

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2026

I. Call to Order

Jo Daviess County Chairperson LaDon Trost called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was answered as follows: Present – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz and LaDon Trost. Present: 11. Present electronically – Present electronically: Peggy Bastian and Daisha Boehm. 2. Absent – Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, Robert Heuerman and Michael Holt. Absent: 4.

State's Attorney Chris Allendorf was present electronically.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Trost

IV. Invocation & Thought for the Day

The Invocation and Thought for the Day was given by Joseph Heitkamp.

V. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Grizzoffi.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 13. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt. Absent: 4.

A. Minutes Approval

1. County Board minutes from the January 13, 2026, County Board meeting

B. Appointments/Resignations

1. Reappointment of Dan Haffele to serve as a trustee for Apple River Fire Protection District for a term beginning May 1, 2026, and ending April 30, 2029
2. Resignation of Brad Albrecht from the Special Service Area #7 Commission

3. Appointment of Jamie Whitmer to serve as a member of the Jo-Carroll Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) for the remainder of a three-year term commencing on August 1, 2023, and ending July 31, 2026

C. Contracts/Agreements/Petitions

D. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations

E. Reports/Correspondence

1. December 2025 Galena Country Tourism Reports
2. January 2026 Pending State's Attorney Cases
3. January 2026 County Clerk Financial Report

F. Claims

1. Claims approval in the amount of **\$969,636.39** as follows:
 - i. **\$780,260.48** (Regular Claims)
 - ii. **\$27,524.02** (Claims associated w/ LIT's)
 - iii. **\$46,830.24** (Claims associated w/ IFT's)
 - iv. **\$115,021.65** (GGMI Hotel/Motel Tax Reimbursement)

G. Line-Item Transfers

1. FY2026 Line-Item Transfers over \$500.00:
 - i. **\$9,524.00** from 017-48118-702 Professional Service to 017-48118-723 Risk Management Contribution
 - ii. **\$6,970.59** from 088-46182-805 Buildings to 088-46182-702 Professional Service
 - iii. **\$10,447.78** from 066-46181-810 Equipment Purchase to 066-46181-702 Professional Service

End of Consent Agenda

VI. Citizens' Comments

Nicole Winter, 1350 W. Charles Mound Rd., Scales Mound, came before the board requesting that the Village of Scales Mound and Jo Daviess County enter into discussions regarding assistance with an Emergency Access Road to the North side of the village. The Village is requesting the same terms that the County currently has with the City of Galena. The request is being made due to the frequency of trains that come through the village per day that block access to the North side of the village. Winter stated this access road is crucial due to it taking emergency responders at minimum 16 minutes to take an alternate route, especially when a majority of the town lives on that side of the tracks.

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business & Committee Reports

A. Galena Country Tourism FY2026 2nd Quarter Report — Terry Mattson

Terry Mattson presented the Galena Country Tourism FY2026 2nd Quarter Report.

B. Planning Commission/Building Code of Appeals

1. Discussion and possible action to approve a Special Use Permit (Case No 26-01) for Richard & Lois Wubben (13010 W Valley Rd, Galena, IL 61036), owners and Nathan & Ashley Phillips (105 Blackhawk Dr, Galena, IL 61036), petitioners, to permit the construction of a non-agricultural, single-family residence on a two-acre parcel. Property located at TBD N High Ridge Rd, Galena, IL 61036.

A motion to approve a Special Use Permit (Case No 26-01) for Richard & Lois Wubben (13010 W Valley Rd, Galena, IL 61036), owners and Nathan & Ashley Phillips (105 Blackhawk Dr, Galena, IL 61036), petitioners, to permit the construction of a non-agricultural, single-family residence on a two-acre parcel. Property located at TBD N High Ridge Rd, Galena, IL 61036 was made by Michael Dittmar and seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 13. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt. Absent: 4.

C. Development & Planning

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a revised Revolving Loan Application (*Recommendation of the Development & Planning Committee meeting held on January 27, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve a revised Revolving Loan Application was seconded by Michael Dittmar.

Discussion followed regarding the terms of the Revolving Loan Application. At the end of the discussion, Michael Dittmar withdrew his motion.

A motion to refer the revised Revolving Loan Application back to the Development & Planning Committee for further revision was made by Michael Dittmar and seconded by John Creighton.

The motion carried by voice vote.

D. Legislative

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve letters of support for SB 1492 and HB 2382 regarding changes in the code to modernize assessment practice (*Recommendation of the Legislative Committee meeting held on February 5, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve letters of support for SB 1492 and HB 2382 regarding changes in the code to modernize assessment practice was seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by voice vote.

E. Social & Environmental

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve establishing out-of-county airport ride service to Van Galder Bus-Rockford, Rockford Airport, Cedar Rapids Airport, and Quad City-Moline Airport starting at \$200 per trip with a ride-share option for Jo Daviess County Residents (*Recommendation of the Social & Environmental Committee meeting held on January 15, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve establishing out-of-county airport ride service to Van Galder Bus-Rockford, Rockford Airport, Cedar Rapids Airport, and Quad City-Moline Airport starting at \$200 per trip with a ride-share option for Jo Daviess County Residents was seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

F. Executive

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Resolution to Establish an Ad-Hoc Public Safety Integration Committee (*Recommendation of the Executive Committee meeting held on February 2, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to Establish an Ad-Hoc Public Safety Integration Committee was seconded by John Creighton.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 13. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt. Absent: 4.

