

**County Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 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, Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. Members absent: Comparato and Ikner.

Recognition of Visitors

Citizen Comments

Communications

Agency Reports

Peterson spoke about the following:

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission met on Tuesday, February 11. The commission members approved the financial report and the January Staff Report. Greater Egypt continues to work on the Carbondale stormwater plan (through a DRA grant), bike route planning for Murphysboro, and a wildfire defense grant for Jackson County. We discussed the reauthorization of EDA and DRA and the IDNR Abandoned Mine Lands program.

Mueller spoke about the following:

Jackson Growth Alliance (JGA)

JGA met last month. Strategic planning continues to be a priority. Mueller asked for suggestions to be brought up in next meeting.

Erbes update the board on the following:

United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI)
Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo)
National Association of Counties (NACo)

Chairman Report

- I. 2025-251 Grand Tower Crossing Project Presentation
 - II. 2025-252 Southern Illinois Regional Port Commission Presentation
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Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Rendleman, to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of items 5, 10, 45, and 47. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (12) - Knust, Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSENT (2) - Comparato, Ikner.

The Board had a detailed discussion regarding the County Administrator's contract. A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Erbes, to approve item 5 for the Approval of County Administrator Contract pending "changes to wording". Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (10) - Knust, Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Rendleman, Battrell, Lister, Erbes. NO (2) - Peterson, Calandro. ABSENT (2) - Comparato, Ikner.

A motion was made by Lister, seconded by Knust, to approve item 10 for the approval of Payment of Election Attorney Bill in the amount of \$13,160.58. Lister requests report of expenses from recount. Motion failed by the following roll call vote: YES (6) - Mueller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Lister, Calandro. NO (6) - Knust, Phillips, Bost, Miller, Battrell, Erbes. ABSENT (2) - Comparato, Ikner.

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Erbes, to approve item 44 for the Approval of Emergency Purchase of an Ambulance in the amount of \$163,261.00. Ambulance representative discussed the need to replace an old ambulance vehicle. Motion carried by the

following roll call vote: YES (12) - Knust, Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSENT (2) - Comparato, Ikner.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Mueller, to approve item 46 for the Approval of the Selection of Navigate as the County On-Call Project Manager. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (12) - Knust, Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSENT (2) - Comparato, Ikner.

- III. 2025-248 Approval of December 17, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
- IV. 2025-253 Approval of January 21, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
- V. 2025-254 Approval of County Administrator Contract
- VI. 2025-255 Approval of Appointment of Authorized IMRF Agent
- VII. 2025-256 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Dental & Vision Claims in the amount of \$12,584.87
- VIII. 2025-257 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Medical Administration Claim in the amount of \$321,917.00
- IX. 2025-258 Approval of On-Demand Claims in the amount of \$167,901.31
- X. 2025-259 Approval of Payment of Election Attorney Bill in the amount of \$13,160.58
- XI. 2025-260 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-01 Parcel #05-05-153-013
- XII. 2025-261 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-02 Parcel #05-05-326-004
- XIII. 2025-262 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-03 Parcel #05-05-359-013
- XIV. 2025-263 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-04 Parcel #05-17-328-015
- XV. 2025-264 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-05 Parcel #05-17-452-001
- XVI. 2025-265 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-06 Parcel #09-33-383-008
- XVII. 2025-266 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-07 Parcel #13-30-157-024
- XVIII. 2025-267 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-08 Parcel #14-04-201-026
- XIX. 2025-268 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-09 Parcel #14-04-329-005
- XX. 2025-269 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-10 Parcel #14-04-478-003
- XXI. 2025-270 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-11 Parcel #14-10-127-014
- XXII. 2025-271 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-12 Parcel #15-16-430-005

