

# **JACKSON COUNTY**

## **Elected and appointed officials**

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## 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: Degognia (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

### **Donald J. Trump**

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

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/president-trump>

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

Term expires: Jan. 2021

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)**

711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510  
(202) 224-2152; Fax (202) 228-0400

[www.durbin.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact](http://www.durbin.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact)

Use web address to e-mail

Term expires: Jan. 2021

Local Office:

250 W Cherry Room 115D  
Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 351-1122

FAX: (618) 351-1124

### **Tammy Duckworth ( Democrat)**

SD-G12 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510

(202) 224-2854; Fax: (202) 228-0618

[www.duckworth.senate.gov/?p=contact](http://www.duckworth.senate.gov/?p=contact)

Term expires: Jan. 2023

Local Office:

230 S Dearborn St Suite 3900  
Chicago, IL 60604

(312) 886-3506

## U. S. House of Representatives

One representative is elected from each of 18 Congressional Districts in Illinois. Jackson County is located the 12th Congressional District. Congressional Districts are adjusted every 10 years following the US Census. To see the current district map go to

<http://elections.il.gov/votinginformation/2011congressionaldistricts.aspx>

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](http://www.vote-smart.org) or to [www.elections.state.il.us](http://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.

### **Mike Bost (12) Republican**

1440 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

(202) 225-5661; Fax: (202) 225-0285

[www.bost.house.gov](http://www.bost.house.gov)

Use web address to e-mail

Term expires: Jan. 2019

Local:

300 E Main, Suite 4  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 457-5787

# State Officials

## GOVERNOR

Bruce Rauner ( Republican)  
207 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706  
(217) 782-0244

Term expires: Jan. 2019  
Term: 4 years.  
[www.illinois.gov/gov](http://www.illinois.gov/gov)

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Evelyn Sanguinetti ( Republican)  
214 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706  
(217) 558-3085

Term expires: Jan. 2019  
Term: 4 years  
[www.illinois.gov/litgov](http://www.illinois.gov/litgov)

## SECRETARY OF STATE

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

Term expires: Jan. 2019  
Term: 4 years  
[www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

Lisa Madigan (Democrat)  
500 S. Second St.  
Springfield, IL 62706  
(217) 782-1090  
Local office: 1001 E Main St, Carbondale (618) 529-6400

Term expires: Jan. 2019  
Term: 4 years  
[www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov](http://www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov)

## TREASURER

Michael Frerichs (Democrat)  
219 Statehouse Capital Building  
Springfield, IL 62706  
(217) 782-2211

Term expires: Jan. 2019  
Term: 4 years  
[www.state.il.us/treas](http://www.state.il.us/treas)

## COMPTROLLER

Leslie Geissler Munger ( Republican)  
201 State Capitol  
Springfield, IL 62706-0001  
(217) 782-6000

Term expires: Jan. 2019  
Term: 2 years  
[www.ioc.state.il.us](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.ilga.gov)

### Illinois Senate

There are 59 Senate Districts with one senator elected in each district. Jackson County is now in the **58th** and **59th** Senatorial District. Illinois Senate District boundaries are adjusted every 10 years following a US Census. To see district boundaries go to <http://elections.il.gov/votinginformation/2011senatedistricts.aspx>

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](http://www.vote-smart.org) or to [www.elections.state.il.us](http://www.elections.state.il.us)

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

**Paul Schimpf (58)** (Republican)  
105D State House  
Springfield, IL 62706  
(217) 782-8137

Term expires: Jan 2019  
342 North Street, Suite C  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-1100

**Dale Fowler (59) Republican**  
M103-F Capitol Building  
Springfield, IL 62706  
(217) 782-5509

Term expires: Jan 2019  
2 North Vine, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, IL 62948  
(618) 294-8951  
FAX: (618) 294-8950



## Illinois House of Representatives

There are 118 House Districts with one representative elected in each district. Jackson County is now in the **115<sup>th</sup>** and **118<sup>th</sup>** Representative District. Illinois House District boundaries are adjusted every 10 years following a US Census. To see district boundaries go to <http://elections.il.gov/votinginformation/2011representativedistricts.aspx>

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](http://www.vote-smart.org) or to [www.elections.state.il.us](http://www.elections.state.il.us)

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

**Terri Bryant (115)** (Republican)

207 N Stratton Bldg  
Springfield, IL 62706  
(217) 782-0387  
Fax: (217) 557-7213

Term expires: Jan. 2019  
342 North Street, Suite C  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 529-3866

**Brandon Phelps (118)** (Democrat)

200-9S Stratton Bldg  
Springfield, IL 62706  
(217) 782-5131  
Fax: (217) 557-0521

Term expires: Jan. 2019  
607 S Commercial St, Suite B  
Harrisburg, IL 62946  
(618) 253-4189  
Fax: (618) 253-3136

# Jackson County Government

County Court House  
1001 Walnut St.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
Website: [www.jacksoncounty-il.gov/](http://www.jacksoncounty-il.gov/)

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: Dec. 2018  
(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: Dec. 2016  
(618) 687-2352  
Private practice office: 628 N. 14<sup>th</sup> 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

Sharon Harris-Johnson (Democrat) Term expires: Dec. 2018  
(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.

