

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT & COURTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2026

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson Allendorf called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM on Thursday, February 5, 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, Steve Endress, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Logan Noe, LaDon Trost. Present: 6. Present electronically: 0. Absent – Daisha Boehm. Absent: 1.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026, Law & Courts Committee meeting was made by John Grizzoffi and seconded by Logan Noe. The motion carried by voice vote.

IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

V. Unfinished Business

FY2025/FY2027 Strategic Goals: No review.

EMA Coordinator Michael Willis spoke on the need for an updated Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid Agreement. The previous agreement was approved in 1997 and must be updated to be compliant in both Illinois and Wisconsin. It must also include Lafayette County, Wisconsin, with whom Jo Daviess County partners with in times of crisis. The problem he's facing is that the County Code only allows for "the sheriff and director of the hazardous materials response team may negotiate mutual aid agreements with other counties or political subdivisions of the state, but no such agreement shall be effective until it has been approved by the county board." He is asking for direction from the committee on the best way to move this forward. The committee agrees the first thing is to give the EMA Coordinator the power to negotiate mutual aid agreements. **A motion to recommend an Ordinance to Amend Title 5, Chapter 9, Section 7 Hazardous Materials Response Team regarding Mutual Aid Agreement negotiations was made by Logan Noe and seconded by Steve Endress. The motion carried by voice vote.**

EMA Coordinator Willis addressed the current Emergency Notification System (CodeRED) and the issues we've experienced in the last year. He would like the committee to consider recommending a new system. He's gotten a five-year quote from Motorola for Rave 911 in the amount of \$50,000.00. This system would integrate with our Starcom radio system. Concerns have been expressed over the tendency of Motorola to add expense after contracts have been signed, with the possible reason that the initial quote didn't cover everything that would actually be needed to roll out the system. The initial quote is also in the Sheriff's name, which needs to be changed if we go forward. A reminder that intergovernmental agreements with municipalities would cover approximately 50% of any cost

we have related to an Emergency Notification System. **A motion to recommend 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 made by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by John Grizzoffi. The motion carried by voice vote.**

VI. New Business

A motion to recommend approving the FY2026 purchase of two (2) squad cars from Thomas Dodge in the amount of \$82,684.00 was made by John Grizzoffi and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

VII. Reports

Sheriff: A written report was provided and Lieutenant Kirk Raab was present to answer questions.

Circuit Clerk: A written report was provided and Circuit Clerk Kathy Phillips was present to answer questions.

Probation: A written report was provided.

Emergency Management Agency: EMA Coordinator Michael Willis was present to answer questions. He updated the committee on the first meeting with American Environmental to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan; there were sixty-nine people in attendance, which was the second-largest attendance American Environmental has had, which will almost completely satisfy the in-kind grant requirement Jo Daviess County has for the update expense.

Public Defender: A written report was provided.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

IX. Committee Member Concerns

None.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:48 PM by Logan Noe and seconded by LaDon Trost. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next committee meeting is Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.