2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Policy (*Recommendation of the Executive Committee meeting held on February 2, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Policy was seconded by John Creighton.

The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Submission of Agendas & Meeting Materials Policy (*Recommendation of the Executive Committee meeting held on February 2, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve a Submission of Agendas & Meeting Materials Policy was seconded by John Creighton.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded by John Lang.

G. Information & Technology

1. Consideration of a recommendation to award the 2026 Multi-County Orthophotography Project to Aerial Services, Inc in the amount of \$26,796.00 (Jo Daviess County portion) as the lowest responsible bidder to be paid from the GIS Capital Equipment Fund 064-46180-810 (*Recommendation of the Information & Communications Technology Committee meeting held on January 28, 2026*)

A committee motion to award the 2026 Multi-County Orthophotography Project to Aerial Services, Inc in the amount of \$26,796.00 (Jo Daviess County portion) as the lowest responsible bidder to be paid from the GIS Capital Equipment Fund 064-46180-810 was seconded by Steve Endress. The motion carried by voice vote.

2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for freelance graphics design services to develop a County logo to be paid from the Contingency Fund (016) to be reimbursed in FY2027 to the Capital Equipment Fund (048) (*Recommendation of the Information & Communications Technology Committee meeting held on January 28, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for freelance graphics design services to develop a County logo to be paid from the Contingency Fund (016) to be reimbursed in FY2027 to the Capital Equipment Fund (048) was seconded by Steve Endress. The motion carried by voice vote.

H. Public Works

Chairperson Trost brought attention to the board that a correction was needed on a motion adopted during the January 13, 2026 board meeting. The motion adopted at that time stated "to recommend an engineering agreement with Willett Hoffman in the amount of \$27,710.00 to perform a traffic study for a proposed Blackjack Road Realignment project."

A motion to amend the motion previously adopted by striking "\$27,710.00" and inserting "\$28,092.00" was made by John Grizzoffi and seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by voice vote.

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a resolution for the 2026 Annual Spring Weight Posting (*Recommendation of the Public Works Committee meeting held on January 26, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve a resolution for the 2026 Annual Spring Weight Posting was seconded by John Grizzoffi.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 13. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt. Absent: 4.

2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve the adoption of a Mailbox Replacement Policy (*Recommendation of the Public Works Committee meeting held on January 26, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve the adoption of a Mailbox Replacement Policy was seconded by John Grizzoffi.

The motion carried by voice vote.

I. Law & Courts

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve an Ordinance to Amend Title 5, Chapter 9, Section 7 Hazardous Materials Response Team regarding Mutual Aid Agreement negotiations (*Recommendation of the Law & Courts Committee meeting held on February 5, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve an Ordinance to Amend Title 5, Chapter 9, Section 7 Hazardous Materials Response Team regarding Mutual Aid Agreement negotiations was seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 13. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt. Absent: 4.

2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve moving forward with a possible change in Emergency Notification System software; from CodeRED to Motorola's Rave 911, with a change in client from Jo Daviess County Sheriff to EMA Coordinator (*Recommendation of the Law & Courts Committee meeting held on February 5, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve moving forward with a possible change in Emergency Notification System software; from CodeRED to Motorola's Rave 911, with a change in client from Jo Daviess County Sheriff to EMA Coordinator was seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Consideration of a recommendation to approve the FY2026 purchase of two (2) squad cars from Thomas Dodge in the amount of \$82,684.00 (*Recommendation of the Law & Courts Committee meeting held on February 5, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve the FY2026 purchase of two (2) squad cars from Thomas Dodge in the amount of \$82,684.00 was seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by voice vote.

J. Finance

1. The fund balance for the Contingency Fund (016) on December 31, 2025 was **\$686,947.24.**
2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve an Ordinance to Abate Series 2023 General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds for 2025 (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on January 29, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve an Ordinance to Abate Series 2023 General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds for 2025 was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 13. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt. Absent: 4.

3. Consideration of a recommendation to approve an appraisal proposal from Integra Realty Resources-Healthcare & Senior Housing (IRR-HCSH) in the amount of up to \$5,000.00 for PIN #13-000-058-10 (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on January 29, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve an appraisal proposal from Integra Realty Resources-Healthcare & Senior Housing (IRR-HCSH) in the amount of up to \$5,000.00 for PIN #13-000-058-10 was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote with an abstention recorded by Dianne Allendorf.

IX. Other Committees & Boards

Logan Noe gave an update that the Jo-Carroll Solid Waste Agency met in Hanover in January and they are working on updating the County's waste management plan. Once that is updated, they will bring the plan to the board for approval.

X. Closed Session

There was no need for closed session.

XI. Possible Actions as a Result of Closed Session

There was no action as a result of closed session.

XII. Board Member Concerns

There were no board member concerns at this time.

XIII. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

XIV. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by John Lang and seconded by John Schultz.

Chairperson Trost adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday March 10, 2026 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.



Dana Timmerman, County Clerk