### CHIEF COUNTY ASSESSMENT OFFICER

Maureen Berkowitz (Democrat) Term expires: Dec. 2018  
20 S. 10th St. , Craine Annex  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-7220

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 change in the local newspaper; maintains records of properties exempt from property taxes; maintains and updates the county cadastral maps; administers the county's subdivision ordinance; and maintains the Parcel Identification Numbering system; and other duties.

### **REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Offers educational services and support to area teachers, administrators, support staff, parents, and community members in Jackson and Perry Counties. They advocate and promote educational opportunities in order to strengthen the regional learning community for all students and lifelong learners.

Donna Boros (Democrat) Term expires: Dec. 2018  
Regional Superintendent of Schools, Region #30, Perry, Jackson, Union, Pulaski and Alexander  
Counties  
(618) 687-7290  
Fax: (618) 687-7296  
Website: [www.roe30.k12.il.us/](http://www.roe30.k12.il.us/)

### **STATE'S ATTORNEY**

Michael Carr (Democrat) Term expires: Dec. 2016  
(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: Dec. 2016  
(618) 687-7300

Maintains records for the courts; collects fines.

### **SHERIFF**

Robert Burns (Democrat) Term expires: Dec. 2018  
(618) 684-4215  
1001 Mulberry St. (Jail)  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-2177 Emergencies call: 911

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

## **JUDGES**

William Schwartz, Circuit Judge, Presiding judge	Term expires: 2022
Charles Grace, Circuit judge	Term expires: 2022
Ralph Bloodworth, III, Associate judge	Term expires: 2019
Kimberly Dahlen, Associate judge	Term expires: 2019
Christy Solverson, Associate judge	Term expires: 2019

Judges decide cases and have other responsibilities. Circuit judges are elected by the public for 6 year terms. Associate judges are appointed for 4 year terms by the circuit judges of the circuit. Jackson County is part of the First Judicial Circuit. During elections, information on the choices for judges in the First Judicial Circuit can be found at [isba.org](http://isba.org).

## **Jackson County Appointed Officials**

### **AMBULANCE DIRECTOR**

Derek Misener  
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**

Tammy Ehlers, Board Coordinator/ FOIA Officer 16 S 10 <sup>th</sup> St Murphysboro, IL 62966 (618) 684-4907	Wenona Whitfield (Democrat) Jessica Doerr-Bedar (Republican) Allen Karnes (Democrat)
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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 not affiliated with that same party.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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 and bridges (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**

Margaret Degen  
22 So 10<sup>th</sup> St, Craine Annex  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(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**

Edward Tolbert  
215 North 14<sup>th</sup> 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  
1001 Walnut St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-3137

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

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Miriam Link-Mullison, Administrator  
415 Health Dept Rd, Hwy 13 Midway between Carbondale and Murphysboro  
P.O. Box 307  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-3143  
Website: [www.jchdonline.org](http://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.

### JACKSON COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

The Jackson County Mass Transit District was established to provide general public transportation services for county residents. Anyone is eligible to ride on the district's bus system.

Administrative Office: 608 East College, Carbondale  
Office number: (618) 351-1836 FAX number: (618) 457-0171  
Hours: 7am – 6pm ( Monday –Friday)  
Managing Director: David Penny

Dispatch number ( Carbondale) – 549-0304  
Dispatch number ( Outside Carbondale) – (866) 884-7433

### COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

#### County Ambulance Service

Derek Misener, Coordinator  
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

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](http://www.jc911.org)

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

## 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) Considers the budgets and makes appropriations for the county elected officials' offices, the judicial system, and county general
- 2) Authorizes the payment of bills of the county offices and departments
- 3) Enacts the property tax levy ordinance for the taxes it controls
- 4) Builds and maintains roads and bridges
- 5) Supervises county ambulance services
- 6) Appoints members to county commissions, water districts, and special districts
- 7) Passes legislative ordinances affecting country policies and practices

**Staff:** Denise Light, Secretary (618) 687-7240

Michelle Tweedy, Accounting Coordinator ( 618) 687-7241

Renee Schwartz, Committee Coordinator (618) 687-7245

### Members:

Dist. 1	Jose Mendoza	(R)	(618) 924-0701	Term expires: Nov. 2020
Dist. 1	Orval Rowe	(R)	(618) 534-9028	Term expires: Nov. 2018
Dist. 2	Andrew Erbes	(R)	(618) 687-2583	Term expires: Nov. 2018
Dist. 2	Dan Bost	(R)	(618) 687-2358	Term expires: Nov. 2020
Dist. 3	Emily Burke	(R)	(618) 924-4218	Term expires: Nov. 2018
Dist. 3	Steven Bost	(R)	(618) 203-4638	Term expires: Nov. 2020
Dist. 4	Tamiko Mueller	(D)	(618) 527-4663	Term expires: Nov. 2020
Dist. 4	Cheryl Endres	(D)	(618) 687-4077	Term expires: Nov. 2018
Dist. 5	Julie Peterson	(D)	(618) 687-4408	Term expires: Nov. 2020
Dist. 5	John S. Rendleman	(D)	(618) 529-3056	Term expires: Nov. 2018
Dist. 6	Scott Comparato	(D)	(618)	Term expires: Nov. 2018
Dist. 6	Elizabeth Hunter	(D)	(618) 521-3152	Term expires: Nov. 2020
Dist. 7	Milton Maxwell	(D)	(618) 549-8517	Term expires: Nov. 2018
Dist. 7	Keith Larkin	(D)	(618) 559-6706	Term expires: Nov. 2020

