

KNOW YOUR COUNTY

Jackson County, Illinois

**Prepared by
League of Women Voters
of Jackson County Illinois**

INTRODUCTION

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Jackson County Government: History

Jackson County is two years older than the state of Illinois. It was created in 1816 in response to a petition of settlers, in particular Conrad Will and William Boon, to the Territorial Government. Most of the county was originally part of Randolph County. The first county seat was Brownsville, but after a disastrous fire in 1843, the county seat was moved about three miles east where the new town of Murphysboro was built.

In the beginning, the county was governed by a County Commissioners Court with executive and judicial responsibilities. The first members were appointed by the Territorial Governor. The county's elected officials included the county clerk, treasurer, sheriff, tax assessor, and justice of the peace. Other county officials were appointed by the court, including jurors for the grand and traverse juries. The county clerk received a salary. The sheriff, who also served as tax collector, received a percentage of tax monies collected. The treasurer received a percentage of his disbursements; while the commissioners received a per diem fee for attendance at meetings.

In 1785, federal law had established the congressional township system as a means of establishing exact property descriptions. In 1848, Illinois law facilitated the use of this system as the basis of local government, and it was adopted by Jackson County. The county was divided into four townships: Gonia (NW), Brownsville (SW and central), Crab Orchard (SE), and Beaucoup (NE). Road supervisors, fence viewers (who settled property boundary disputes), and overseers of the poor were appointed in each township. In addition, magistrate districts, which served also as election districts, were set up; but these districts did not necessarily correspond with the townships. As the population of the county grew, the four original townships were expanded to seven. Currently there are 16 townships in Jackson County.

An excellent summary of the development of county government is contained in the Jackson County Historical Society publication, Jackson County-- Formation and Early Settlers. For information about early towns and villages in Jackson County, Ghost

Towns of Southern Illinois by Glenn J. Sneed, Johnston City, IL, 62951, provides a short statement about sixty-two towns in Jackson County.

Federal Officials

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

George W. Bush (Republican)
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20500
(202) 456-1414

Term expires: Jan. 2009

president@whitehouse.gov

comment line: (202) 456-1111, press 1, then 1, then 0, leave message

Leader of the executive branch of government; commander in chief of the armed forces; head of state. Term: 4 years.

U.S. CONGRESS

U. S. Senate

Two senators are elected from each state. The two senators from Illinois represent all the citizens of Illinois.

Functions: Legislates on federal level, ratifies treaties, confirms or vetoes presidential appointments, acts as court of impeachment. Term: 6 years.

Richard Durbin (Democrat)
332 Dirksen SOB
Washington DC 20510
(202) 224-2152; Fax (202) 228-0400
Durbin.senate.gov/sitepages/contact.htm
Use web address to e-mail

Term expires: Jan. 2009

Marion Office: 701 N. Court
Marion, IL 62959
(618) 998-8812;
Fax: (618) 997-0176

Barack Obama (Democrat)
713 Hart SOB
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-2854; Fax: (202) 228-4260
Obama.senate.gov/contact
Use web address to e-mail

Term expires: Jan. 2011

Marion Office: 701 N. Court
Marion, IL 62959
(618) 997-2402
Fax: (618) 997-2850

U. S. House of Representatives

One representative is elected from each of 20 Congressional Districts in Illinois. Jackson County is located the 12th Congressional District.

If you do not live in Jackson County and you wish to find the name of the representative for your district or to determine your district, go to www.vote-smart.org or to www.elections.state.il.us and enter your zip code. You will learn your district and your representative.

Functions: Legislates on federal level, originates all revenue measures, votes on impeachment charges. Term: 2 years.

Jerry F. Costello (Democrat)
2269 Rayburn House Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-5661; Fax: (202) 225-0285
www.house.gov/costello
Use web address to e-mail

Term expires: Jan. 2009
Local: 250 W. Cherry
Rm 115C
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 529-3791
Fax: (618) 549-3768

State Officials

GOVERNOR

Rod L. Blagojevich (Democrat)
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706
(217) 782-0244

Term expires: Jan. 2011
Term: 4 years.
www.illinois.gov/gov

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Patrick Quinn (Democrat)
214 State House
Springfield, IL 62706
(217) 782-7884
Fax: (217) 525-6262

Term expires: Jan. 2011
Term: 4 years
www.standingupforillinois.org

SECRETARY OF STATE

Jesse White (Democrat)
213 State Capitol
Springfield, IL 62706
(800) 252-8980

Term expires: Jan. 2011
Term: 4 years
www.cyberdriveillinois.com

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Lisa Madigan (Democrat)
500 S. Second St.
Springfield, IL 62706
(217) 782-1090

Term expires: Jan. 2011
Term: 4 years
www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov

TREASURER

Alexi Giannoulis (Democrat)
219 Statehouse
Springfield, IL 62706
(217) 782-2211
Fax: (217) 785-2777

Term expires: Jan. 2011
Term: 4 years
www.state.il.us/treas

COMPTRROLLER

Dan Hynes (Democrat)
201 State Capitol
Springfield, IL 62706-0001
(217) 782-6000

Term expires: Jan. 2011
Term: 4 years
www.ioc.state.il.us

To e-mail state elected officials, visit their webpage for instructions.

ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Annual session begins the second Wednesday of January.

To e-mail any member of the General Assembly (senator or representative), send to webmaster@ilga.gov.

Live audio and video links are available on-line when the Illinois General Assembly is in session. Check availability at www.ilga.gov. To learn the status of Illinois legislation, the schedule of hearings or a legislator's webpage, or information about a legislator, consult www.ilga.gov

Illinois Senate

There are 59 Senate Districts with one senator elected in each district. Jackson County is in the **58**th Senatorial District.

If you do not live in Jackson County and you wish to check on the senator for your district or to determine your district, go to www.vote-smart.org or to www.elections.state.il.us and click on Voting Information and then Find Districts/Officials.

Functions: Legislates on state level; confirms or vetoes appointments of Governor; and acts as court of impeachment. Term: Staggered 4 years.

David Luechtefeld (Republican)
103B Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706
(217) 782-8137

Term expires: 2011
300 East Main St.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 529-3866
Fax: (618) 529-2788

Illinois House of Representatives

There are 118 House Districts with one representative elected in each district. Jackson County is in the 115th Representative District.

If you do not live in Jackson County and you wish to determine on the representative for your district or to determine your district, go to www.vote-smart.org or to www.elections.state.il.us and click on Voting Information and then Find Districts/Officials.

Functions: Legislates on state level, has sole power of impeachment. Term: 2 years.

Mike Bost (Republican)
202N Stratton Bldg
Springfield, IL 62706
(217) 782-0387

Term expires: Jan. 2009
300 E. Main St.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 457-5787

Fax: (217) 557-7213

Fax: (618) 457-2990

Jackson County Government

County Court House
1001 Walnut St.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
Website: www.co.jackson.il.us

Visit this website for links to most county officials and departments.
All county officials listed below are housed at the courthouse unless otherwise indicated.

Jackson County Elected Officials

CLERK AND RECORDER

Larry Reinhardt (Democrat) Term expires: Nov. 2010
(618) 687-7360

Handles elections in Jackson County; records deeds and other documents such as birth, death and marriage records, and issues marriage licenses.

CORONER

Dr. Thomas W. Kupferer (Democrat) Term expires: Nov. 2008
(618) 687-2352
Private practice office: 628 N. 14th St.
Murphysboro, IL 62966

Determines cause of death and works with sheriff, ambulance services, medical facilities, funeral homes, and the families of the deceased.

TREASURER

Shirley Dillinger Booker (Democrat) Term expires: Nov. 2010
(618) 687-7350

Banker for Jackson County: receives taxes, prepares tax bills, distributes tax receipts, handles refunds, manages annual and tax scavenger tax sales, and supervises the accounting and auditing of collections and distributions.

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert Koehn (Democrat) Term expires: Nov. 2010
Regional Superintendent of Schools, Region #30, Perry and Jackson Counties
(618) 687-7290
Fax: (618) 687-7296
Website: www.roe30.k12.il.us/

STATE'S ATTORNEY

Michael Wepsiec (Democrat) Term expires: Nov. 2008
(618) 687-7200
Fax: (618) 687-7215

Prosecutes alleged violations of the criminal statutes of Illinois and gives legal advice to county officials and defends the county against civil law suits.

CIRCUIT CLERK

Cindy R. Svanda (Democrat) Term expires: Nov. 2008
(618) 687-7300

Maintains records for the courts; collects fines.

SHERIFF

Robert Burns (Democrat) Term expires: Nov. 2010
(618) 684-4215
1001 Mulberry St.
Murphysboro, IL 62966

Enforces the law for the county; maintains the county jail.

JUDGES

William Schwartz, Circuit Judge, Presiding judge
Charles Grace, Circuit judge
E. Dan Kimmel, Associate judge
Kimberly Dahlen, Associate judge
Christy Solverson, Associate judge

Judges decide cases and have other responsibilities. Circuit judges are elected by the public. Associate judges are selected by the circuit judges of the circuit. Jackson County is part of the First Judicial Circuit.

Jackson County Appointed Officials

CHIEF COUNTY ASSESSMENT OFFICER

Maureen Berkowitz
2010 S. 10th St.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-7220

Appointed by county board to 4-year term.

Provides statistical analysis of sales and assessment data; assists 10 [township assessors](#); maintains current records of billing names and addresses for over 31,000 parcels in Jackson County; compiles the work of the township assessors; responsible for mailing change notices to taxpayers and publishing changes in the local newspaper; maintains records of properties exempt from property taxes; maintains and updates the county cadastral maps and maintains the Parcel Identification Numbering system; and other duties.

AMBULANCE DIRECTOR

Dottie Miles
520 N. University Ave.
Carbondale, IL
(618) 529-5158
Medical emergency: 911

Provides public education, emergency medical and rescue services in Jackson County.

ANIMAL AND RABIES CONTROL OFFICER

Lloyd Nelson, Officer
Jackson County Courthouse Basement
(618) 687-7235

Promotes human safety, animal welfare, and responsible pet ownership including animal vaccination clinics; investigates animal bites; enforces animal related laws; traps, confines and quarantines animals; and other duties.

