

**County Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 19, 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: Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. Members absent: Knust.

Recognition of Visitors

Citizen Comments

Communications

Agency Reports

Peterson spoke on the following:

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission

The Greater Egypt Commission met on August 12, 2025. The members approved the financial report, list of bills, and the July 2025 staff report. We discussed nominations for awards (Meritorious service, and Business). The member counties need to send their nominations soon as the Commission will vote on these at the October meeting and they will be presented at the December meeting. We received a copy of the Vision Zero Action Plan for the SIMPO planning area. Any of the five counties can still apply for Safe Routes to School grants (these are 100% funded). The applications are due October 15. Any of our small communities that need assistance in creating a comprehensive development plan should contact Greater Egypt for assistance. Osland grant applications are due September 30 (up to \$600,000 for campground and playground development).

Built Environment Action Team

BEAT met online July 24, 2025. The main focus of the meeting centered around a presentation by Carrie Nelsen from IDOT. She reported on highway construction such as the 6 lane expansion of Illinois 13 and the progress with multi-use paths funded by ITEP grants.

Mueller spoke on the following:

Jackson Growth Alliance (JGA):

The JGA had a very productive meeting yesterday with plans moving forward on the Industrial Park development. Letters will be going out for businesses to join JGA. Also, we are partnering with SI Now, which will hopefully bring in substantial grant money.

Erbes spoke on the following:

National Association of Counties (NACo)

Next incoming vice-presidential race between candidates from Missouri/Republican, and Michigan/Democrat. The representative from Michigan was elected, and she will serve as president in her 3rd year. Next year the conference will be held in New Orleans. I attended caucuses/ conference meetings on small/rural counties, leadership, party politics and solar energy.

United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI)

Monday's board meeting mostly focused on solar and legislative issues, followed by multiple education seminars including county-state governmental relations with Allison Flood of the governor's office. Keynote speaker was Jackie Joyner Kersee.

Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo)

President Prochaska presented the membership with details from NACo - 120 or so members/ spouses, guests attendees from Illinois attended some portion of the conference, membership meetings, and Illinois state meetings. The goal for 2026 is 200. I am working with ISACo, UCCI, and Amtrak to arrange travel for the Illinois delegation.

Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) and White Tail Insurance

Officer Todd Greer presented dividend check to UCCI for approximately \$1M. The Board decided to invest additional funds in White Tail reinsurance, which will meet its legal obligation to meet in its state of incorporation - North Carolina - during the first fiscal year. The cost of the trip will be borne by the ICRMT.

Chairman Report

- I. 2025-849 DRAFT September Meetings Calendar

No changes to September Meetings Calendar.

- II. 2025-850 Acceptance of FY24 Countywide Audit

A motion was made by Ikner, seconded by Rendleman, to accept FY24 Countywide Audit. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ikner, seconded by Rendleman, to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of items 4 and 9. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

- III. 2025-846 Approval of July 15, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

- IV. 2025-851 Approval of ServePro Bid in the amount of \$26,024.14

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Phillips, to approve ServePro Bid in the amount of \$26,024.14. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (11) - Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Ikner, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. NO (1) - Battrell. ABSENT (1) - Knust.

- V. 2025-852 Approval of Burke Electric Bid Not to Exceed \$28,900.00

- VI. 2025-853 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Dental & Vision Claims in the amount of \$15,934.44

- VII. 2025-854 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Medical Administration Claim in the amount of \$358,757.00

- VIII. 2025-855 Approval of On-Demand Claims in the amount of \$88,565.17

- IX. 2025-856 Approval of Ordinance 2025-08 County Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and Service Occupation Tax

A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Snyder, to approve Ordinance 2025-08 County Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and Service Occupation Tax. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (8) - Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. NO (4) - Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Rendleman. ABSENT (1) - Knust.

- X. 2025-857 Approval of Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$307,004.58

- XI. 2025-858 Approval to Purchase Animal First Software in the amount of \$80 per month

- XII. 2025-859 Approval of Animal Control Facility Standard Operating Procedures

- XIII. 2025-860 Approval of Animal Control Field Standard Operating Procedures
- XIV. 2025-861 Approval of Ordinance 2025-09 Amending the Animal Control Fees Ordinance, Jackson County, Illinois
- XV. 2025-862 Approval of Proclamation Recognizing National Emergency Management Awareness Month
- XVI. 2025-863 Approval of 1st Circuit Court 2026 Holiday List
- XVII. 2025-864 Approval of Resolution 2025-60 Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans
- XVIII. 2025-865 Approval of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$875,657.87
- XIX. 2025-866 Approval of Resolution 2025-59 Township Aid Appropriation Makanda Road District-Potters Road
- XX. 2025-868 Approval of Ordinance 2025-07 Commercial Solar Energy Facility Siting Ordinance
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Standing Committee Reports

- XXI. 2025-869 DRAFT Committee Meeting Minutes (informational only)
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Executive Committee

- XXII. 2025-870 Open Appointments in **August** 2025 {13} *
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. Natural Resource Economic Development Board (1)
 8. Orville Water District (1)
 9. TB Board (1)

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Rendleman, to appoint Amy Wyatt to the Board of Health. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Finance & Administration Committee

- XXIII. 2025-871 Approval of Payment of Board Member Travel Expenses in the amount of

\$3,805.80

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Rendleman, to approve Payment of Board Member Travel Expenses in the amount of \$3,805.80. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

XXIV. 2025-872 Approval of Payment of County Monthly Claims in the amount of \$509,941.17

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Lister, to approve Payment of County Monthly Claims in the amount of \$509,941.17. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (11) - Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSTAIN (1) - Rendleman. ABSENT (1) - Knust.

Legislative & Public Safety Committee

Real Property Committee

XXV. 2025-867 Murphysboro School District Annex Building

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Rendleman, to purchase the Murphysboro School District Annex Building for \$10. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (10) - Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Ikner, Battrell, Erbes, Calandro. NO (2) - Phillips, Lister. ABSENT (1) - Knust.

Special Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

Recess

A motion was made by Bost, seconded by Mueller, to recess the meeting at 6:59 P.M. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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