Officers: Chairman – John S. Rendleman Vice-Chairman– Orval Rowe

**Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 6:00 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 7 standing committees of the Jackson County Board chaired by the following board members:

**Executive: Chair – John Rendleman**

Meets 1st Thurs - 5:00pm, County Board Office

**Finance& Administration: Chair – Liz Hunter**

Meets 2nd Mon – 5:00pm, County Board Office

**Real Property: Chair – Julie Peterson**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues – 5:00pm, County Board Office

**Legislative & Public Safety: Chair – Keith Larkin**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – 4:30pm

**County Board**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday– 6:00pm, County Highway Office

**Health Insurance task force** ( Larkin, Hunter, S. Bost)

Meets as scheduled

**Human Resources** ( S Bost, Erbes, Rendleman)

Meets as scheduled

Confirm all meetings by calling the County Board office or checking the calendar on the county website.

For more information about the Jackson County Government go to: [www.jacksoncounty.il.gov](http://www.jacksoncounty.il.gov)



## TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

Jackson County operates under the township form of county government. Townships are independent unit 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.

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 into its present structure. 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.

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.

It is the responsibility of township government to levy taxes, build and repair roads and bridges, dispense emergency general assistance, and complete township assessment.

(There are three multi township assessment districts. ) Some townships provide fire protection services. Townships are financed by property taxes, motor fuel taxes, and general revenue sharing funds.

<b>TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>TELEPHONE</b>
Bradley	Karla Rathert	(618) 426-3861
Carbondale	Karen Hartlieb	(618) 457-3366
Degonia	Herbert Korando	(618) 763-5562
DeSoto	Lola Jones	(618) 867-2483
Elk	Carla Bigam	(618) 568-1266
Fountain Bluff	Kenneth Jarrett	(618) 763-4461
Grand Tower	Jack Knupp	(618) 565-2227
Kinkaid	Robert Kranawetter	(618) 763-5514
Levan	Daniel Jarrett	(618) 687-2190
Makanda	Sara Lipe	(618) 351-8161
Murphysboro	Sue Givens	(618) 684-6711
Ora	Beverly Bates	(618) 426-3045
Pomona	Ralph Wilmouth	(618) 549-2669
Sand Ridge	Nancy Fager	(618) 565-2414
Somerset	Cheryl Graff	(618) 684-5842
Vergennes	Janet Garner	(618) 352-8702

For a listing of all township assessors' offices, go to <http://www.jacksoncounty-il.gov/index.php/township-assessors>

## CARBONDALE TOWNSHIP

Primary functions include property assessment for tax purposes; maintenance of township roads and bridges; provision of fire protection and first-responder services for township residents outside of C'dale city limits; and provision of Illinois mandated general assistance.

All elected officials serve four year terms  
Terms of office for all elected officials expire - May 2017

Regular township meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 4:00 at the Township Hall, 217 E Main St. Carbondale, IL email: [cindi@carbondaletownship.org](mailto:cindi@carbondaletownship.org)

Supervisor Karen Twitty-Hartlieb  
Twp Office- 217 E. Main St  
Office: ( 618) 457-3366  
Email: [kth@carbondaletownship.org](mailto:kth@carbondaletownship.org)

Charles Leming, Clerk  
Office: (618) 457-3366  
Email: [Leming608@gmail.com](mailto:Leming608@gmail.com)

Assessor – Andrew Kagy  
Office: (618) 457-2723  
Email: [kagy@carbondaletownship.org](mailto:kagy@carbondaletownship.org)

Twp Hwy Commissioner- Bradley Lam  
Office: 1001 North Michaels St, C'dale  
(618) 529-2959  
Email: [Blam6@hotmail.com](mailto:Blam6@hotmail.com)

Trustees:  
Gwen Nickel-Reinhart- 549-6607  
2389 S Illinois Ave, Carbondale, IL

Susan Metcalf-303-2413  
1003 W Cherry Carbondale, IL

Cleveland Matthews-529-2719  
520 E Chestnut Carbondale, IL

Susie Tolliver – 203-6052  
525 N Allyn Carbondale, IL

## MURPHYSBORO TOWNSHIP

Primary functions include property assessment for tax purposes; maintenance of township roads and bridges; and provision of Illinois mandated general assistance.

The township also operates the Davis-McCann Center for rental to groups.

All elected officials serve four year terms

Terms of office for all elected officials expire - May 2017

Township meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1:00pm at the township office.

