

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY
COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2026**

I. Call to Order

Jo Daviess County Chairperson LaDon Trost called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 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, Peggy Bastian, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Present: 13. Present electronically – Michael Holt and Logan Noe. Present electronically: 2. Absent – Jacob Ambrosia and Dashia Boehm. Absent: 2.

Jacob Ambrosia entered the meeting and Dashia Boehm entered the meeting electronically at this time.

State's Attorney Chris Allendorf was also present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Trost.

IV. Invocation & Thought for the Day

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

V. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve 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, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 17. Nays – None. Nays: 0.

A. Minutes Approval

1. County Board minutes from the February 10, 2026, County Board meeting

B. Appointments/Resignations

1. Appointment of John Creighton to serve on the Ad-Hoc Public Safety Integration Study Committee

2. Appointment of Steve Endress to serve on the Ad-Hoc Public Safety Integration Study Committee
3. Reappointment of Diedre Arndt to serve as a trustee for Stockton Fire Protection District for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2029

C. Contracts/Agreements/Petitions

D. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations

E. Reports/Correspondence

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

F. Claims

1. Claims approval in the amount of **\$535,799.21** as follows:
 - i. **\$443,851.99** (Regular Claims)
 - ii. **\$5,338.26** (Claims associated w/ LIT's)
 - iii. **\$13,345.25** (Claims associated w/ IFT's)
 - iv. **\$73,240.52** (GGMI Hotel/Motel Tax Reimbursement)
 - v. **\$23.19** (GF Miscellaneous Expense Requests)

G. Line Item Transfers

1. FY2026 Line-Item Transfers over \$500.00:
 - i. **\$4,488.32** from 088-46182-805 Buildings to 088-46182-702 Professional Service

H. General Fund Miscellaneous Expense Requests

1. FY2026 General Fund Miscellaneous Expense Requests:
 - i. **\$23.19** for Board of Review Publication of Equalization

End of Consent Agenda

VI. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the board at this time.

VIII. New Business & Committee Reports

A. Development & Planning

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

B. Legislative

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

C. Social & Environmental

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve the Final Report of the Ad-Hoc Mental Health Committee (*Recommendation of the Social & Environmental Committee meeting held on February 19, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve the Final Report of the Ad-Hoc Mental Health Committee was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote.

2. Consideration of a recommendation to authorize the Social & Environmental Committee to investigate the feasibility, requirements, and responsibilities of becoming a certified provider of senior services in Jo Daviess County, either by making application or supporting an application by another agency (*Recommendation of the Social & Environmental Committee meeting held on February 19, 2026*)

A committee motion to authorize the Social & Environmental Committee to investigate the feasibility, requirements, and responsibilities of becoming a certified provider of senior services in Jo Daviess County, either by making application or supporting an application by another agency was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote.

D. Executive

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Resolution to Establish an Ad-Hoc Watershed Planning Committee (*Recommendation of the Executive Committee meeting held on March 4, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to Establish an Ad-Hoc Watershed Planning 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, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 17. Nays – None. Nays: 0.

2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Meeting Recordings & Distribution of Unapproved Minutes Policy to supersede P2010-2 Distribution of Unapproved Meetings Minutes & Audio Recordings Policy (*Recommendation of the Executive Committee meeting held on March 4, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve a Meeting Recordings & Distribution of Unapproved Minutes Policy to supersede P2010-2 Distribution of Unapproved Meetings Minutes & Audio Recordings Policy was

seconded by John Creighton.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded by Michael Dittmar.

E. Information & Technology

1. Consideration of a recommendation to establish a County GenAI Policy (*Recommendation of the Information Communications & Technology Committee meeting held on February 25, 2026*)

A committee motion to establish a County GenAI Policy was seconded by Michael Holt.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded by Michael Dittmar.

F. Public Works

1. Consideration of a recommendation to replace the Scales Mound shop roof at a cost of \$9,500.00 using in-house labor (*Recommendation of the Public Works Committee meeting held on February 23, 2026*)

A committee motion to replace the Scales Mound shop roof at a cost of \$9,500.00 using in-house labor was seconded by John Grizzoffi.

The motion carried by voice vote.

G. Law & Courts

1. Discussion and possible action to name the Public Safety Building Dispatch Center the "William D. Kimball Telecommunications Center" (*William Kimball served on the Emergency Telephone System Board from December 2012 through August 2025, and as Chairperson beginning December 2014*)

A motion to name the Public Safety Building Dispatch Center the "William D. Kimball Telecommunications Center" (*William Kimball served on the Emergency Telephone System Board from December 2012 through August 2025, and as Chairperson beginning December 2014*) was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by LaDon Trost.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded by Diane Gallagher.

H. Finance

1. The fund balance for the Contingency Fund (016) on January 31, 2026, was **\$686,947.24**
2. Consideration of a recommendation to accept the Ad-Hoc Community Growth Committee Final Report (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on March 5, 2026*)

A committee motion to accept the Ad-Hoc Community Growth Committee Final Report was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Consideration of a recommendation to approve clarifications to the Special Service Area Contracts between Jo Daviess County and Warren Ambulance Service, Galena

Area EMS District, and Elizabeth Community Ambulance Service as amended (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on March 5, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve clarifications to the Special Service Area Contracts between Jo Daviess County and Warren Ambulance Service, Galena Area EMS District, and Elizabeth Community Ambulance Service as amended was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 18-010-096-00 Thompson Township to Oluwakemi Gbangbalasa (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on March 5, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 18-010-096-00 Thompson Township to Oluwakemi Gbangbalasa 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, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 17. Nays – None. Nays: 0.

5. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 18-011-263-00 Thompson Township to Lola Falore (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on March 5, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 18-011-263-00 Thompson Township to Lola Falore 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, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 17. Nays – None. Nays: 0.

6. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 18-011-264-00 Thompson Township to Lola Falore (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on March 5, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 18-011-264-00 Thompson Township to Lola Falore 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, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 17. Nays – None. Nays: 0.

7. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a contract with Motorola Solutions for Rave 911 and Rave Alert External and iPaws to provide a county-wide Emergency

Notification System for a total five-year subscription cost of \$50,000.00
(*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on March 5, 2026*)

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The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 17. Nays – None. Nays: 0.

I. Planning Commission/Building Code of Appeals

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

IX. Other Committees & Boards

There were no reports by other committees or boards at this time.

At this time, Chairperson Trost exercised his prerogative and moved to citizens' comments.

X. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

XI. Closed Session

A motion to enter closed session at 7:45 p.m. was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Jacob Ambrosia to discuss:

"The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity." Topic of Discussion: Sheriff Succession; Appointment to Fill Vacancy.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 17. Nays – None. Nays: 0.

XII. Reconvene to Open Session

The board reconvened at 7:58 p.m. following a motion vote by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 17. Nays – None. Nays: 0.

XIII. Possible Actions as a Result of Closed Session

A motion to accept the resignation of Craig Ketelsen as County Sheriff effective 11:59 p.m., March 15, 2026 was made by John Creighton and seconded by Diane Gallagher.
The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to appoint Klaus Kretschmer to the office of County Sheriff, effective 12:00 a.m. on March 16, 2026 was made by John Creighton and seconded by Jacob Ambrosia.
The motion carried by voice vote.

XIV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

XV. Board Member Concerns

There were no board member concerns at this time.

XVI. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by John Grizzoffi and seconded by John Lang.
The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Trost adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.



Dana Timmerman, County Clerk