BOARD OF REVIEW

16 S. 10th St.

Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-4907

Chair: Ira Reeves (Republican) Term Expires
Ray Amschler (Democrat) Term Expires June 2007
Kenny Jarrett (Democrat) Term Expires June 2007

Hears complaints from county property owners, holds hearings, and determines whether assessments should be altered. The Board of Review shall consist of 2 members affiliated with the political party polling the highest vote for any county office, and one member of the party polling the second highest vote for the same county office.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Grant Guthman, County Engineer
1200 Enterprise Ave.
Murphysboro, IL. 62966
(618) 684-4141
Fax: (618) 687-1513

Administers, designs, constructs, and maintains all county roads (including snow and ice control, pothole and surface repair, mowing, traffic control signs and lights, and drainage control). For detailed maps of townships, see Department website.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Patricia Gross
(618) 687-7250
Fax: (618) 687-7262

When appointed by the court for indigents, provides legal representation to persons accused of criminal offenses, juveniles charged in delinquency proceedings, and minors and parents involved in abuse and neglect cases.

PROBATION

North 14th St.
Murphysboro, IL 62956
(618) 687-7370

Provides supervision to individuals ordered by the court to meet certain conditions as part of a sentence, including counseling, curfews, public service work, restitution, and fines.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Derek Misener, Coordinator
Jackson County Courthouse Basement
(618) 684-3137

Implements mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery programs for Jackson County.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Miriam Link-Mullison, Administrator
Rt. 13 midway between Carbondale and Murphysboro
P.O. Box 307
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-3143
Website: www.jchdonline.org

Coordinates county-wide recycling efforts, disease surveillance and control and food safety; provides services for individuals (immunization, family planning, teen parents, WIC, and AIDS testing and other services); and provides birth and death certificates for Jackson County.

Board of Health appointed by county board for three year terms

President: John Erbes

Vice President: Yolonda Simon

Members:

Dr. Paul Bennett
Donna McCann
Dr. Mary Pohlmann

Dan Massie
Nancy Muzzarelli
Irma Villadiego

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD

Two representatives are elected from each of seven districts in the county. The districts are of approximately equal population and are reapportioned every 10 years. Term: 4 years.

Functions:

- 1) approves the budgets and appropriations for the offices of elected officials, the judicial system, and county boards;
- 2) approves payment of bills of the county offices and departments;
- 3) levies taxes;
- 4) builds and maintains roads and bridges;
- 5) supervises county nursing home and ambulance services;
- 6) appoints members to county commissions and special districts;
- 7) passes legislative ordinances affecting county policies and practices; and
- 8) reviews and makes recommendations to Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals regarding proposed reclamation plans prepared as part of the application process for mining permits.

Staff: Debbie Rathert, Secretary (618) 687-7240
Michelle Tweedy, Secretary

Members:

Dist. 1	William Alstat	(R)	(618) 426-3955	Term expires: Nov. 2010
Dist. 1	Karl Maple	(D)	(618) 568-1651	Term expires: Nov. 2008
Dist. 2	Mark Holt	(D)	(618) 763-4397	Term expires: Nov. 2008
Dist. 2	Dan Bost	(R)	(618) 687-2358	Term expires: Nov. 2010
Dist. 3	Frank Puttman	(D)	(618) 684-4065	Term expires: Nov. 2008
Dist. 3	Mary Korando	(D)	(618) 684-4805	Term expires: Nov. 2010
Dist. 4	Bob Lorinskas	(D)	(618) 684-5677	Term expires: Nov. 2010
Dist. 4	Darnecia Moultrie	(D)	(618) 303-2381	Term expires: Nov. 2008
Dist. 5	Donald R. Barrett	(R)		Term expires: Nov. 2010
Dist. 5	John S. Rendleman	(D)	(618) 529-3056	Term expires: Nov. 2008
Dist. 6	Gerry Compton	(D)	(618) 457-2860	Term expires: Nov. 2008
Dist. 6	Donna McCann	(D)	(618) 529-6047	Term expires: Nov. 2010
Dist. 7	John Evans	(D)	(618) 867-3342	Term expires: Nov. 2010
	Chairman			
Dist. 7	Breton O'Neill	(D)	(618) 529-2005	Term expires: Nov. 2008

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm at the County Court House. Special meetings by written request of eight members or by motion upon setting a date of recess.

Chairman: The Chairman of the County Board 1) presides at meetings; 2) appoints committee members and chairs; 3) serves as ex-officio member of all committees; and 4) recommends appointments to county boards and special districts. Term: 2 years.

Committees: The business of the county is conducted through committees. Members of the committees and committee chairmen are appointed by the Chairman of the County Board. Each committee acts on all matters referred to it by the board and reports on its activities to the full board. Each committee is responsible for oversight of those areas assigned to it.