Township Office: 1410 Walnut St, Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-6711 FAX- (618) 565-2327  
township@murphysboro.com

Supervisor: Sue Givens  
4856 Chautauqua  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-6711

Assessor: Ronald Reeder  
1837 Walnut St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-4051

Town Clerk: Ron Burdick  
12 Buena Vista Dr  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-3963

Road Commissioner: Jason Rains  
1917 Division St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2872

Trustees: Donald Siefert  
223 N 18<sup>th</sup> St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-4055

Jim Stewart  
151 W New Hill Dr  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
618-201-5687

Andrew Erbes  
411 South 23<sup>rd</sup> St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2583

Harold Korando  
1905 Hortense St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
618) 687-1602

## SOMERSET TOWNSHIP

Primary functions include property assessment for tax purposes; maintenance of township roads and bridges; and provision of Illinois mandated general assistance.

All elected officials serve four year terms  
Terms of office for all elected officials expire – May 2017

Township Office: 33 Palisch Rd, Murphysboro, IL ; PO Box 907, Murphysboro, IL  
Township meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the township office.  
Email: somersettownship [1872@gmail.com](mailto:1872@gmail.com) (618-684-5842)

Township Supervisor: Cheryl Graff 684-5842  
138 Johnson Rd, Murphysboro, IL 62966

Township Clerk: Patty Grammer 924-7899  
860 Dallas Rd, Murphysboro, IL 62966

Highway Commissioner: Randall Bryant 684-3142  
485 Ava Rd, Murphysboro, IL 62966

Township Assessor: Cynthia Shadowens 687-2142  
1601 Ava Rd, Murphysboro, IL 62966

### Trustees:

Tony Mileur 534-5758 Ben Arbeider 967-3724  
240 Ava Rd, Murphysboro, IL 817 Abeider Rd, Murphysboro, IL

Frank Puttman 684-4065 Dodie Stratton 967-7926  
1114 Steven Ln, Murphysboro, IL 2188 Ava Rd, Murphysboro, IL

## MAKANDA TOWNSHIP

Regular Township meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Fire Station #1, 5420 Old US Hwy 51.

All elected officials serve four year terms

Terms of office for all elected officials (except assessor) expire – May 2017

Office: 2767 Springer Ridge Rd, Carbondale, IL 62902 ; (618)351-8161

Email: [sblipe@hotmail.com](mailto:sblipe@hotmail.com)

Sara Lipe, Supervisor  
2767 Springer Ridge Rd.  
Carbondale, IL 62902  
Home: (618) 351-8161  
[sblipe@hotmail.com](mailto:sblipe@hotmail.com)

Mildred Weatherford, Clerk  
612 S. Poplar Camp Rd  
Makanda, IL 62958  
Home: (618) 549-6842

John Dickson, Assessor  
143 Dickson Rd.  
Makanda, IL 62958  
Home: (618) 457-4871  
( Term ends Dec 31, 2017 )

Danny Williams, Highway Commissioner  
877 S. Poplar Camp Rd.  
Makanda, IL 62958  
Home: (618)549-0969

Trustees:  
Winona Bilderback  
420 Rowan Rd.  
Makanda, IL 62958  
(618) 549-7252

Ronald Bryant  
329 Cedar Creek Ln  
Makanda, IL 62958  
(618)924-0817

Gary Heern  
492 Springer Ridge Rd.  
Carbondale, IL 62902  
(618) 549-4789

Donna Throgmorton  
9 Throgmorton Rd  
Makanda, IL 62958  
(618) 457-0199

## 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.explorecarbondale.com](http://www.explorecarbondale.com)

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 six 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: 7:00 pm, the first and third Tuesdays of the month or as established annually by council action. Meetings are posted online on the city's web site.  
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

**Mike Henry**  
(618) 713-2369  
(618) 457-3229  
[mhenry@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:mhenry@ci.carbondale.il.us)

Term expires: 2019  
Term: 4 years

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Adam Loos**  
(618) 529-3890  
[aloosw@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:aloosw@ci.carbondale.il.us)

Term: 4 years; expires 2019

**Navreet Kang**  
(618) 549-1755  
[nkang@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:nkang@ci.carbondale.il.us)

Term 4 years; expires 2019

**Tom Grant**  
(618) 559-7595  
[tgrant@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:tgrant@ci.carbondale.il.us)

Term: expires April 2019

**Jessica Bradshaw**  
(618)457-3229  
[jbrdshaw@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:jbrdshaw@ci.carbondale.il.us)

Term: 4 years, expires 2017

**Carolin Harvey**  
(618) 529-1593  
[charvey@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:charvey@ci.carbondale.il.us)

Term: 4 years; expires 2017

**Lee Fronabarger**  
(618) 457-8228  
[lfronabarger@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:lfronabarger@ci.carbondale.il.us)

Term: 4 years; expires 2017

**CITY MANAGER**

Appointed ( by council). Hired on contractual basis.

**CITY CLERK**

Appointed ( by city manager). Answers to the City Manager.

