

**Legislative and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room**

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

Present: Snyder, Knust, Lister, Miller, Phillips

Absent: Comparato, Mueller

Also Present: Kerri Gale, Brian Chapman, Barb Stevenson, Kenton Schafer, Joni Bailey, Marsha Cascio-Hale, Joe Sweitzer, Ben Killman

Approval of Minutes

I. 2025-422 Approval of March 11, 2025, Minutes

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Knust, to approve the March 11, 2025, Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Animal Control

II. 2025-423 Animal Control Monthly Update

Killman reviewed his monthly update with the committee and discussed various items such as a body camera and social media platforms that could be used with the new Animal Control facility. He read aloud a letter to the committee that contained this information. This letter is located in the updated online meeting packet.

III. 2025-424 ServePro Cleaning Contract

Chapman reviewed the contract options available and discussed them with the committee, answering various questions. The committee decided not to move forward with either contract option at this time.

IV. 2025-425 Animal Control Facility Project Management Agreement

The committee had a long discussion regarding the Animal Control Facility Project Management Agreement. After much debate, the committee decided not to approve the agreement, but to forward to the full Board the following 3 items for approval: Animal Control Facility Administrator/Kennel Technician job descriptions; Animal Control Facility tree removal and house demolition; Animal Control Facility construction of septic system with lagoon. Lister asked about incident report forms, whereby Chapman shared the new software that was approved last month will achieve that goal.

Heath Department & Solid Waste

V. 2025-426 Jackson County Health Department

Ms. Stevenson reported the following:

- *Measles cases and outbreak: As of February 27, 2025 NO CASES in Jackson County*

<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/data-research/>

1. April 607 cases in 22 jurisdiction Alaska, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York City, New York State, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and Washington. *97% of the cases are unvaccinated status* March 164 cases in 9 jurisdiction: Alaska, California, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York City, Rhode Island, and Texas.
 2. 6 outbreaks that 93% of cases are associated, 12% of cases hospitalized and 2 death
- Respiratory Illness updates
 1. CDC Respiratory Illness Data for Illinois:
 - Respiratory illness causing individuals to seek health care is at a “LOW” level.
 - Emergency Dept. visits are “LOW” for COVID-19, “LOW” for flu, and “LOW” for RSV.
 - 1. IDPH Seasonal Respiratory Dashboard: <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/respiratory-disease/surveillance/respiratory-disease-report.html>
 - Respiratory Illness activity level lower as “LOW” in Illinois.
 - Participant summary report for the attendance of Southern Illinois Drug Awareness Conference.
 1. Philip Partridge-HIV Service
 2. Samantha Sullivan-Health Educator
 - Federal Funding Cuts
 1. <https://dph.illinois.gov/resource-center/news/2025/march/release-20250326.html>

VI. 2025-427 Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed: 3/5/25 – 4/10/25

- 2 Landfill Inspection
- 2 Citizen Complaints
- 0 new sites opened
- 7 Field Visits conducted at new or ongoing open dumping / burning files

VII. 2025-428 Solid Waste Fund Update

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$9,001.31-Shredding, Medical Waste and Trash Bills for county agencies for March 2025

Interest: \$3,906.23-Interest for March 2025

Deposits: \$0

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$29,027.26-Bill for June HHW

Interest: \$677.33-Interest for March 2025

Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

VIII. 2025-429 Recycling Program

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for County Recycling Program: 3/5/25 – 4/10/25

- Shred/Med/Sharps & More Disposal Day Planning – 4/26 -see attached flyer
 - On-going monitoring of medical sharps kiosks 57.85 lbs collected in the last month.
 - Attended Illinois Product Stewardship Council Mtg. 3/8, 4/8
 - Coordinated Bid process for the 4-county recycling roll-offs. Bid packets are available for pick-up at JCHD. Bid closes on May 1st.
 - Webinar- “Education & Outreach to Reduce Contamination in Composting” 4/2
 - Created video content for Virtual Tour of CRC Southern Recycling Center 3/19
 - Communities LEAP- Carbondale Team Mtg. 3/17
 - Implemented 2025 Compost Bin Sale
 - Updated recycling program flyers – Recycling Racks, E-Waste, County Drop-Off Program
 - Attended Pumpkin SMASH planning committee mtg. 3/26
 - Attended SIU Move-Out Day Planning Committee mtg. 4/10
 - Attended Illinois Food Scrap and Composting Coalition mtg. 4/7
 - Attended Southern Illinois Outdoor Summit at TON 3/27
 - Attended River to River Environmental Educators Association mtg. 4/4
 - Supported SIU Forced-Air Compost Facility Tour – “We Compost” Award 3/6
 - Household Chemical Collection Event planning – coming in June
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Emergency Management

Ambulance Service

IX. 2025-430 Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Miller, to approve the Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$62,465.39. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

X. 2025-431 Director's Report

Director Schafer reported the following:

Monthly Claims: \$62,465.39

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$637,124.11

Activity Report: 953 patient contacts

Other Information:

Trained CPR successfully to 71 candidates

Provided EMS presence for the annual IDNR wildland firefighter “pack” test.

As the EMT classes are winding down for the semester, we have had multiple EMT students from local community college programs completing their required clinical time.

Carbondale Community High School workforce education director brought 2 students to HQ to speak with us about all aspects of EMS, the services we can provide, and the differences between Paramedics, EMTs and RNs; different equipment carried on an ALS (advanced life support) vs. BLS (basic life support) ambulance.

XI. 2025-432 Ambulance Fee Increase

Director Schafer discussed the proposal for service fee increases and answered questions from the committee. A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Miller, to approve the Ambulance

Fee Increase. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

State's Attorney

XII. 2025-433 State's Attorney Monthly Update

ASA Bailey reviewed her report with the committee and answered questions. The report is located in the updated online meeting packet.

Legislative

XIII. 2025-434 County Board By-Laws Discussion

Snyder reviewed with the committee the suggested changes to the current County Board by-laws that were made by several Board members. After discussion, the committee felt it necessary to get more feedback from more board members, so the item was moved to the May Legislative meeting for further discussion and to allow more board members time to submit any suggested changes.

XIV. 2025-452 Draft Solar Siting Ordinance

ASA Bailey reviewed the DRAFT Solar Siting Ordinance that she and Highway Engineer Burdick have been working on and answered various questions from the committee. She asked the committee to please take the document and review it and offer suggestions or questions to Ms. Snyder to forward on to her. Several board members made comments regarding their thoughts on the DRAFT ordinance.

Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

Snyder mentioned a clean-up day for people to come and volunteer at the new Animal Control Facility. ASA Bailey commented that she would reach out to Snedeker to see if a waiver for volunteers was necessary. The committee offered other suggestions for volunteers to be able to come and help.

Executive Session

Adjourn

(7:30pm)

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Knust, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried

by unanimous vote.

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