There are currently 13 standing committees of the Jackson County Board chaired by the following board members:

Ambulance: Bob Lorinskas

Meets 1st Thurs - 1:00pm, Carbondale Ambulance Facility

Building and Grounds: Mary Korando

Meets 1st Weds - 5:00pm, County Courthouse

Finance: Gerald Compton

Meets 1st Mon - 4:30pm, 3rd Thurs. - 4:30pm, County Courthouse

Insurance: Mark Holt

Meets 1st and 4th Thurs - 4:30pm, County Courthouse

Health and Safety: Karl Maple

Meets 3rd Tues. - 4:30pm, County Courthouse

Judicial and Law Enforcement: Breton Kathleen O'Neill

Meets 3rd Wed - 4:30pm, County Jail

Labor: Donna McCann

Meets 2nd Tues - 4:30pm, County Courthouse

Land Use and Economic Development: Gerald Compton

Meets 4th Tues - 5:00pm, County Courthouse

Legislative: Gwen Nickel

Meets 1st Tues - 5:00pm, County Courthouse

Rehab and Care Center: Frank Puttman

Meets Monday prior to full board meeting - 12:00pm, Rehab & Care Center

Road and Bridges: James Kerley

Meets 4th Weds - 5:00pm, County Highway Office

Solid Waste: John Evans

Meets 4th Monday – 5:00 pm, County Health Department

Confirm all meetings by calling the County Board office.

TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

Jackson County operates under the township form of county government. Townships are independent units of local government with limited powers in a few specific areas. This concept is derived from the New England "town" as the general purpose unit of local government.

Within Jackson County there are 16 townships, which are listed in the table below. Each township elects a supervisor, a town clerk, an assessor, a highway commissioner, and a four-member Board of Trustees. The supervisor is the chief administrative officer of the township, serving as treasurer of the road and bridge fund and as administrator of the general assistance fund.

Until 1972, the 16 township supervisors, along with seven additional representatives from Carbondale Township and three from Murphysboro Township, constituted the 26-member Jackson County Board of Supervisors. To comply with federal court ruling which mandated representation based on the one-man-one vote principle, the county government was reorganized.

It is the responsibility of township government to levy taxes, build and repair roads and bridges, dispense emergency general assistance, and complete township assessment. Some townships provide fire protection services. In those Illinois counties that operate under the commission form of government, services provided through our townships may be provided by county or municipal governments. Townships are financed by property taxes, motor fuel taxes, and general revenue sharing funds.

TOWNSHIP	SUPERVISOR	TELEPHONE
Bradley	Karla Rather	(618) 426-3861
Carbondale	Karen Hartlieb	(618) 457-3366
Degognia	Herbert Korando	(618) 763-5562
DeSoto	Connie Gillmore	(618) 867-2475
Elk	Kenneth Tyner	(618) 568-1776
Fountain Bluff	Kenneth Jarrett	(618) 763-4461
Grand Tower	Russell Elliott	(618) 565-2415
Kinkaid	Doris Bess	(618) 763-4793
Levan	Daniel Jarrett	(618) 687-2190
Makanda	Sara Lipe	(618) 351-8161
Murphysboro	Robert Fenwick	(618) 687-2422
Ora	Lisa Garndner	
Pomona	Ralph Wilmouth	(618) 549-2669
Sand Ridge	Willa Homan	(618) 565-2414
Somerset	Cheryl Graff	
Vergennes	Terry Rosenberger	(618) 687-2968

For a listing of all township officials, including the clerk, road commissioner, and trustees, go to www.co.jackson.il.us/townships and click on township directory.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

There are 11 incorporated cities and villages in Jackson County, each with its own elected officials. Each municipality provides those services demanded by its citizens, which may include fire protection, library services, road repair and construction, and water and sewer services. Municipalities may levy taxes or charge fees to provide these services. The two largest municipalities are listed here.

City of Carbondale

City Hall/Civic Center
200 S. Illinois Ave.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 549-5302
www.ci.carbondale.il.us

Carbondale has a council-manager form of government. The council functions as the legislative body, while the city manager is responsible for the administrative organization of the municipality. The council consists of a mayor and four councilmen who run non-partisan and are elected at-large for four-year staggered terms. The mayor is the official head of the city and, with city council consent, is responsible for appointing members to the various boards, commissions, and committees of the city.

Council Meetings: first, third, and fifth Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 pm
City Council Chambers, Carbondale City Hall, 200 S. Illinois Ave., Carbondale

Every agenda includes the item "Citizen Questions and Comments" to permit discussion of any topic by any citizen. Elections: spring, odd numbered year.

MAYOR

Brad Cole
Mailing: PO Box 1071
205 S. Hewitt
Carbondale, IL 62903
(618) 457-4268

Term expires: 2011
Term: 4 years

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joel Fritzler
123 S.Violet Ln.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 549-3928
Term: 4 years; expires 2009

Steven Haynes
605 E. Burke
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 549-1079
Term 4 years; expires 2011

Lance Jack
1026 N. Bridge St.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 529-8683
Term: 4 years; expires 2011

Corene McDaniel
516 E. Jackson St.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 529-1466
Term: 4 years; expires 2009

Mary Pohlmann
405 Deer Lake Dr. East
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618)549-5077
Term: 4 years, expires 2011

Chris Wissmann
1111 W. Walkup Ave.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 549-2653
Term: 4 years; expires 2009

CITY MANAGER

Appointed. Hired on contractual basis.
Jeff Doherty

CITY CLERK

Appointed. Term runs concurrent with mayor.
Janet Vaught

City of Murphysboro

Administration Building
1101 Walnut St.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-4961
www.murphysboro.com

The city of Murphysboro has an executive mayor/aldermanic form of government. The elected officials include the mayor, city clerk, and 10 aldermen (two from each of five wards), who constitute the city council. The responsibilities of administering the city are divided among the aldermen, each of whom must report back to the whole council concerning the operations of the assigned department. The council legislates; and the mayor administers with the help of the city clerk and treasurer. The mayor presides at all council meetings and makes appointments with the approval of the council. Elections: spring, odd numbered years.