Jennifer Sorrell (618) 457-3280 E-mail: [jsorrell@ci.carbondale.il.us](mailto:jsorrell@ci.carbondale.il.us)

## City of Murphysboro

**Administration Building**  
1101 Walnut St.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-4961  
[www.murphysboro.com](http://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:** 202 N 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Murphysboro

### **MAYOR: term of 4 years**

**Will Stephens**  
1101 Walnut  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-4961 (office)

Term expires: 2017

### **CITY CLERK: term of 4 years**

**Joyce Cottonaro**  
2125 Division St.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-3522 / (618) 684-4961 (office)

Term expires: 2017

### **ALDERMEN: term of 4 years**

Ward 1: **Barbara Hughes**  
450 W 15<sup>th</sup> St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2175  
Term expires: 2019

**Tom Ridings**  
547 S 17<sup>th</sup> St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 534-7670  
Term expires: 2017

Ward 2: **Gloria Campos**  
1101 N. 16<sup>th</sup> St.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 713-0709  
Term expires: 2019

**Dan Bratton**  
12 Suburban Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2460  
Term expires: 2017



Ward 3: Russell Brown  
424 Walnut St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-8106  
Term expires: 2019

Mark Costa  
913 Chestnut  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-3999  
Term expires: 2017

Ward 4: John Erbes  
411 South 23<sup>rd</sup> St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2583  
Term expires: 2019

Gary McComb  
2122 Lindell Ave  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 319-3447  
Term expires: 2017

Ward 5: Herby Voss  
2103 Logan  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 525-1136  
Term expires: 2019

Bill Pierson  
1829 Elm St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-3823  
Term expires: 2017

## **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 and have no relationship to city or township 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. The Carbondale High School and 4 feeder schools operate as a dual district. Murphysboro schools operate as a unit district. 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, administrating 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 Community High School District 165

Provides high school education ( 9-12<sup>th</sup> grades) for feeder elementary school districts- Carbondale #95, Giant City #130, Unity Point #160 and DeSoto #86.

Superintendent: **Stephen Murphy**

District Office: 330 S. Giant City Rd.

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 457-4722

Website: [www.cchs.165.jackson.k12.il.us](http://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: **Brian Woodard**

58 Concordia Dr

Carbondale, IL 62903

(618) 457-8776

Term expires: 2017

Vice Pres.: **Linda Flowers**

1 Pine Lake Dr

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 457-4726

Term expires: 2019

Secretary: **Kathy Booziotis**

811 S Liberty Lane

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 549-7207

Term expires: 2017

**Brad Cole**

205 S Hewitt

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 457-4268

Term expires: 2019

**Dr Francis Tsung**

487 Egret Lake Rd

Carbondale, IL 62903

(618) 351-0205

Term expires: 2017

**Dr Joe Hudgins**

1260 W Lake Road

Murphysboro, IL 62966

(618) 457-1027

Term expires: 2017

**Vicki King**

1037 Villa Ct

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 351-8301

Term expires: 2019

## Carbondale Elementary District 95

Pre-K through 8th grade.

Schools: Thomas, Lewis, Parrish, Carbondale Middle School

Superintendent: **Mike Shimsak**

District Office: 925 S. Giant City Rd.

Carbondale, IL

(618) 457-3591

Website: <http://www.ces95.org/>

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: **John Major**

503 S Emerald

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 457-5094

Term Expires: 2019

Secretary: **Erinn Murphy**

24 Pinewood Dr

Carbondale, IL 62901

emurphy@ces95.org

Term expires: 2019

Vice President: **Roger Pfister**

144 Fairway Vista Rd.

Murphysboro, IL 62966

(618) 684-6622

Term expires: 2017

**Robert Gallegley**

807 N Almond

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) unavailable

Term expires: 2017

**Michelle Connet**

705 S Taylor

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 457 2185

Term expires: 2019

**David Biggs**

82 E. New Thompson Lake

Carbondale, IL 62901

(618) 457-8460

Term expires: 2017

**Edward Benyas**

1855 Pleasant Woods Circle

Carbondale, IL 62902

Phone: 457-8362

Term expires: 2017

## Giant City School District # 130

Grades: K-8  
Superintendent: Sharon Mayes  
1062 Boskydell Rd.  
Carbondale IL 62901  
(618) 457-5391 (618) 895-4242  
Website: [www2.giants.jacksn.k12.il.us](http://www2.giants.jacksn.k12.il.us)

**President: Dennis Poshard**

507 Phillips Rd.  
Carbondale IL 62901  
(618) 549-8484  
Term expires: 2017

**Vice-Pres: Barry Ancell**

186 Sheilia Ray Lane  
Carbondale, IL 62902  
(618) 457-0537  
Term Expires: 2019

**Mike Kelley**

3807 Giant City Rd.  
Carbondale IL 62901  
(618) 549-2263  
Term expires: 2019

**Kate Fakhoury**

138 Holiday Trace Dr  
Carbondale IL 62902  
(618) 529-1451  
Term expires: 2017

**Lori Martin - Secretary**

210 Spring Arbor Dr  
Carbondale, IL 62902  
(618) 529-3355  
Term expires: 2019

**Kelly Sanders**

123 S County Line Rd  
Carbondale, IL 62902  
(618) 351-9936  
Term expires: 2017

**Tim Stuart**

84 Spring Arbor Dr  
Carbondale, IL 62902  
(618) 319-1490  
Term expires: 2019

## Unity Point School District # 140

Grades: Pre K-8  
Superintendent: Lori James Gross  
4033 S. Illinois Ave.  
Carbondale IL 62903  
(618) 529-4151  
FAX: (618) 529-4154  
Web page: [www.up140.org](http://www.up140.org)

Board: Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each Month at 6 pm  
Call the district office to confirm meetings.

