

**County Board Meeting  
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 6:00 PM  
Jackson County Courthouse, Courtroom 4**

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**Invocation**

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**Call to Order**

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

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

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**Roll Call**

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

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**Recognition of Visitors**

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**Citizen Comments**

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**Communications**

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**Agency Reports**

Peterson discussed the following:

Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission.

The Greater Egypt Executive Committee met Tuesday, July 21, 2026. The Committee reviewed grants and contracts by that Executive Director, and approved the June 2026 Staff Report, FY 27 Budget Adjustments. The committee discussed the annual awards so that members would be able to have their nominees submitted in a timely fashion. Upcoming grants Greater Egypt can assist with include: DRA infrastructure, Hazard and flood mitigation assistance, ITEP, IDOT Economic Development Program, USDA grants, and EDA grants. The next full board meeting will be held on August 11, 2026, at 6:00 at the Marion office. Higby Barrett presented the results of their year-long study for the Jackson-Union Port Board at an open meeting at SIU. The presenter explained the value of public ports and the benefits for the local economy. The details included what locations might be suitable for a new port, the cost to

build and the time frame to do so.

Mueller spoke on the following:

Jackson Growth Alliance.

The Jackson Growth Alliance meets every two months and this month was the off-month, so there is not much to report on. Grant work continues for the Southern Illinois Industrial Park by the airport.

Erbes spoke on the following:

National Association of Counties.

I attended the conference held last week in New Orleans which began with the pre-conference Opioid Settlement Summit. AI and technology were a major focus of the conference. We need to start looking at what AI can do for our county. Data center regulations must remain under local control. Looking into hunting tourism opportunities.

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### **Chairman Report**

*A motion was made by Erbes, seconded by Mueller, to approve Resolution 2026-47 Jackson County Board Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of John S. Rendleman. Motion carried by unanimous consent.*

- I. 2026-597 Approval of Resolution 2026-47 Jackson County Board Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of John S. Rendleman
- II. 2026-578 DRAFT August Calendar

*Hyle Royster spoke to the board concerning zoning solutions for Data Center land usage.*

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### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

*A motion was made by Presley, seconded by Mueller, to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item #8 (2026-586). Motion carried by unanimous consent.*

- III. 2026-575 Approval of June 16, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
- IV. 2026-579 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Dental & Vision Claims in the amount of \$18,222.77
- V. 2026-580 Approval of Payment of HOPE Trust Medical Administration Claim in the amount of \$375,487.00
- VI. 2026-581 Approval of On Demand Claims in the amount of \$148,608.06

- VII. 2026-584 Approval of Payment of Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$571,180.16
- VIII. 2026-586 Approval of Resolution 2026-46 Declaring the Policy of Jackson County, Illinois in Opposition to the Privatization of Public Water Utilities and Requesting Notice of Proceedings Under 220 ILCS 5/9-210.5, Including the County Administrator Sending Letters to Each Jackson County Appointed Water District Regarding Their Intent Toward Privatization to be Communicated to the Jackson County Board

*A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution 2026-46 Declaring the Policy of Jackson County, Illinois in Opposition to the Privatization of Public Water Utilities Under 220 ILCS 5/9-210.5, Including the County Administrator Sending Letters to Each Jackson County Appointed Water District Regarding Their Intent Toward Privatization to be Communicated to the Jackson County Board. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (12) - Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Lister, Erbes, Calandro. NO (1) - Knust. ABSENT (1) - Rendleman.*

- IX. 2026-587 Approval of the Betts to Hicks Land Split Parcel #10-36-100-014
- X. 2026-588 Approval of Payment of Highway Monthly Claims in the amount of \$260,944.89
- XI. 2026-589 Approval of Ordinance 2026-03 to Approve an Altered Speed Zone- Murphysboro Township

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## **Standing Committee Reports**

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### **Executive Committee**

- XII. 2026-590 Approval of Appointment of Dorothy Patton to the Jackson County Housing Authority

*A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Ikner, to approve the Appointment of Dorothy Patton to the Jackson County Housing Authority. Motion carried by unanimous consent.*

- XIII. 2026-591 Approval of Re-Appointment of Richard Turner to the Jackson County 708 Mental Health Board

*A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Miller, to approve the Re-Appointment of Richard Turner to the Jackson County 708 Mental Health Board. Motion carried by unanimous consent.*

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### **Finance & Administration Committee**

- XIV. 2026-582 Approval of Board Member Travel Expenses in the amount of \$3,943.29

*A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Ikner, to approve Board Member Travel Expenses in the amount of \$3,943.29. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: YES (11) -*

*Phillips, Bost, Mueller, Miller, Snyder, Peterson, Presley, Ikner, Battrell, Erbes, Calandro. NO (2) - Knust, Lister. ABSENT (1) - Rendleman.*

XV. 2026-592 Approval of Payment of County Monthly Claims in the amount of \$533,211.92

*A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Miller, to approve Payment of County Monthly Claims in the amount of \$533,211.92. Motion carried by unanimous consent.*

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### **Legislative & Public Safety Committee**

XVI. 2026-598 Approval of Resolution 2026-48 Jackson County Ambulance Service Surplus Equipment Designation and Sale

*A motion was made by Presley, seconded by Snyder, to approve Resolution 2026-48 Jackson County Ambulance Service Surplus Equipment Designation and Sale. Motion carried by unanimous consent.*

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### **Real Property Committee**

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### **Special Committee Reports**

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### **Old Business**

XVII. 2026-593 Heyl Royster Zoning/Data Center Presentation

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### **New Business**

Bost mentioned that in the past, the ASA used to give quarterly reports to the County Board on litigation and liability threats and asked if the Executive Committee could reintroduce that policy.

Mueller put out for consideration a community service award in memory of John S. Rendleman to a non-profit organization.

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### **Executive Session**

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### **Recess**

*A motion was made by Bost, seconded by Erbes, to recess the meeting at 7:20 P.M. Motion carried by unanimous consent.*

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