Council Meetings: second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm
Council Room, City Hall.

MAYOR

Ron Williams
2028 Edith
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-5310

Term expires: 2009

ALDERMEN: term of 4 years

Ward 1: William Carr
Information not available
Term expires: 2009

Christopher Hughes
Information not available
Term expires: 2011

Ward 2: Sandy Bullar
1313 N. 16th
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-4448
Term expires: 2011

Dan Bratton
12 Suburban Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2460
Term expires: 2009

Ward 3: Russell Brown
Information not available
Term expires: 2011

Mark Costa
913 Chestnut
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-3999
Term expires: 2009

Ward 4: Vicki Audrey
Information not available
Term expires: 2011

Gary McComb
Information Not Available
Term expires: 2009

Ward 5: Mike Bastien
2103 Logan
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1649
Term expires: 2011

Bill Pierson
Information Not Available
Term expires: 2009

CITY CLERK

Joyce Cottonaro
2125 Division St.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1504

Special Purpose Districts

A special purpose district is a form of local government authorized by state statute. (Ill. Const., Art VII; Ill Rev. Stat., Ch. 1, Sec. 1029ff; Ch. 12, 1; and Index under specific types of districts.) Each special purpose district is administratively independent from all other units of local government, usually provides a single service, and is authorized to levy taxes in support of that service. Special districts provide services by taxing only the residents of a specific geographical region, are governed by boards elected or appointed from among residents of that area, and provide services that are primarily beneficial to those residing in the area.

There are twelve special districts in Jackson County, of which three are park districts. No one lives in all twelve districts; how many you are in depends on where you live.

Special districts in Jackson County include the following:

Carbondale Mosquito Abatement District
Murphysboro, Pomona, Somerset Fire Protection District
Southern Illinois Airport Authority
Kinkaid-Reed Conservancy District
Grand Tower Levee and Drainage District
Degognia/ Fountain Bluff Levee and Drainage District
Sand Ridge Sanitary District
Carbondale Park District
Murphysboro Park District
Grand Tower Park District
Jackson County Extension Service District
Jackson County Senior Citizens District

More information concerning certain districts follows.

CARBONDALE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

Established: 1927.

Purpose: To control the mosquito population within the district. Utilizes aerial fogging, larvaeciding, and weed control.

Boundaries: Charles Road, Giant City Road, Makanda Township line, Murphysboro Township line.

Board: Five members, appointed by Jackson County Board.

President: Milton Maxwell, (618) 549-8517

Meetings: Two or three meetings a year; scheduled as needed.

District Manager: William Kelley, (618) 457-8976

CARBONDALE PARK DISTRICT

2500 W. Sunset Dr.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 529-4147
Website: www.cpkd.org

Established: 1940

Purpose: To maintain city parks and provide recreational opportunities for all citizens.

Facilities include: Attucks Park, Doug Lee Park, Evergreen Park, Turley Park, Oakdale Park, Parrish Park, Tatum Heights Park, Greenway/Bike Trail, Hickory Lodge, Marberry Arboretum, Life Community Center, Hickory Ridge Golf Course, Kids Corner After School program; and Alice Wright Daycare Center.

Boundaries: City of Carbondale plus some adjacent areas.

Board: five members, elected to four year terms.

President: Carl Flowers
1703 W. Taylor Dr.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 457-4726

Term expires: 2009

Commissioners

James Fralish
33 Hillcrest Dr.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 549-4172
Term Expires: 2011

Carmen Suarez
2703 W. Sunset Dr.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 351-1461
Term Expires: 2011

Scott Ollar
132 N. Rod Ln.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 549-3744
Term expires: 2011

Harvey Welch
1003 W. Sycamore
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 529-1661
Term expires: 2009

Director: Brian Ramsey

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, Carbondale Civic Center
200 S. Illinois Ave.
Carbondale, IL 62901

MURPHYSBORO PARK DISTRICT

Riverside Park Recreation Center
South 24th St.
Murphysboro IL 62966
(618) 684-3333

Established: 1930s

Purpose: to maintain the city park, operate teen town, and help youth sports teams.

Boundaries: City of Murphysboro

Board: five members, three elected for four-year terms and two elected for six-year terms.

President: Don Brewer
25 Westwood Ln.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-6864
Term expires: 2009

Vice President: Bill Center
1920 Division
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-6090
Term expires: 2007

Secretary/Treasurer: P. Michael Jones
415 N. 9th
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-4388
Term expires: 2011

David Blaise
1205 N. 16th
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1800
Term expires: 2007

Scott Hale
1928 Herbert
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-3956
Term expires: 2009

Director: Lance Russell

Meetings: 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm, at the Riverside Park Recreation Center

School Districts

The Illinois Constitution charges the General Assembly to provide a system of free schools whereby "the State shall provide for an efficient system of high quality public educational institutes and services."