Andy Morgan ,President  
128 High Forest Dr  
Carbondale, IL  
(618) 549-3776  
Term Expires: 2017

Suzanne Sanders, Vice President  
1800 Country Club Rd  
Carbondale IL  
(618) 351-0708  
Term Expires: 2017

Tom Upton  
196 Fawn Trail  
Makanda, IL  
(618)457-7290  
Term Expires: 2017

D.W. Presley, Secretary  
160 High Forest Dr  
Carbondale, IL  
(618)924-2194  
Term Expires: 2019

Rick Asaturian  
3923 Boskeydell Rd  
Carbondale, IL  
(618) 457-4548  
Term Expires: 2017

Bill Laser, Treasurer  
132 Private Rd.  
Makanda, IL  
(618) 549-7027

Non-Voting Member-no term of office

Eric Young  
245 Potters Rd  
Makanda, IL  
(618)527-0492  
Term Expires: 2019

Craig Davis  
184 Magnolia Lane  
Carbondale, IL  
(618) 559-5899  
Term expires: 2019

## DeSoto Community Consolidated School District # 86

Grades: K-8

Superintendent: Nathaniel Wilson

Office: 311 Hurst Rd

De Soto, IL 62924

(618) 867-2317

web site: desoto86.org

Secretary/ Treasurer: Erin Tarrants

Schools: De Soto Elementary School, SIU Prekindergarden Classroom

Board meets at 7:00pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month in the Desoto School music room. Board members are elected for 4 yr terms

School board members:

President: Tammy Shults,  
303 Woodriver, DeSoto, IL 62924  
Term expires: 2017

Vice President: Paul Copeland  
PO Box 11, DeSoto, IL 62924  
Term expires: 2017

Matt Shackleton  
204 N Reed Station Rd, DeSoto 62924  
Term expires: 2017

Jessica Piper  
PO Box 655, DeSoto, IL 62924  
Term expires: 2019

Rick Galloway  
503 E Jackson, DeSoto, IL 62924  
Term expires: 2019

Matt Bowlby  
257 Bowlby Rd, DeSoto, IL 62924  
Term expires: 2019

Tommie Smith  
303 Woodriver, DeSoto, IL 62924  
Term expires: 2017

## Murphysboro Community Unit School District # 186

Grades: K-12

Superintendent: Christopher Grode

Unit Office: 593 Ava Rd

Murphysboro, IL 62901

(618) 684-3781

[www.mboro.jacksn.k12.il.us](http://www.mboro.jacksn.k12.il.us)

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

Board members- elected for a term of 4 years

President: Michael Cripps

9775 Hwy. 149

Murphysboro, IL 62966

(618) 687-3203

Term expires: 2017

Steve McBride

10010 Old Hwy 13

Murphysboro, IL 62966

(618) 687-4476

Term expires: 2017

Cathy Layne

766 Lee Lane

Murphysboro, IL 62966

(618) 521-1108

Term expires: 2017

Rick Runge

1515 Gartside

Murphysboro, IL 62966

(618) 687-4349

Term expires: 2019

Vice-Pres: Kristi Miller

9139 Hwy 149

Murphysboro, IL 62966

(618) 687-3375

Term expires: 2019

Kevin Beavers

378 Springdale Rd

Murphysboro, IL 62966

(618) 521-4220

Term Expires: 2019

John Corley

120 Hanover Lane

Murphysboro, IL 62966

(618) 684-6762

Term expires: 2019



## Public Libraries

### CARBONDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

405 W. Main St.  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 457-0354 Fax: (618) 457-0353 email: libraryboard@carbondale.lib.il.us  
Website: [www.carbondale.lib.il.us](http://www.carbondale.lib.il.us)  
Director: Diana Brawley Sussman

Hours: 9:00 am- 8:00 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. Terms of appointment are for three year terms expiring June 30.

President: Philip Brown  
1101 W Walkup  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 303-8051  
Term expires: 2016

Vice President: Barbara Levine  
8 Pinewood Dr  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 549-1908  
Term expires: 2017

Harriet Simon  
805 Glenview  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 549-5963  
Term expires: 2017

Lindsey Kleimschmidt  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618)  
Term expires: 2018

Treasurer: Julian Pei  
1010 W. Kenicott  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 549-5963  
Term expires: 2018

Don Prosser  
111 S. Tower Rd.  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 549-6535  
Term expires: 2018

Sharifa Stewart  
302 S Poplar St  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 490-1338  
Term expires: 2016

Roland Person  
1002 Emerald Lane  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 457-8658  
Term expires: 2017

Secretary: Susan Tulis  
109 S Maple St  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 549-4522  
Term expires: 2016

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

## SALLIE LOGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Hours: 10:00 am-7:00 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, expiring June 30, by Murphysboro Mayor

President: Vic Harris  
brysoduke@hotmail.com  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
Term expires: 2018

