

Legislative and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 2025 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order

(5:02pm)

Present: Snyder, Knust, Lister, Miller, Phillips

Absent: Comparato, Mueller

Also Present: Andrew Erbes, Kerri Gale, Barb Stevenson, Kim Spring, Debbie Heilman, Ben Killman, Kenton Schafer, Joni Bailey, Marsha Cascio-Hale

Approval of Minutes

I. 2025-691 Approval of June 10, 2025, Minutes

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Knust, to approve the June 10, 2025, Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Citizen Comments

This item was moved up on the agenda. Erbes discussed the HR subcommittee and reported that the committee has continued to revise the AAP and will table this item until a meeting with the State's Attorney's Office has been completed. Erbes then segwayed to the topic of Grand Tower and asked the two representatives to speak. They expressed their concerns over the Grant Tower tax issue. They commented that while the late fee waiver option was appreciated, they wanted to see more and have the item placed on the full Board meeting agenda. Erbes commented that he hasn't given up on the issue. Bailey commented that economic development is a direct way to help. The committee came to the consensus to request the Board send a letter to state legislators regarding the Grand Tower issue.

Animal Control

II. 2025-692 Animal Control Monthly Update

Animal Control Officer updated the committee on animal control for the month. He also gave an oral statement to the committee. The committee then had a lengthy discussion regarding animal control issues and came to the consensus to have the Board staff look into the rental cost of the old Spears building and the cost of temperature control for the Capital Supply building.

Heath Department & Solid Waste

III. 2025-693 Jackson County Health Department

Health Department Director Stevenson reported the following:

- *Measles cases and outbreak: As of 5/9/2025, Illinois has 8 cases*
<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/data-research/>

1. June Over 1200 cases in 37 jurisdiction. *96% of the cases are unvaccinated status* May over 1000 cases in 31 jurisdictions.
 2. 23 outbreaks that 89% of cases are associated, 12% (decrease) of cases hospitalized and 3 death (same)
 3. IDPH Measles Exposure Location information is provided via the link below. This will be updated as needed each day by IDPH. The information will include Exposure Location, address, date/time, and the timeframe of expiration.
<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/measles/exposure-locations.html>
 - None Currently listed for Southern IL
- Measles Signs and Symptoms and Vaccination Information
 1. Jackson County Health Department web page includes: What are Symptoms of Measles, How Can I protect Myself and My Child, Am I Protected against Measles, What Should I do If I have Been Exposed
<https://jchdonline.org/measles/>
 2. IDPH Measles Resources <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/measles.html>
 3. Jackson County Health Department Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/JCHDOnline/>
 - July 15th Back to School Bash 3:00PM-6:00PM-vaccines, car seat checks, fluoride varnish treatments. Appointments encouraged. Free backpacks with school supplies.
 - Jackson County Health Department Opioid Funding Request: Opioid Prevention Programming of \$50,000. The Jackson County Health Department is requesting \$50,000 of the Opioid Settlement funds to go towards the objectives and activities to be completed during the 2025-2026 school year for Jackson County school districts designated as urban and the community through July 30, 2026. The funds will be used for staff time, training, and expenses to deliver and meet all objectives and activities listed. ****Please refer to the JCHD Opioid Prevention Programming-Opioid Funding Request: Opioid Prevention Programming document for details****
 - July 14th Hidden in Plain Sight display from 9:00AM-12:00PM

IV. 2025-728 JCHD Opioid Funding Request

Stevenson reviewed the funding request and answered questions from the committee. A motion was made by Lister, seconded by Knust, to recommend to the full Board the approval of the JCHD Funding request. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (4): Snyder, Knust, Lister, Miller, Phillips **ABSENT** (2): Comparato, Mueller

V. 2025-694 Solid Waste Enforcement

Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed: 6/1/25 – 6/30/25

- 1 Landfill Inspection
- 2 Citizen Complaints
- 0 New site opened
- 3 Administrative Citation Warning Notice Issued
- 15 Field Visits conducted at new or ongoing open dumping / burning files.
- Conducted an inspection at a long-standing open dump site and put the site in general compliance.

- *Provided mosquito larvicide in 2 communities.*
- *Continuing weekly testing/trapping of mosquitoes with no positive pools to date.*

VI. 2025-695 Solid Waste Fund Update

Gale reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$12,569.70-Shredding, Medical Waste and Trash Bills for county agencies for June 2025

Interest: \$3,947.08-Interest for June 2025

Deposits: \$0

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$0

Interest: \$499.56-Interest for June 2025

Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

VII. 2025-696 Recycling Program

Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for County Recycling Program: 6/1/25 – 6/30/25

- *Attended Illinois Product Stewardship Council Mtg. 6/10*
- *Attended Illinois Food Scrap and Composting Coalition mtg. 6/2*
- *County recycling presentation to Homemaker's Community & Education Association 6/18*
- *Prepared threshold justification response to US EPA for SWIFR Grant application*
- *Zoom mtg. with RecycleCoach staff for county web listing and tools*
- *Organize and host FB Live Tour of CRC Recycling Center 6/27*
- *On-going monitoring of sharps kiosks, YTD collected 538 lbs., 752 lbs. total since onset. New IL EPA grant application is in process to continue and promote the sharps program.*
- *Compost Bin sale continues*
- *Coordinate JCHD records destruction*
- *Waste Hauler licensing/renewals*

Emergency Management

Ambulance Service

VIII. 2025-697 Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Miller to approve the payment of Ambulance monthly claims in the amount of \$33,267.51. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

YES (4): Snyder, Knust, Lister, Miller, Phillips **ABSENT** (2): Comparato, Mueller

IX. 2025-698 Director's Report

Director Schafer reported the following:

Monthly Claims: \$33,267.51

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$460,853.26

Activity Report: 912 patient contact reports

Other Information:

Trained and successfully certified 75 candidates in CPR

Trained an additional CPR instructor to assist us with our training program.

Attended the monthly on-line meeting with the STARS program. This program is a direct link with pediatric hospitals in St. Louis. When a pediatric patient with an extensive specialized medical history is discharged home to a residence within our county, we receive information about the child's condition and any specialized medical equipment and parental contact information directly from the hospital. This information is contained in an online database and is made accessible to all paramedics. Our department has been actively participating in this program since 2019.

Hired 2 full time paramedics, 1 part time paramedic, and 1 part time EMT. We have 2 full-time paramedic positions unfilled.

State's Attorney

X. 2025-699 State's Attorney Monthly Update

Bailey reviewed the various items she had been working on for the county. Her report is in the updated online meeting packet.

XI. 2025-700 Animal Control DRAFT Septic RFP

The item was informational only. The County Administrator commented that the RFP would be published by the Board office.

Legislative

XII. 2025-701 County Board By-Laws Discussion

The committee had a long discussion regarding the County Board By-Laws. After discussion the consensus of the committee was to add the following two items to the DRAFT document: 1. Move the Executive meeting to be held after all other committee meetings each month, and 2. add Board staff positions and hiring practices to the Executive meeting duties description.

Old Business

XIII. 2025-727 KRATOM Ordinance

The committee discussed the item and asked various questions. A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Phillips, to approve the KRATOM Ordinance with the addition of \$250 per offense and a delayed effective date of 01/01/2026 language. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn

(7:20pm)

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

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