Responsibility for the administration of public school education is delegated to local school boards operating in local school districts. School district boundaries may cross county lines.

A local school district may choose to operate as an unit district or as a dual district. In an unit district, all grades (K-12) are governed by a single board of education. In a dual district, the elementary schools (grades K-8) and the high schools (grades 9-12) are governed by separate boards. Of the eight school districts in Jackson County, there are three unit districts, four grade school districts, and one high school district.

Each school district has an elected board of education consisting of 7 members. The board hires a district superintendent who is responsible for implementing board policy, administering district funds, producing an annual district budget which is used to determine the district tax levy, and overseeing the educational program for the students within the district.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Carbondale Elementary District 95

Pre-K through 8th grade.

Schools: Thomas, Lewis, Parrish, Carbondale Middle School

Superintendent: Linda Meredith

District Office: 925 S. Giant City Rd.

Carbondale, IL

(618) 457-3591

Website: www.ces95.jacksn.k12.il.us

Meetings: Fourth Thursday of each month, 7 pm, location varies.

Call the District office to confirm meetings.

School Board: Board members are elected to 4 year terms.

President: Roger Pfister

144 Fairway Vista Rd.

Murphysboro, IL 62966

(618) 684-6622

Term Expires: 2009

John Major

503 S. Emerald

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 457-5094

Term Expires: 2011

Andrea Rendleman

3108 W. Kent Dr.

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 529-3056

Term expires: 2011

Secretary: Susie Tolliver

525 N. Allyn St.

Carbondale, IL 62901

Phone: Unavailable

Term expires: 2011

David Biggs

82 E. New Thompson Lake

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 457-8460

Term expires: 2009

Michael Carr

101 S. Tower Rd.

Carbondale, IL 62901

Phone: Unavailable

Term expires: 2009

Paula Smith Feigenbaum

15 Pine Ln.

Murphysboro, IL 62966

(618) 549-8114

Term expires: 2009

Carbondale Community High School District 165

Grades 9-12

Superintendent: Steve Sabens

District Office: 330 S. Giant City Rd.

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 457-4722

Website: www.cchs.165.jackson.k12.il.us

Meetings: Third Thursday of each month, 7 pm, Carbondale Community High School Cafeteria
Call the District office to confirm meetings.

School Board: Members are elected to 4 year terms.

President: Barbara Levine

8 Pinewood Dr.

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 549-1908

Term expires: 2009

Vice Pres.: Barbara Bennett

203 S. Lark Ln.

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 549-3694

Term expires 2009

Secretary: Linda Brandon

3550 Chautauqua

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 549-2921

Term expires: 2009

Kenneth Hughes

28 Pinewood Dr.

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 549-5294

Term expires: 2011

Bob Brewer

106 N. Rod Ln.

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 457-2283

Term expires: 2011

Michael Durr

864 Koonce Rd.

Murphysboro, IL 62966

(618) 457-7243

Term expires: 2009

Linda Flowers

1703 W. Taylor Dr.

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 457-4726

Term expires: 2011

Giant City School District # 130

Grades: K-8
Superintendent: Sharon Mayes
1062 Boskydell Rd.
Carbondale IL 62901
(618) 457-5391
Website: www2.giants.jacksn.k12.il.us

President: Dennis Poshard
507 Phillips Rd.
Carbondale IL 62901
(618) 549-8484
Term expires: 2009

Kelly Sanders
123 S. Countyline Rd.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 351-9936
Term Expires: 2011

Vice President:
Mike Kelley
3807 Giant City Rd.
Carbondale IL 62901
(618) 549-2263
Term expires: 2011

Ted Lomax
5547 Giant City Rd.
Carbondale IL 62901
(618) 549-6445
Term expires: 2009

Secretary: Jeannie Mitchell-Collins
Information not available
Term expires: 2011

Greg Thompson
257 Phillips Rd.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 351-9917
Term expires: 2009

Unity Point School District # 140

Grades: K-8
Superintendent: Lori James Gross
4033 S. Illinois Ave.
Carbondale IL 62901
(618) 529-4151
www.up140.jacksn.k12.il.us

Board: Meets 2nd Tuesday of each Month at 6 pm
Call the district office to confirm meetings.

Peter Schmidt, President
2027 S. U.S. Hwy 51
Makanda IL
(618) 549-3181
Term Expires: 2009

Andy Morgan, Vice President
Information Not Available
Term Expires: 2009

Rick Asaturian, Secretary
3923 Boskeydell Rd.
Carbondale IL
(618) 457-4548
Term Expires: 2009

Bill Laser, Treasurer
132 Private Rd.
Makanda
549-7027
Non-Voting Member-no term of office

Shannon Cremeens
91 Pump Station Rd.
Makanda, IL
529-2624
Term Expires: 2011

Sandy Charlson
3511 S. Illinois Ave.
Carbondale, IL
457-2685
Term Expires: 2011

Molly Gaffney-Keebler
3453 S. Illinois Ave.
Carbondale, IL
351-9518
Term Expires: 2009

