

**County Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 6:00 PM
Jackson County Courthouse, Courtroom 4**

Invocation

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Recognition of Visitors

Citizen Comments

Blake Mulholland pleaded with board to act on fleeting businesses and increased taxes.

Communications

Agency Reports

Peterson spoke on the following:

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission

The Greater Egypt Commission met Tuesday, February 10, 2026. The Environmental Director, Tyler Carpenter, gave a presentation on planning and projects related to EPA grants, DRA grants, and USDA/Forest Service grants. He encouraged the members to contact Greater Egypt to utilize their tech services, such as help with GIS, web-based information, and spatial data. He is also involved with the DRA grant for stormwater management for Carbondale, the updated multi-hazard mitigation plans for all 5 counties, wildfire prevention, and the updated bike map which is linked to the Illinois IDOT bike map. These projects can be viewed in full on their website.

Mueller spoke on the following:

Jackson Growth Alliance (JGA) Mantracon announced a new grant with CEJA. They have also partnered with

AACP of Carbondale which opens up more employment opportunities. Mantracon is also collaborating with Shawnee Community College for more solar and HVAC jobs.

Erbes spoke on the following:

United Counties Council of Illinois

Reinsurance Renewals - Workers' Compensation, Liability, and Nursing Home Programs. Benchmark Analytics Project. Calims Third-Party Administrator (TPA) Rate Renewal.

Illinois State Association of Counties:

Electric Vehicle Rebate Program, Restore, reinvest, and Renew (R3) grant opportunities, Broadband and rural connectivity advocacy.

Chairman Report

- I. 2026-162 March Meetings Calendar
- II. 2026-165 Courts Opioid Funding Request

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Rendleman, to allocate \$25,000.00 of the Illinois State issued Opioid funds to the Jackson County Courts Opioid Fund. Motion carries by the following roll call vote: YES (13) - Knust, Phillips, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Erbes, to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of item #6. Motion carries by the following roll call vote: YES (13) - Knust, Phillips, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes. Calandro. ABESENT (1) - Bost.

- III. 2026-107 Approval of January 20, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
- IV. 2026-166 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Dental & Vision Claims in the Amount of \$10,235.68
- V. 2026-167 Approval of Payment to HOPE Trust Medical Administration Claim in the Amount of \$379,722.00
- VI. 2026-109 Approval of Board Member Travel Expenses in the Amount of \$3,869.75

A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Ikner, to approve Board Member Travel Expenses in the Amount of \$3,869.75. Motion carries by the following roll call vote: YES (10) - Phillips, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Presley, Ikner, Erbes, Calandro. NO (2) - Battrell, Lister. ABSTAIN (1) Knust. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

- VII. 2026-171 Approval of On Demand Claims in the Amount of \$31,086.50
- VIII. 2026-169 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2026-28 Parcel #14-12-403-019
- IX. 2026-170 Approval of Delinquent Tax Resolution 2026-29 Parcel #625

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| X. | 2026-172 | Approval of ISACo Membership Dues in the Amount of \$647 |
| XI. | 2026-173 | Approval of Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Dues in the Amount of \$270 |
| XII. | 2026-160 | Approval of Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims in the Amount of \$45,707.64 |
| XIII. | 2026-164 | Approval of Resolution 2026-30 A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between The County of Jackson And the City of Carbondale of Animal Impoundment Services |
| XIV. | 2026-175 | Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Jackson and the City of Carbondale for Animal Impoundment Services |
| XV. | 2026-163 | Approval of Resolution 2026-31 - 2026 Motor Fuel Tax Bid Award Aggregate Bid |
| XVI. | 2026-168 | Approval of Resolution 2026-32 Township Aid Appropriation Bradley Road District - Wilson Road |
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Standing Committee Reports

Executive Committee

A motion was made by Lister, seconded by Phillips, to appoint Brian Chapman as Animal Control Administrator. Motion carries by the following roll call vote: YES (12) - Phillips, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. NO (1) - Knust. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

A motion was made by Battrell, seconded by Rendleman, to appoint Tamiko Mueller to the Jackson Growth Alliance Board. Motion carries by the following roll call vote: YES (12) - Knust, Phillips, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSTAIN (1) - Mueller. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Erbes, to appoint Kenny Jarret to the Merit Commission Board. Motion carries by the following roll call vote: YES (13) - Knust, Phillips, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Rendleman, to appoint Ryan Hall to the South Highway Water District Board. Motion carries by the following roll call vote: YES (13) - Knust, Phillips, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

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| XVII. | 2026-174 | Open Appointments in February 2026 (23)* |
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- 708 Board of Health (4)
- Animal Control Administrator (1)*
- Blairsville Water District (2)
- Elverado Water District (3)
- ETSB (1)
- Greater Egypt (1)
- Jackson County Mass Transit (1)
- Jackson Growth Alliance-Board Appointment (1)*
- Liquor Board (1)
- Merit Commission (1)*

- Natural Resources Economic Development Board (1)
- Oraville Water District (1)
- Shawnee Resource Conservation & Development Area (1)
- South Highway Water District (2)*
- Southern Most Illinois Tourism Bureau (2)*

Finance & Administration Committee

XVIII. 2026-108 Approval of County Monthly Claims in the Amount of \$457,784.87

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Erbes, to approve County Monthly Claims in the Amount of \$457,784.87. YES (13) - Knust, Phillips, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

Legislative & Public Safety Committee

XIX. 2026-176 Jackson County Board Bylaws Hybrid Meeting Proposal

Brought back to Executive Committee.

Real Property Committee

XX. 2026-161 Approval of Payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the Amount of \$283,133.24

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Rendleman, to approve Payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the Amount of \$283,133.24. YES (13) - Knust, Phillips, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. ABSENT (1) - Bost.

Special Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

Recess

A motion was made by Knust, seconded by Mueller, to recess the meeting at 7:04 PM. Motion carries by unanimous consent.

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