Vice President: Robert Arnold  
rbtarna@yahoo.com  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
Term expires: 2018

Secretary-Treasurer: Sara Faye Marten  
smarten13@frontier.com  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
Term expires: 2017

William Center  
captbilly@frontier.com  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
Term expires: 2017

Murphysboro, IL 62966  
Term expires: 2017

Jeanne Goforth  
none  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
Term expires: 2016

Debra Tindall  
tindalld@urbanretail.com  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
Term expires: 2017

Debbie Martin  
dmartinsu@gmail.com  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
Term expires: 2016

Shirley Krienert  
sjkrienert72@gmail.com  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
Term Expires: 2016

Meetings: 1st Thursday, 6:00 pm, at the library. Check the website for meeting times.  
Director: Loretta Broomfield  
618-684-3271

## CARBONDALE PARK DISTRICT

PO Box 1326  
Carbondale, IL 62903-1326  
(618) 529-4147  
Website: [www.cpkd.org](http://www.cpkd.org)

**Established:** 1940

**Boundaries:** City of Carbondale plus some adjacent areas.

**Purpose:** To enhance the quality of community life by providing outstanding recreational and leisure opportunities.

**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.

The administrative office is now located within Hickory Lodge, 1115 W Sycamore.

**Board:** five members, elected to four year terms.

President: Harvey Welch  
1003 W. Sycamore  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 529-1661  
Term expires: 2017

Lawrence Erickson (Vice-Pres)  
2913 Kent Dr  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 549-6032  
Term expires: 2019

### Commissioners

Zenetta McDaniel Coleman  
508 E Fisher  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618)  
Term Expires: 2019

Kathryn Hollister  
602 Skyline Dr  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 549-6529  
Term Expires: 2017

Carl Flowers ( Tres.)  
1703 W. Taylor Dr.  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 457-4726  
Term expires: 2017

Executive Director: Kathy Renfro

Meetings: 2nd and 5th Monday, Carbondale Civic Center at 6:00pm  
200 S. Illinois Ave. ,Carbondale, IL 62901

## MURPHYSBORO PARK DISTRICT

Riverside Park Recreation Center  
710 South 24th St. , PO Box 795  
Murphysboro IL 62966  
(618) 684-3333  
<http://www.murphysboropark.com/>

**Established:** 1930s

**Purpose:** to provide recreational and leisure time activities to our community and the surrounding area

**Boundaries:** City of Murphysboro

**Board:** five members elected for six-year terms.

President: Don Brewer  
25 Westwood Ln.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-6864  
Term expires: 2021

Vice President: Bill Center  
1920 Division  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-6090  
Term expires: 2017

Secretary/Treasurer: P. Michael Jones  
415 N. 9<sup>th</sup>  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-4388  
Term expires: 2019

Stephen Williams  
221 S 20<sup>th</sup> St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-4913  
Term expires: 2019

Scott Hale  
1928 Herbert  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-3956  
Term expires: 2021

Director: Lance Russell

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

## 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 or fees in support of that service. Special districts provide services by taxing only the residents of a specific geographical region, are governed by boards appointed from among residents of that area by the county board, and provide services that are primarily beneficial to those residing in the district.

There are multiple special districts in Jackson County. No one lives in all districts; how many you are in depends on where you live.

Special districts in Jackson County include the following:

<b>Carbondale Mosquito Abatement District</b>	<b>457-8976</b>
<b>Southern Illinois Airport Authority</b>	<b>529-1721</b>
<b>Jackson County Extension Service District</b>	<b>687-1727</b>
<b>Jackson/Union Regional Port District</b>	<b>684-2673</b>
<b>Kinkaid-Reed Conservancy District</b>	<b>687-1722</b>
<b>Jackson County Mass Transit District</b>	<b>351-1836</b>

<b>Murphysboro, Pomona, Somerset Fire Protection District</b>	<b>687-1344</b>
<b>Tower Rock Fire District</b>	<b>565-2070</b>
<b>DeSoto Township Fire District</b>	<b>867-2019</b>

<b>Grand Tower Levee and Drainage District</b>	<b>967-3629</b>
<b>Degognia/ Fountain Bluff Levee and Drainage District</b>	<b>763-4732</b>

<b>Alto Pass Water District</b>	
<b>Blairsville Water District</b>	<b>987-2075</b>
<b>Buncombe Water District</b>	<b>549-0432</b>
<b>Devil's Kitchen Water District</b>	<b>549-5141</b>
<b>Elverado Water District</b>	<b>542-5411</b>
<b>Gorham Sanitary District</b>	<b>565-2417</b>
<b>Lakeside Water District</b>	<b>457-5547</b>
<b>Murdale Water District</b>	<b>684-8039</b>
<b>Oraville Water District</b>	<b>684-2170</b>
<b>South Highway Water District</b>	<b>529-5313</b>

More information concerning certain districts follows.

### **JACKSON/UNION REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY DISTRICT**

Authorized by statute 70 ILCS 1820/3

District: Jackson and Union Counties

Purpose: Provide a public depot for receiving goods or persons for transport by water, land or air.

