

Legislative and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 2025 5:00 PM
Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order

(5:05pm)

Present: Snyder, Knust, Lister, Mueller, Phillips

Absent: Miller

Also Present: Ben Killman, Kerri Gale, Barb Stevenson, Orval Rowe, Kenton Schafer, Marsha Cascio-Hale, Nel Battrell, Andrew Erbes

Approval of Minutes

I. 2025-812 Approval of July 08, 2025, Minutes

A motion was made by Lister, seconded by Phillips, to approve the July 08, 2025, minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ambulance Service

II. 2025-813 Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims

*Director Schafer answered various questions from the committee concerning the Ambulance's monthly claims. A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Knust, to approve payment of the Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$307,004.58. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (5): Snyder, Knust, Lister, Mueller, Phillips **ABSENT** (1): Miller*

III. 2025-814 Director's Report

Director Schafer reported the following:

Accounts Payable Invoices: \$307,004.58

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$441,019.98

Patient Contact Reports: 988

Other Information:

An ambulance was involved in a vehicle accident. We were transporting a patient having an active stroke Code 3 (lights and sirens) and a vehicle failed to yield to an emergency vehicle at an intersection. The EMTs and the patient on board were uninjured. The driver of the other vehicle suffered minor injuries and was transported. After much deliberation by ICRMT and their adjusters, they determined the ambulance must have a new chassis. The insurance adjusters arranged for the new chassis and re-chassis procedure and notified me of the determination and procedure to be followed. The patient care compartment (box) will be removed (it was not damaged) and attached to the new chassis, rewired, and have HVAC connected. It is more complicated than that, but this is the nuts & bolts of the process, and it has begun, we hope to have the ambulance back in service around the first of the year. You will see in our claims the cost of the chassis.

Our claims also include our next invoiced GEMT reimbursement.

Hosted a meeting at our HQ training room with representatives from Roy Walker

Communication and the fire chiefs from the departments in the county to provide information

about the upgraded radio communication system.

Hosted a tabletop regional disaster drill in our HQ training room with Orval and EMA representatives for a tornado response.

Our team successfully trained 31 candidates in CPR.

Animal Control

IV. 2025-815 Animal Control Monthly Update

Killman updated the committee on animal control calls for the month of July. Chapman reviewed an animal case with the committee.

V. 2025-841 Animal Control Facility Update

Chapman provided an updated list for committee review of items being worked on for the new animal control facility. He also answered various questions from the committee.

VI. 2025-816 Purchase of Animal First Software

A motion was made by Lister, seconded by Knust, to approve purchasing the Animal First Software at a cost of \$80 per month. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VII. 2025-842 Animal Control Facility Standard Operating Procedures

Chapman reviewed the requested changes with the committee. After discussion, a motion was made by Knust, seconded by Mueller, to approve the Animal Control Facility Standard Operating Procedures with further suggested edits. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VIII. 2025-843 Animal Control Field Standard Operating Procedures

Chapman reviewed the requested changes with the committee. After discussion, a motion was made by Knust, seconded by Lister, to approve the Animal Control Field Standard Operating Procedures with further suggested edits. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IX. 2025-844 Animal Control Fees and Fines

Chapman and Killman reviewed the current ordinance and answered questions regarding the suggested changes to Animal Control Fees and Fines. A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Knust, to approve an amended ordinance containing updated animal control fees and fines. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Heath Department & Solid Waste

X. 2025-817 Jackson County Health Department

Director Stevenson reported the following:

- *Measles cases and outbreak: As of 8/5/2025 <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/data-research/>*
 - 1. August over 1,350 cases in 41 jurisdictions 92% unvaccinated.*
 - 2. 32 outbreaks that 87% of cases are associated, 13% 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/>
- Respiratory Illness is currently very low/low. Trends over the last year has seen a rise and peak of respiratory illness in August. There has been a slight increase in cases and it is gradually trending upward. School activities and school returning will likely cause an increase.
- Back to School Bash was successful with over 150 distributed backpacks and/school supplies.
- Jackson County Health Department Opioid Prevention Programming will be presenting the Hidden in Plain Site at back to school events with Desoto and Carbondale Middle School. Giant City is tentative. One Health Ed staff will be completing the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Sept. 4.

XI. 2025-818 Solid Waste Enforcement

Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed: 7/1/25 – 7/31/25

- 1 Landfill Inspection
- 4 Citizen Complaints
- 1 New site opened
- 3 Administrative Citation Warning Notice Issued
- 10 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 Board meeting at the IEPA office in Springfield on 7/22/25
- Staff conducted a tire collection for municipalities and townships for open dumped tires. Approximately 750 tires were collected. This is an IEPA sponsored event.
- Continuing weekly testing/trapping of mosquitoes with no positive pools to date.

XII. 2025-819 Solid Waste Fund Update

Gale reported the following:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$9,921.48-Shredding, Medical Waste and Trash bills for county agencies for July 2025

\$218,652.10-Reimbursement for recycling programming 9/1/24-5/31/25

\$30,208.82- Reimbursement for solid waste programming 11/1/24-5/31/25

Interest: \$3,227.64-Interest for July 2025
Deposits: \$83,193.75-3rd quarter tipping fees

Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$7,101.21-HHW bills 9/1/24-5/31/25
Interest: \$502.05-Interest for July 2025
Deposits: \$0

Host Fee Deposited

Deposits: \$65,506.89

XIII. 2025-820 Recycling Program

Gale reported the following:

Activities Completed for County Recycling Program: 7/1/25 – 7/31/25

- *Zoom mtg. with RecycleCoach staff for county web listing and tools*
 - *Organize and host FB Live Tour of CRC Recycling Center 6/27 – over 4,500 views*
 - *On-going monitoring of sharps kiosks, YTD collected 568 lbs*
 - *New IL EPA grant application is in process to continue and promote the sharps program.*
 - *Compost Bin sale continues*
 - *Staff are exploring a permanent household chemical collection site opportunity with IEPA.*
 - *Staff are researching options for alternate site for a pumpkin smash this fall, this is due to some staff changes at SIUC.*
 - *Shred and Med day – September 20 – 8am – Noon at JCHD front building parking lot – see attached flyer.*
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Emergency Management

XIV. 2025-821 Proclamation Recognizing National Emergency Management Awareness Month

Rowe answered questions from the committee. All were in favor of the proclamation. A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Lister, to approve the Proclamation Recognizing National Emergency Management Awareness Month. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

State's Attorney

XV. 2025-822 State's Attorney Monthly Update

Cascio-Hale updated the committee on what the State's Attorney's office has been working on for the county. Their information was provided and included in the on-line meeting packet.

Legislative

XVI. 2025-823 1st Circuit Court 2026 Holiday List

A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Mueller, to approve the 1st Circuit Court 2026 Holiday List. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XVII. 2025-824 Operation Greenlight Resolution

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Knust, to approve the Operation Greenlight Resolution. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XVIII. 2025-825 County Board By-Laws Discussion

The committee had a lengthy discussion on the County Board By-Laws. After discussion, the committee came to a conclusion to wait for IFMK's review of the current proposal before any further discussion or changes are made. The item will be on next month's meeting agenda.

Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn

(7:00pm)

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

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