XXIII. 2025-272 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-13 Parcel #15-16-431-023

XXIV. 2025-273 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-14 Parcel #15-16-454-010

XXV. 2025-274 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-14 Parcel #15-16-454-010

XXVI. 2025-275 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-15 Parcel #15-16-454-014

XXVII. 2025-276 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-16 Parcel #15-16-454-017

XXVIII. 2025-277 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-17 Parcel #15-16-454-024

XXIX. 2025-278 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-18 Parcel #15-21-305-004

XXX. 2025-279 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-19 Parcel #9076

XXXI. 2025-280 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-20 Parcel #15-16-354-018

XXXII. 2025-281 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-21 Parcel #05-17-305-011

XXXIII. 2025-282 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-22 Parcel #09-28-454-007

XXXIV. 2025-283 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-23 Parcel #14-09-204-004

XXXV. 2025-284 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-24 Parcel #14-10-327-010

XXXVI. 2025-285 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-25 Parcel #15-21-226-012

XXXVII. 2025-286 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-26 Parcel #15-16-463-002

XXXVIII. 2025-287 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-27 Parcel #15-16-154-015

XXXIX. 2025-288 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-28 Parcel #15-16-479-006

XL. 2025-289 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-37 Parcel #15-16-406-005

XLI. 2025-290 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-38 Parcel #05-05-311-011

XLII. 2025-291 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2025-39 Parcel #13-16-404-003

XLIII. 2025-292 Approval of Invoice for Household Chemical Collection 2024 in the amount of \$29,027.26

XLIV. 2025-293 Approval of Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$42,877.05

XLV. 2025-294 Approval of Emergency Purchase of an Ambulance in the amount of \$163,261.00

XLVI. 2025-295 Approval of Payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$354,193.81

XLVII. 2025-296 Approval of the Selection of Navigate as the County On-Call Project Manager

XLVIII. 2025-297 Approval of Resolution 2025-40 Tri-State Tornado 100-Year Anniversary

Standing Committee Reports

L. 2025-299 DRAFT Committee Meeting Minutes (informational only)

Executive Committee

LI. 2025-300 Selection of Payment Method for Grand Tower Settlement

Treasurer Liz Stevenson discussed payment options for Grand Tower Settlement. The options being to pay in installments of 8 or pay in full.

A motion was made by Battrell, seconded by Mueller, to pay the full settlement amount as a one-time payment on or before March 1, 2025, or as soon as possible upon court approval of the agreement, whichever is later. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (12) - Knust, Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSENT (2) - Comparato, Ikner.

LII. 2025-301 Open Appointments in February 2025 {11} *

1. Blairsville Water District (2)
2. Crosswalk Community Action Agency (2)
3. Elverado Water District (1) *
4. Greater Egypt (2)
5. Jackson County 911 Board (2) *
6. Murdale Water District (1) *
7. Oraville Water District (1)

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Battrell, to appoint Ray Hunter to Jackson County 911 Board. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (12) - Knust, Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSENT (2) - Comparato, Ikner.

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Knust, to appoint Larry Mathis to Jackson County 911 Board. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (12) - Knust, Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSENT (2) - Comparato, Ikner.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Mueller, to appoint Jill Stokes to Murdale Water District Board. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (12) - Knust, Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSENT (2) - Comparato, Ikner.

Finance & Administration Committee

LIII. 2025-302 Approval of Payment of Board Member Travel Expenses in the amount of \$3,656.24

A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Rendleman, to approve Payment of Board Member Travel Expenses in the amount of \$3,656.24. Lister asks for transparency of travel expenses. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (9) - Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Erbes, Calandro. NO (3) - Knust, Battrell, Lister. ABSENT (2) - Comparato, Ikner.

A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Knust, to approve Payment of County Monthly Claims in the amount of \$459,705.19. Battrell asks about additional costs and reimbursement grant. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (11) - Knust, Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSTAIN (1) - Rendleman. ABSENT (2) - Comparato, Ikner.

LIV. 2025-303 Approval of Payment of County Monthly Claims in the amount of \$459,705.19

Legislative & Public Safety Committee

Real Property Committee

Special Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

LV. 2025-304 Executive Session under 2 (c) 1 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Personnel

Recess

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Peterson, to recess meeting. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (12) - Knust, Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSENT (2) - Comparato, Ikner.