Gene Turk
15 Pineview Dr.
Makanda, IL
351-0089
Term Expires: 2011

Murphysboro Community Unit School District # 186

Grades: K-12
Superintendent: Christopher Grode
Unit Office: 819 Walnut St.
Murphysboro, IL 62901
(618) 684-3781
www.mboro.jacksn.k12.il.us

Schools: Gen. John A. Logan, Carruthers, Murphysboro Middle School, Murphysboro High School
Board meets 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7 pm at Unit office

Board of Education

President: Mike Austin
1039 Roberta Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2088
Term expires: 2011

Julie Tindall Erbes
411 S. 23rd
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2583
Term expires: 2011

Rick Runge
1515 Gartside
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-4349
Term expires: 2009

Jim Stewart
151 W. New Hill Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-6690
Term expires: 2011

Vice Pres.: Michael Cripps
9775 Hwy. 149
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-3203
Term expires: 2009

Steve McBride
Information not available
Term Expires: 2009
Term expires: 2009

Stacy Stanton
Information not available
Term expires: 2011

Public Libraries

CARBONDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

405 W. Main St.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 457-0354
Website: www.carbondale.lib.il.us

Hours: 9:00 am- 9:00 pm Monday thru Thursday
9:00 am- 6:00 pm Friday and Saturday
1:00 pm- 6:00 pm Sunday

Tax supported: City of Carbondale. Non-resident fee: formula based on value of residential property or rental.

History: Established as a project of the Federated Women's Club in the late 1800s and became a tax supported institution in 1925.

Board: Nine members appointed by the mayor of Carbondale.

President: Julian Pei
1010 W. Kenicott
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 549-5963
Term expires: 2009

Vice President: Don Prosser
111 S. Tower Rd.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 549-6535
Term expires: 2009

Vacancy
Term Expires: 2008

Secretary: Harriet Simon
805 Glenview
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 549-5963
Term expires: 2008

*Pat Brigham
915 Cindy St.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 549-0463
Term expires: 2007

Joyce Hayes
912 N. Marion
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 549-1073
Term expires: 2009

*Sandy McCurry
207 Archelle Dr.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 529-2994
Term expires: 2007

Helen Repp
2705 W. Sunset Dr.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 549-7745
Term expires: 2010

Beth Arthur
Information not available
Term expires: 2008

* Indicates expired terms that have not been filled, trustees serve in interim

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday, 4:30 pm, at the library

Call the library to confirm meetings.
Director: Connie Steudel

SALLIE LOGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

1808 Walnut St.
Murphysboro IL 62966
(618) 684-3271
Website: www.murphysboro.lib.il.us

Hours: 10:00 am-8:00 pm Monday thru Thursday
10:00 am- 5:00 pm Friday and Saturday

Tax supported: City of Murphysboro.

Established: 1936.

Board: appointed for three year terms by Murphysboro City Council.

President: Vic Harris
2020 Edith
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-3813
Term expires: 2006

Vice President: Robert Arnold
21 Westwood Ln.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2850
Term expires: 2006

Secretary-Treasurer: Sara Faye Marten
1927 Pine
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-2986
Term expires: 2008

Claire Kuebler
2017 Spruce St.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 565-1917
Term Expires:

Gloria Stoker
Information not available

William Center
1920 Division
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-6090
Term expires: 2008

Term expires: 2006

James Lawder
1013 Chestnut
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-3155
Term expires: 2007

Darl Young
.Information Not Available
Term Expires:

Mara Williams
Information not available
Term expires: 2007

Meetings: 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm, at the library.
Director: Donella Odum

COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

County Ambulance Service

Dottie Miles
520 N. University Ave.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 529-5158
Medical emergency: 911

Provides public education, emergency medical, and rescue services in Jackson County. The ambulance system, a county tax supported system, serves all parts of the county.

911 Emergency System

911

Call this number in case of emergency, needing fire, police, or ambulance.

For more information about the 911 system, citizens may call 457-5911 or check online at www.jc911.org

Jackson County 911
303 N. Robinson Circle
Carbondale, IL 62901
Patrick Lustig, Director

POLICE SERVICES

Police Services in Jackson County are organized on several levels. The entire county is under the jurisdiction of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. The municipalities of Carbondale and Murphysboro both have full-time police forces which function within their respective city limits. DeSoto has a small part-time police force, as do Grand Tower, Ava, and Elkhville/Dowell. In addition, Southern Illinois University, a state-funded institution, maintains a full-time security force which has jurisdictional authority on the SIU campus.

Cooperation between the various police departments and the sheriff's department has been very good in recent years, which greatly facilitates the solving of crimes throughout the county.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Department maintains jail facilities which serve the entire county. The Carbondale Police Department has a temporary detention facility where a person may be held a maximum of four hours. All other police departments transfer prisoners immediately to the county jail for housing.

Jackson County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff: Robert Burns
1001 Mulberry St.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-4215

Term expires: Jan. 2007

Enforces the law for the county; maintains the county jail.