Contact: 684-2673

Chairman: Sam Goldman      Vice Chair: Ken Buzbee

## **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 Carbondale Township

President: Milton Maxwell, (618) 549-8517

Judith McNeil, treasurer

William Massey      Mark Waicukauski

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

## **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

Established: By referendum in 1946

Purpose: To promote industrial development by the establishment of an airport

Boundaries: Carbondale, Murphysboro townships and part of DeSoto Township

Board: Five members, 3 appointed by the County Board, 1 by the city of Carbondale and 1 by the city of Murphysboro for a term of 5 years. All of whom must reside within the airport district and must not be serving on an another local government board.

District Manager: Greg Shafer (618) 529-1721

## **WATER DISTRICTS**

Established under the authority of statue – 70 ILCS 3705/ .01 et. Seq.

Board members are appointed by the County Chairman with the consent of the board for terms of 5 years; appointments made the first Monday in May.

Duties of board: Maintain/ operate water and/or sewer facilities, issue revenue bonds, control affairs of the district, levy taxes, has power of eminent domain.

## **KINKAID-REED'S CREEK LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

Established by referendum in 1962

Boundary: All Jackson County except the townships of Carbondale, Makanda and Pomona .

Purpose: Create a viable water and recreational source for area residents

Board: Five board members , 3 appointed by the County Chairman with the consent of the board and 2 appointed by the city of Murphysboro, for a term of 5 years.

District Manager –Ryan Gofman 687-1722      Rt 4, Murphysboro, IL 62966

## **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 Elkhart/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) 684-2177

Term expires: Jan. 2018

### Municipal Police

#### Carbondale City Police Department

501 S Washington  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 457-3200 Website: [carbondalepolice.com](http://carbondalepolice.com)  
Chief: Jeff Grubbs ( Interim )

#### Murphysboro City Police Department

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

### University Police

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

## **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: 401 N Glenview  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
(618) 457-3299

Fire Chief: John Michalesko (618) 457-3234

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 4

#### Murphysboro Fire Department

219 N. 10th St.  
Murphysboro IL 62966  
(618) 684-3991

Fire Chief (acting): Steve Swafford

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 6



## VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

### Makanda Township Fire Department

Station 1: 5420 Old US Highway 51  
Carbondale, IL 62903  
(618) 549-0213

Station 2: 5975 Giant City Rd  
Makanda, IL 62958  
(618) 549-0213

Fire Chief: Jim Bilderback  
420 Rowan Rd  
Makanda, IL 62958  
Home: (618) 549-7252

Batt. Chief: Jesse Riechman  
Makanda, IL 62958

### Carbondale Township Fire Department

Fire Station: 1125 E. Park St  
Carbondale, IL 62901-5851  
(618) 549-4621 ( non-emergency ), emergency 911

Fire Chief: Michael Bilderback

There are three full-time paid firefighters plus volunteers

### Murphysboro Pomona Somerset Fire Protection District

Station: 322 S Williams St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-1344 ( non-emergency ), emergency 911  
Fire Chief: Bill Bateman

Other Fire Departments in Jackson County:

Ava Volunteer Fire Department	684-2177
Dowell Volunteer Fire Department	568-1013
Vergennes Fire Department	684-2177
Campell Hill Volunteer Fire Department	426-3012
Elkville Fire Department	684-2177
Gorham Fire Department	684-2177
Tower Rock Fire Protection District	565-2400

## **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 are 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.co.jackson.il.us)

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

#### **GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION**

Grace period registration is an extension of the period of time for a voter to register to vote, or to update their registration information. This extends registration from the normal close of registration up through the 3rd day before the election. This is normally done at the County Clerk's office. The newly registered voter may then also complete early voting.

#### **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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in March

### **General Election**

Even-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](http://www.co.jackson.il.us)

[www.elections.state.il.us](http://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](http://www.co.jackson.il.us)

[www.elections.state.il.us](http://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**

The state of Illinois has instituted a policy of no excuse required absentee voting. The time period begins 40 days prior to election day and ends the day before the election. A voter may apply for an absentee ballot by contacting the Jackson County Clerk by mail or in person.

## **EARLY VOTING**

The period for early voting begins 22 days before the election and ends the Saturday before the election. Early voting is available at the County Courthouse during normal office hours. Other locations may be established throughout the county for early voting, such as Carbondale city hall. Check with the County Clerk for exact schedule and/or locations.

## **HOW TO SELECT CANDIDATES**

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

[www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org)

for positions submitted by candidates.

[www.ilcampaigns.org](http://www.ilcampaigns.org)

for information on campaign finance disclosure.

[www.lwvil.org](http://www.lwvil.org)

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

[www.elections.state.il.us](http://www.elections.state.il.us)

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

## **COMMUNICATING WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

In communicating with public officials, the best means is a short telephone message, e-mail or letter, sent by U.S. mail or telefax, 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 and subject matter.

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: MF 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. )

## **MONITORING LEGISLATION**

You may monitor federal legislation through this website:

[www.thomas.loc.gov](http://www.thomas.loc.gov)

You may monitor state legislation through this website:

[www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov)

You may also locate public acts through those same websites.

