

**County Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 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, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. Members absent: None.

Recognition of Visitors

Citizen Comments

Blake Mulholland spoke opinion on high property taxes in Jackson County and possible ways to reduce costs within the county.

Morgan Teas spoke opinion on unfair requirements for raffle permits in Jackson County.

Bill Archer spoke opinion on delayed application approval for raffle permit.

Communications

Agency Reports

Peterson spoke on the following:

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission

The Greater Egypt Executive Committee met on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. The committee approved the April 2026 staff report, payment of bills, the edits for the Personnel Manual, and the proposed FY 27 budget. The members agreed that the ADA planning model proposed by Greater Egypt for Jackson County would be applicable to other counties as well since all counties will need to update their ADA plans. Upcoming grants that Greater Egypt can assist

with include the IHDA Strong Communities Program (information available in the IHDA's Revitalization and Repair Programs website); and assistance with the ITEP applications (Greater Egypt will hold a conference on June 3-4). The next Commission meeting will be June 9, 2026 at 6:00 at the Marion office.

Mueller spoke on the following:

Jackson Growth Alliance

The organization reached a pivotal milestone by acquiring 77 acres of land near SI Airport as a site for a future Industrial Park. JGA was also awarded a \$141,139 DCEO grant to be used for this goal. But, the work cannot begin until the required \$35,785 local match is secured.

Erbes spoke on the following:

Discussion throughout April UCCI meetings and associated joint UCCI/ISACo events focused heavily on increasing operational and financial pressures facing Illinois counties, particularly regarding unfunded mandates, workforce challenges, infrastructure needs, and the growing complexity of local government administration. These joint meetings and events included discussions with county officials, legislators, and statewide organizational leadership regarding state budget concerns, local government funding pressures, public safety and court system impacts, county transportation and infrastructure priorities, economic development opportunities, mental health and behavioral health system strain, technology and cybersecurity concerns, and broader intergovernmental coordination efforts.

Chairman Report

- I. 2026-455 Resolution 2026-42 in Appreciation of Judge Christy W. Solverson

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Mueller, to approve Resolution 2026-42 in Appreciation of Judge Christy W. Solverson. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Snyder presented Solverson with appreciation plaque.

- II. 2026-464 Southernmost Illinois Tourism Presentation

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Mueller, to Approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of 2026-462 and 2026-463. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

- III. 2026-456 Approval of awarding the William "Bill" Alstat Public Service Award to Frank Byrd

- IV. 2026-457 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Dental & Vision Claims in the amount of

\$11,618.32

- V. 2026-458 Approval of payment of HOPE Trust Medical Administration claims in the amount of \$359,364.00
- VI. 2026-459 Approval of On-Demand claims in the amount of \$15,373.16
- VII. 2026-462 Approval of payment of County Monthly claims in the amount of \$585,641.60
A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Snyder, to approve Payment of County Monthly claims in the amount of \$585, 641.60. Motion carried by the following roll call vote. YES (13) - Knust, Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. NO (0). ABSTAIN (1) - Rendleman.
- VIII. 2026-470 Approval of Resolution 2026-44 Establishing a Sale in Error Fee Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/21-330
- IX. 2026-460 Approval of payment of Ambulance Service monthly claims in the amount of \$41,161.61
- X. 2026-463 Approval of Ordinance 2026-02 Amending the Jackson County Raffles and Poker Runs Ordinance

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Erbes, to postpone Ordinance 2026-02 definitely. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (11) - Phillips, Bost, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Erbes, Calandro. NO (1) - Lister. ABSTAIN (2) - Knust, Mueller.

Standing Committee Reports

Executive Committee

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Peterson, to appoint Linda Flowers and Margo Willis to the Jackson County 708 Mental Board of Health. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (13) - Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. NO (1) - Knust.

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Erbes, to appoint Paul Bennett, Derek Fisher, and Allison Campos to the Jackson County Board of Health. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Knust, to appoint Jessica Doerr-Berger to the Jackson County Board of Review. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Snyder, to appoint H. Leon Bagley to the Jackson County Lakeside Water District Board. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Peterson, to appoint Ruth A. Miner and Jodi Robertson to the Jackson County Tuberculosis Care and Treatment Board. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

XI. 2026-291 Open Appointments in May 2026 (23)*

- 708 Board of Health (4)*
- Blairsville Water District (2)
- Board of Health (3)*
- Board of Review (1)*
- Elverado Water District (3)
- ETSB (1)
- Greater Egypt (1)
- Jackson County Mass Transit (1)
- Lakeside Water District (1)*
- Natural Resources Economic Development Board (1)
- Shawnee Resources Conservation & Development Area (1)
- Southern Most Illinois Tourism Bureau (2)
- TB Board (2)*

A motion was made by Peterson, and seconded by Snyder, to approve Sherry Jones to the Board of Health. Roll call vote follows:

YES: Snyder, Presley, Peterson, Erbes, Calandro

Absent: Ikner, Phillips

A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Presley, to approve Kenneth Akins to the MPS Fire Protection District Board. Roll call vote follows:

YES: Snyder, Presley, Peterson, Erbes, Calandro

Absent: Ikner, Phillips

Finance & Administration Committee

XII. 2026-452 Approval of Board Member Travel Expenses in the amount of \$3,625.27

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Presley, to approve Board Member Travel Expenses in the amount of \$3,625.27. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (13) - Knust, Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Erbes, Calandro. NO (1) - Lister.

XIII. 2026-465 Approval of Priority Power (formally AGE) Electric Rates Contract

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Bost, to approve a Priority Power (formally AGE) Electric Rates Contract with Knust suggesting the 12-month contract with Homefield Energy. Motion failed by the following roll call vote: YES (7) - Knust, Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Lister. NO (7) - Peterson, Rendleman, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Erbes, Calandro.

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Rendleman, to approve a Priority Power (formally AGE) Electric Rates Contract for 18 months with Direct Energy. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (13) - Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Rendleman, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. NO (1) - Knust.

XIV. 2026-466 Approval of Resolution 2026-43 Fixing the Annual Salary of Certain County Officeholders

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Presley, to approve Resolution 2026-43 Fixing the Annual Salary of Certain County Officeholders with a 5% increase in Year 1 and an increase in the lesser value between the CPI and 3% in years 2,3, and 4. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Legislative & Public Safety Committee

- XV. 2026-461 Authorization for Heyl Royster to Perform a Comprehensive Zoning Assessment for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 and to include a Proposal for Establishing Zoning and Regulation of Data Centers

A motion was made by Presley, seconded by Rendleman, to approve Item 2026-461 with the amendment to exclude all mention of the word "zoning", reading: Authorization for Heyl Royster to Perform a Comprehensive Assessment for Establishing and Regulation of Data Centers for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

- XVI. 2026-467 Authorize and Direct the Chairman to enter into a contract for a new Ambulance Chief

A motion was made by Rendleman, seconded by Mueller, to Authorize and Direct the Chairman to enter into a contract for a new Amulance Chief. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Real Property Committee

- XVII. 2026-468 Approval of payment of the Highway Department monthly claims in the amount of \$219,766.68

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Rendleman, to approve payment of the Highway Department monthly claims in the amount of \$219,766.68. Motion carried by unanimous consent. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Special Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

A motion was made by Bost, seconded by Erbes, to enter into Executive Session at 7:52 PM. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

- XVIII. 2026-469 Executive Session under 2 (c) 1 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss personnel

Executive session ends at 8:07 PM.

Recess

A motion was made by Bost, seconded by Mueller, to recess meeting at 8:08 PM. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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