

**County Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 15, 2025 6:00 PM
Jackson County Courthouse, Courtroom 4**

Invocation

Call to Order

Chairman Calandro called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members present: Knust, Phillips, Bost, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. Members absent: Mueller, Rendleman, Comparato.

Recognition of Visitors

Citizen Comments

Communications

Agency Reports

Peterson spoke on the following:

The Greater Egypt Executive Committee met on July 15, 2025. The members approved the July 2025 Staff Report and the Jackson Union Port Feasibility Contract. The committee recommended holding a follow up to the Housing summit to offer more assistance to communities interested in learning more about available programs. The port study will outline the infrastructure needed and the port's economic benefits. This is an IDOT funded study. We discussed Congress's proposed cuts to DRA and EDA and agreed these agencies are essential to the five county region. We also discussed the VZA plans for the rural areas, which was also funded by IDOT and did not require matching funds. Any new requests for planning grants need to be submitted quickly as those applications are due on August 25.

Erbes spoke on the following:

UCCI (United Counties Council of Illinois) - Galina registration is up over past years at this point. Office administrator retired and replaced by Ashley Packett. There was discussion of fall meeting programming and set budget. There will be joint events with NACo (National Association of Counties), UCCI, and ISACo (Illinois State Association of Counties).

Chairman Report

A representative from the University of Illinois Extension Office presented Power Point on upcoming budget cuts from decreased federal funding and how it will affect programs offered.

- I. 2025-745 DRAFT August Calendar
 - II. 2025-746 U of I Presentation
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Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Snyder, to approve the July 2025 Consent Agenda with the removal of item 8. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

- III. 2025-742 Approval of June 17, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
- IV. 2025-747 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Dental & Vision Claims in the amount of \$8,552.19
- V. 2025-748 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Medical Administration Claim in the amount of \$332,264.00
- VI. 2025-749 Approval of Payment of On-Demand Claims in the amount of \$17,425.50
- VII. 2025-750 Approval of Highway Budget Adjustment
- VIII. 2025-751 Approval of Heartland Annual Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$12,580.00

A motion was made by Bost, seconded by Ikner, to approve the Heartland Annual Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$12, 580.00. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

- IX. 2025-752 Approval of Auditor RFP
- X. 2025-753 Approval of Ordinance 2025-04 Tolling Late Penalties for Taxpayers Who Experienced a Property Tax Increase of more than 50% in the 2024 Payable 2025 Tax Year
- XI. 2025-754 Approval of JCHD Opioid Funding Request in the amount of \$50,000.00
- XII. 2025-755 Approval of Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$33,267.51
- XIII. 2025-756 Approval of Ordinance 2025-06 Banning the Sale and Delivery of KRATOM and Derivatives Within Unincorporated Jackson County, Illinois

- XIV. 2025-757 Approval of Resolution 2025-58 to Amend Contract and Approve Work Order for ROW Acquisition-Union Hill Road
- XV. 2025-758 Approval of Ordinance 2025-03 Establishment of an Altered Speed Zone
- XVI. 2025-759 Approval of Ordinance 2025-05 Commercial Solar Energy Facility Siting Ordinance
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Standing Committee Reports

- XVII. 2025-760 DRAFT Committee Meeting Minutes (informational only)
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Executive Committee

- XVIII. 2025-761 Open Appointments in **July** 2025 {14} *

1. Blairsville Water District (2)
2. Board of Health (2)
3. Buncombe Water District (1)
4. Crosswalk Community Action Agency (1)
5. Elverado Water District (3)
6. Greater Egypt (1)
7. Jackson County Housing Authority (1) *
8. Natural Resource Economic Development Board (1)
9. Oraville Water District (1)
10. TB Board (1)

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Erbes, to appoint Deborah Ann Woods to the Jackson County Housing Board. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

- XIX. 2025-762 Approval of Southern Illinoisan Print & Digital Subscription

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Erbes, to approve Southern Illinoisan Print and Digital Subscription. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (10) - Knust, Bost, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. NO (1) - Phillips. ABSENT (3) - Mueller, Rendleman, Comparato.

Finance & Administration Committee

- XX. 2025-763 Approval of Payment of Board Member Travel Expenses in the amount of \$4,029.67

A motion was made by Battrell, seconded by Snyder, to approve Payment of Board Member Travel Expenses in the amount of \$4,029.67. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

- XXI. 2025-764 Approval of Payment of County Monthly Claims in the amount of \$446,238.13

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Knust, to approve Payment of County Monthly Claims in the amount of \$446,238.13. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

XXII. 2025-765 AFSCME Courthouse Contract

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Erbes, to Approve AFSCME Courthouse Contract. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (10) - Phillips, Bost, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. NO (1) - Knust. ABSENT (3) - Mueller, Rendleman, Comparato.

XXIII. 2025-766 Integrity Investment Fund, LLC, et al - Authority to Propose Settlement on Behalf of County Defendants

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Erbes, to approve Integrity Investment Fund, LLC, et al - Authority to Propose Settlement on Behalf of County Defendants. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (10) - Phillips, Bost, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. NO (1) - Knust. ABSENT (3) - Mueller, Rendleman, Comparato.

XXIV. 2025-767 Integrity Investment Fund, LLC, et al - Authority to Retain the Services of Outside Counsel to Represent County Defendants

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Knust, to approve Integrity Investment Fund, LLC, et al - Authority to Retain the Services of Outside Counsel to Represent County Defendants. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (10) - Knust, Phillips, Bost, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Calandro. ABSTAIN (1) - Erbes. ABSENT (3) - Mueller, Rendleman, Comparato.

XXV. 2025-768 Authority to Retain Services of Outside Counsel to Review Coverage Decision by ICRMT/IPMG

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Ikner, to approve Authority to Retain Services of Outside Counsel to Review Coverage Decision by ICRMT/IPMG. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (9) - Phillips, Bost, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Calandro. NO (1) - Knust. ABSTAIN (1) - Erbes. ABSENT (3) - Mueller, Rendleman, Comparato.

Legislative & Public Safety Committee

XXVI. 2025-769 Approval to Send a Letter to the State Legislators Regarding the Grand Tower Recapture Payments

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Erbes, to approve Sending a Letter to the State Legislators Regarding the Grand Tower Recapture Payments. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

XXVII. 2025-770 Approval to Authorize and Direct the Chairman and Chair of Legislative & Public Safety Committee to Review and Select the Lowest Responsible Animal Control Facility Septic System Installation and Waste Stabilization Pond Construction RFP Bid and Move Forward with the Project

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Bost, to approve Authorization and Direct the Chairman and Chair of Legislative & Public Safety Committee to Review and Select the Lowest Responsible Animal Control Facility Septic System Installation and Waste Stabilization Pond Construction RFP Bid and Move Forward with the Project. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

XXVIII. 2025-771 Approval to Authorize and Direct the Executive Committee to Move Forward with the Hiring of an Animal Control Facility Administrator

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Knust, to approve Authorization and Direct the

Executive Committee to Move Forward with the Hiring of an Animal Control Facility Administrator. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Real Property Committee

XXIX. 2025-772 Approval of Payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$821,623.42

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Phillips, to approve Payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$821,623.42. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Special Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Bost, to enter into Executive Session under 2 (c) 2 & 11 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Collective Bargaining and Litigation. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Entered Executive Session at 6:32 P.M.

XXX. 2025-773 Executive Session under 2 (c) 2 & 11 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Collective Bargaining and Litigation

A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Bost, to exit Executive Session. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Executive Session ended at 7:04 P.M.

Recess

A motion was made by Bost, seconded by Erbes, to recess meeting at 7:07 P.M. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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