

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2026

I. Call to Order

Jo Daviess County Chairperson LaDon Trost called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM on Wednesday, March 25, 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, Steve Endress, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Present: 9. Present electronically – Jacob Ambrosia. Present electronically: 1. Absent – Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Diane Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, Logan Noe. Absent: 7.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Trost.

IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

V. Reading of the Meeting Notice Into the Minutes

Jo Daviess County Transit Director/PCOM Nicole Hermsen read the meeting notice that was published in the Galena Gazette newspaper on March 11, 2026 regarding the Public Hearing for the State of Illinois Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grants for Jo Daviess County Downstate Operating Assistance Program FY27 Section 5311-Formula Grants for Rural Areas, to be held in the County Board Room in the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, 330 N. Bench St., Galena, Illinois.

VI. Opening of Public Hearing

Chairperson Trost opened the public hearing regarding FY27 Section 5311 Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant and a State of Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance Grant to fund the Jo Daviess County Transit System at 6:42 p.m.

- A. Public Hearing for the purpose of considering a project for which financial assistance is being sought from the Illinois Department of Transportation/Department of Public and Intermodal Transportation for State of Illinois Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grants from the FY2027 Section 5311 and Downstate Operating Assistance Programs (DOAP), pursuant to the Illinois Department of Transportation's general authority to make such grants.**

1. Description of Project
2. Relocation

3. Environment
4. Elderly and Disabled

Michael Holt joined the meeting electronically at this time.

B. Public written comments and/or questions

There were no public written comments or questions presented at this time.

C. Public verbal comments and/or questions

There were no public verbal comments at this time.

VII. Closure of Public Hearing

Chairperson Trost closed the public hearing at 6:54 p.m.

VIII. New Business

A. Consideration of a recommendation to approve an annual Ordinance Authorizing Jo Daviess County to operate a Public Transit Service in Jo Daviess County for FY2027 (Recommendation of the Social & Environmental Committee meeting held on March 19, 2026)

A committee motion to approve an annual Ordinance Authorizing Jo Daviess County to operate a Public Transit Service in Jo Daviess County for FY2027 was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Steve Endress, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 11. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Diane Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Logan Noe. Absent: 6.

B. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Resolution Authorizing Application, Execution, and Amendment of the Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant - Section 5311 for FY2027 (Recommendation of the Social & Environmental Committee meeting held on March 19, 2026)

A committee motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Application, Execution, and Amendment of the Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant - Section 5311 for FY2027 was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Steve Endress, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 11. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Diane Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Logan Noe. Absent: 6.

C. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Resolution Authorizing Application, Execution, and Amendment of the Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant - Downstate Operation Assistance Program (DOAP) for FY2027 (Recommendation of the Social & Environmental Committee meeting held on March 19, 2026)

A committee motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Application, Execution, and Amendment of the Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant - Downstate Operation Assistance Program

(DOAP) for FY2027 was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Steve Endress, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 11. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Diane Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Logan Noe. Absent: 6.

D. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Special Warranty (Recommendation of the Social & Environmental Committee meeting held on March 19, 2026)

A committee motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Special Warranty was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Steve Endress, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 11. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Diane Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Logan Noe. Absent: 6.

IX. Closed Session

There was no need for closed session.

X. Reconvene to Open 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 Jacob Ambrosia and seconded by John Lang.
The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Trost adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.