleman

XI. 2025-166 Community Solar Update

AGE representative Bullard discussed with the committee two options for solar. He provided handouts on cost savings for both options. The handouts are in the meeting packet for anyone who may have questions. The committee discussed the options with Bullard and asked various questions regarding terms, cancellation procedures, and savings costs. The committee agreed to have the options reviewed by the State's Attorney and that they would discuss the options further at the March Real Property meeting.

XII. 2025-167 Illinois Solar for All RFP Discussion

Ashley discussed various RFP options with the committee and asked for some clarification before moving forward. Options discussed included creating an RFP in house or working with AGE to create one. Other options discussed included creating several RFP's or working on one power purchase agreement. The committee discussed the options and asked questions from Ashley and Wallace. The committee came to the consensus to allow Ashley to work with AGE to create an RFP for a solar power purchase agreement.

Old Business

XIII. 2025-168 Solar Siting Ordinance Discussion

Burdick reviewed the communication items in the meeting packet and commented that he had been working on a solar siting ordinance with ASA Bailey that would require solar companies to present their project proposals to the full Board and would allow citizens and Board Members to ask questions regarding the projects. He asked the committee to please review the documents and consider the following topics before giving direction on how to proceed with creating the ordinance. The topics to consider are road use agreements, vegetative plans, set back

provisions, site lighting/noise reduction, and financial guarantee. He also asked the committee to review what is allowed and not allowed by the State in the included communication documents.

One constituent expressed his concerns of where solar farms are placed in the County.

New Business

XIV. 2025-169 Resolution 2025-40 Tri-State Tornado 100-Year Anniversary

A representative from the Jackson County Historical Society thanked the committee for their help in passing the requested resolution and handed out an informational document for review. That document is included in the updated meeting packet. A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Battrell, to approve Resolution 2025-40 Tri-State Tornado 100-Year Anniversary. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XV. 2025-170 Resolution 2025-41 Supporting the Creation of the Southern Illinois Regional Port Commission

Chapman discussed with the committee that SI Now would be giving a presentation at the full Board meeting next week to help answer any questions board members may have. He commented that the Southern Illinois Ports have already passed a similar resolution and now it was being asked of local County Boards to pass the requested resolution to the full board meeting for final approval. He noted that this would support the creation of a regional port commission to help with grant funding for Port districts and would have no financial impacts on County Boards. A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Battrell, to approve Resolution 2025-41 Supporting the Creation of the Southern Illinois Regional Port Commission. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Executive Session

Adjourn

(6:18pm)

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