

**Legislative and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2025 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room**

Call to Order

(5:00pm)

Present: Snyder, Lister, Miller, Mueller, Phillips

Absent: Knust

Also Present: Nel Battrell, Andrew Erbes, Brian Chapman, Kerri Gale, Lisa Quillman, Kenton Schafer, Marsha Cascio-Hale, Paula Clark, Various citizens from Holiday Farms Subdivision

Approval of Minutes

I. 2025-903 Approval of August 12, 2025, Minutes

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Lister, to approve the August 12, 2025, Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ambulance Service

II. 2025-904 Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Phillips, to approve payment of Ambulance Monthly claims in the amount of \$155,749.25. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (4): Snyder, Lister, Miller, Phillips ABSENT (2): Knust, Mueller

III. 2025-905 Director's Report

Director Schafer reported the following:

Monthly Claims: \$155,749.25

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$528,769.03

Activity Report: 938 patient charts for 931 dispatched incidents

Other Information:

Met with the EMS program officials from John A Logan at our headquarters to discuss how we can work together to improve recruitment and retention and further the clinical experiences of the EMS students we host. We believe working together will provide more licensed EMTs and Paramedics for our region.

35 candidates successfully trained in CPR.

Met with the SIH Trauma team to discuss the upcoming Trauma Symposium held at Walker's Bluff in October.

Agenda Items:

Centurion Letter of Agreement:

Centurion is a new company, replacing Wexford, which handles the payments for Illinois to providers when non-emergency transfers are provided to people incarcerated by the Department of Corrections. We had a very similar agreement with Wexford. For our department these are inmates transferred from our local hospitals returning to their corrections facility with a guard. We recommend the board approve this agreement; without this agreement we will not receive payment. This has been reviewed by legal counsel.

Citizen Comments

This item was moved up on the agenda after the Ambulance Service. Ms. Clark and various citizens of Holiday Farms Subdivision discussed with the committee their concerns regarding vicious dogs near their homes. They asked the committee to look into reviewing the current animal control ordinance to further define the definition of vicious animals to help deal with their issue/concerns. Ms. Snyder commented that she would speak with the sheriff and the investigations division to see if there was anything they are working on with the citizens' concerns.

Animal Control

IV. 2025-906 Animal Control Monthly Update

(Mueller arrived)

Killman gave a quick update regarding his monthly call volume and the new software system usage.

V. 2025-907 Animal Control Facility Update

Chapman gave an Animal Control Facility Update, including a tentative soft opening date of October 1st, upcoming facility manager interviews, and intergovernmental agreements with Carbondale and Murphysboro.

Heath Department & Solid Waste

VI. 2025-908 Jackson County Health Department

Ms. Quillman updated the committee with the following information:

- *Measles cases and outbreak: As of August 19, 2025*
- <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/data-research/>
 1. *August 1375 cases in 42 jurisdictions. July Over 1300 cases in 40 jurisdictions. *92% of the cases are unvaccinated status* 35 outbreaks, 87% of cases associated, 13% of cases hosp. & 3 death*
 2. *IDPH Measles Exposure Location* <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/measles/exposure-locations.html>
- *Seasonal Respiratory Illness level for Illinois is very low.*
<https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/data/index.html>

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/respiratory-disease/surveillance/respiratory-disease-report.html>

Flu and Covid:

Flu vaccine has arrived. We will start administering it on Monday 9/8 at JCHD.

I have a flu clinic scheduled at the Sheriff's office on Wednesday October 15th from 730-930 for County employees. Those who miss the clinic, can come to JCHD. Appointments recommended, but not required. You can schedule online or by calling 618-684-3143 ext 150. We will have regular flu, high dose for those 65 and up, as well as Flublock (egg free vaccine/

high dose for younger people.)

Covid is currently unavailable.

The Covid guidelines have not been approved by the CDC and ACIP (all our orders go by these guidelines). These groups don't meet until the end of September.

Currently, the recommendations put forth are that anyone age 65 and up get a covid vaccine, and those younger would qualify if they have any factors that put them at "high risk."

WIC:

The Jackson County WIC Program is expected to serve up to 1144 individuals this year. Our case load averages at 85%. A monthly value of a WIC food package is \$77 per month.

The economic impact of WIC food benefit redemptions expected to be spent locally for FY 26 is \$898,128.

WIC is for families, working or not, that meet income guidelines.

VII. 2025-909 Solid Waste Enforcement

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed: 8/1/25 – 8/31/25

- 1 Landfill Inspection
- 2 Citizen Complaints
- 1 New site opened
- 0 Administrative Citation Warning Notice Issued
- 7 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.
- Staff attended the Illinois Counties Solid Waste Management – Southern Region Mtg at Effingham County on 8/26/25
- Continuing weekly testing/trapping of mosquitoes with one positive pool to date.

Activities Completed

VIII. 2025-910 Solid Waste Fund Update

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$5,423.42-Shredding, Medical Waste and Trash bills for county agencies for August 2025

Interest: \$3,413.18 Interest for August 2025

Deposits: \$0

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$0

Interest: \$501.98-Interest for August 2025

Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$0

IX. 2025-911 Recycling Program

Ms. Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for County Recycling Program: 8/1/25 – 8/31/25

- Zoom mtg. with RecycleCoach staff for county web listing and tools
- On-going monitoring of sharps kiosks, YTD collected 658 lbs

- *Provided Recycling Racks for the “Off the Rails” concert series*
- *Staff are exploring a permanent household chemical collection site opportunity with IEPA.*
- *Staff are partnering with U of I Extension to provide a pumpkin smash on Nov. 8th – More information to come soon.*
- *Shred and Med day – September 20 – 8am – Noon at JCHD front building parking lot*

X. 2025-912 Approval of Solid Waste Funds to Repair and Repaint County Recycling Roll-Offs

*Ms. Gale explained the request to the committee and answered various questions. A motion was made by Lister, seconded by Miller, to recommend to the full Board the transfer of up to \$29,750.00 of Solid Waste Funds for the repair and refurbishing of the five Jackson County recycling roll-offs. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (5): Snyder, Lister, Miller, Mueller, Phillips **ABSENT** (1): Knust*

Emergency Management

State's Attorney

XI. 2025-913 State's Attorney Monthly Update

Ms. Casico-Hale gave an update to the committee on what the State's Attorney's Office has been working on. She also commented that her office can only work on citizen complaints if reports are filed. She also answered questions from the committee.

Legislative

XII. 2025-914 Affirmative Action Plan

Erbes discussed the Affirmative Action Plan with the committee. The committee discussed the item and discussed having Ms. Miller as the EEO officer. After further discussion, the committee came to the consensus to have the item go back to the sub-committee and have Erbes check with IFMK to see if the HR Sub-Committee can serve as EEO Officer.

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn

(7:18pm)

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

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