Municipal Police

Carbondale City Police Department

610 E. College
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 457-3200
Acting Chief: Bob Ledbetter

University Police

Southern Illinois University Security Police
Washington Square A
S. Washington St.
Carbondale IL 62901
(618) 453-2381
Chief: Todd Sigler

Murphysboro City Police Department

202 N. 11th St.
Murphysboro IL 62966
(618) 684-2121
Chief: Jeff Bock

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

In Jackson County, there are 3 forms of fire protection: Municipal fire departments, township fire departments and fire protection districts. Not all of the county residents are covered by one of the organized fire departments; coverage depends on where a resident lives. Some Jackson County residents may be able to obtain out-of-town fire coverage from the fire department of an adjoining county.

MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Carbondale Fire Department

Station 1: 600 E. College St.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 457-3298
Station 2: 300 S. Oakland St.
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 457-3299
Fire Chief: John Michalesko

Boundaries: Carbondale City limits; will not make out-of-town fire runs
Financing: City taxes; i.e. property taxes, sales taxes, etc.
ISO Fire Rating: Class 5

Murphysboro Fire Department

218 N. 10th St.
Murphysboro IL 62966
(618) 684-3991
Fire Chief: Kevin Reeves

Boundaries: Murphysboro City limits; will make a limited number of out-of-town fire runs
Financing: City taxes, i.e. property taxes, sales taxes, etc.
ISO Fire Rating: Class 7

JACKSON COUNTY CITIZEN INFORMATION

VOTER REGISTRATION

WHO MAY REGISTER:

Any U.S. citizen of at least 18 years of age who has resided in his election precinct for 30 days prior to election day, and who is not disqualified by insanity or criminal record.

Note: Two pieces of identification that verify your name and address may be required at the time of registration.

WHERE TO REGISTER:

Voter registration is conducted at all of the following locations:

1. County Clerk's office, Court House, Murphysboro, 9 am- 4 pm weekdays
2. City Clerk's office, Carbondale, 9 am - 4 pm weekdays
3. Dowell and DeSoto Village Hall- working hours.
4. Temporary locations where deputy registrars are on duty
5. At home registration by deputy registrars at large or party precinct committeemen.
6. For the physically disabled: request home visit by registration team.

WHEN TO REGISTER:

For the deadline for registering to vote, check the deadline at

www.co.jackson.il.us

<http://www.elections.state.il.us/>

RE-REGISTRATION:

Re-registration is required to maintain voter eligibility, if you:

1. Move to another county.
2. Move within county. Report change of address by filling out reverse side of Voter Identification Card and sending it to the County Clerk's office.
3. Change of name by marriage or other means.
4. Change of mailing address.
5. Failure to vote in a four-year period.

ELECTIONS

Polls are open 6:00 am - 7:00 pm

General Primary Election

Even-numbered years, 3rd Tuesday in March.

General Election

Even-numbered years, 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in November.

Consolidated Non-partisan Election

Odd-numbered years, 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in November.

Consolidated Primary Election

Odd-numbered years, last Tuesday in February.

Consolidated Election

Odd-numbered years, 1st Tuesday in April.

For dates of elections, check:

www.co.jackson.il.us

www.elections.state.il.us

VOTING LOCATION

Precinct number is indicated on Voter Identification Card issued at the time of registration. Consult local newspaper prior to election, or call County, City, or Village Clerk for precinct voting place. Or check

www.co.jackson.il.us

www.elections.state.il.us

MANNER OF VOTING

Jackson County uses a scan card method of voting, in which voters darken the bubble next to the name of the candidate selected by the voter. Accessible voting machines are available for those with disabilities.

ABSENTEE VOTING and VOTING EARLY

Check with the county clerk for the means of voting absentee or voting early.

HOW TO SELECT CANDIDATES

Many citizens find the following websites useful in deciding which candidate to select:

www.votesmart.org

for positions submitted by candidates.

www.ilcampaigns.org

for information on campaign finance disclosure.

www.lwvil.org

for information about the election calendar, how to vote, how to contact representatives, etc.

www.elections.state.il.us

for election calendar, how to register to vote, how to vote, who is running, and for campaign finance disclosure.

JACKSON COUNTY CITIZEN INFORMATION

COMMUNICATING WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS

In communicating with public officials, the best means is a short telephone message or letter, sent by U.S. mail, telefax, or e-mail, that is clear as to what you want and the reason. If a piece of legislation is the subject of your communication, it is helpful to include the bill number.

E.g., You might write:

"I urge you to oppose S.B. 230, which proposes to make roses the national flower of Illinois. I oppose the bill because I prefer lilacs that are found throughout Illinois."

Threats and insulting language are not effective.

Many citizens find telephone calls, e-mails, or faxes to be effective. Telephone numbers and websites where you can find e-mail addresses are listed above for federal and state representatives and for many county officials.

Communications, including e-mail and letters sent by telefax or by mail to the President of the United States should be sent to THE PRESIDENT without inclusion of the office holder's name. Letters should begin: MR. PRESIDENT:

Communications, including e-mail and letters sent to other office holders should be sent to THE HONORABLE <name> with the office itself as the second line of the address (e.g. U.S. Senator, Governor of Illinois). Letters should begin: DEAR (SENATOR, GOVERNOR, etc.)

JACKSON COUNTY CITIZEN INFORMATION

MONITORING LEGISLATION

You may monitor federal legislation through this website:

www.thomas.loc.gov

You may monitor state legislation through this website:

www.ilga.gov

You may also locate public acts through those same websites.