

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2026

I. Call to Order

Jo Daviess County Chairperson LaDon Trost called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 13, 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, Daisha Boehm, Michael Dittmar, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Present: 14. Present electronically – Jacob Ambrosia and John Creighton. Present electronically: 2. Absent – Steve Endress. Absent: 1.

State's Attorney Chris Allendorf was also present electronically.

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 with the removal of item V.A.1. was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 15. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Abstain – Michael Dittmar. Abstain: 1. Absent – Steve Endress. Absent: 1.

A. Minutes Approval

1. **This item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and taken up as a separate action item:** County Board minutes from the March 10, 2026, County Board meeting
2. County Board meeting minutes from the March 25, 2026 County Board Special Meeting – Public Hearing

B. Appointments/Resignations

1. Reappointment of William Hayes to serve as a trustee for Elizabeth Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2029

2. Reappointment of Kerry "Nick" Tranel to serve as a trustee for Dunleith-Menominee 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

1. May 2026 Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamation

E. Reports/Correspondence

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

F. Claims

1. Claims approval in the amount of **\$997,510.55** as follows:
 - i. **\$679,167.58** (Regular Claims)
 - ii. **\$6,338.38** (Claims associated w/ LIT's)
 - iii. **\$234,679.75** (Claims associated w/ IFT's)
 - iv. **\$10,172.00** (Contingency)
 - v. **\$67,152.84** (GGMI Hotel/Motel Tax Reimbursement)

G. Line Item Transfers

1. FY2026 Line-Item Transfers over \$500.00:
 - i. **\$2,892.45** from 059-46174-810 Equipment to 059-46174-820 Vehicles

End of Consent Agenda

VI. Approval of Minutes

- A. County Board minutes of the March 10, 2026 County Board meeting as amended to reflect the following corrections due to a voided check: Item V.F.1. "Claims approval in the amount of \$525,627.21" and Item V.F.1.i. "\$433,679.99 (Regular Claims)"**

A motion to approve County Board minutes of the March 10, 2026 County Board meeting as amended to reflect the following corrections due to a voided check: Item V.F.1. "Claims approval in the amount of **\$525,627.21**" and Item V.F.1.i. "**\$433,679.99 (Regular Claims)**" was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Lang.
The motion carried by voice vote.

VII. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. New Business & Committee Reports

A. Legislative

1. Consideration of a recommendation to send a letter of support for SB3109 — County CD-Spending Thresholds (*Recommendation of the Legislative Committee meeting held on March 12, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve sending a letter of support for SB3109 — County CD-Spending Thresholds was seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by voice vote.

2. Consideration of a recommendation to send a letter of opposition to SB3552 — Citizens' Empowerment (*Recommendation of the Legislative Committee meeting held on March 12, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve sending a letter of opposition to SB3552 — Citizens' Empowerment was seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Consideration of a recommendation to send a letter of opposition to SB3621— Loc Gov Officer's Salary (*Recommendation of the Legislative Committee meeting held on March 12, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve sending a letter of opposition to SB3621— Loc Gov Officer's Salary was seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Consideration of a recommendation to send a letter of support for SB2750 — Prop TX-Police Spouse (*Recommendation of the Legislative Committee meeting held on March 12, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve sending a letter of support for SB2750 — Prop TX-Police Spouse was seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by voice vote.

5. Consideration of a recommendation to send a letter of support for SB3088 - Elec CD-Polling Places (*Recommendation of the Legislative Committee meeting held on March 12, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve sending a letter of support for SB3088 - Elec CD-Polling Places was seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes — Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays — None. Nays: 0. Absent — Steve Endress. Absent: 1.

B. Social & Environmental

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve the dissolution of P2021-1 JDC Plan for COVID19 Exposure, Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Policy (*Recommendation of the Social & Environmental Committee meeting held on March 19, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve the dissolution of P2021-1 JDC Plan for COVID19 Exposure, Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Policy was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.
The motion carried by voice vote.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution Recognizing May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month (*Not a recommendation of the Social & Environmental Committee meeting held on March 19, 2026*)

A motion to approve a Resolution Recognizing May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month was made by Lynn Gallagher and seconded by Logan Noe.

C. Executive

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a County Board Technology Equipment Policy to supersede P2009-3 Paperless Packet Policy (*Recommendation of the Executive Committee meeting held on April 6, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve a County Board Technology Equipment Policy to supersede P2009-3 Paperless Packet Policy was seconded by John Creighton.
The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded by John Lang.

2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Title 1 Administration, Chapter 5 County Board Organization and Operation Meetings; Rules of Order and Procedure, Section 21 Committees (*Recommendation of the Executive Committee meeting held on April 6, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Title 1 Administration, Chapter 5 County Board Organization and Operation Meetings; Rules of Order and Procedure, Section 21 Committees 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, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, Logan Noe, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 14. Nays – John Lang, John Schultz. Nays: 2. Absent – Steve Endress. Absent: 1.

D. Information & Technology

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

E. Public Works

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve the General Maintenance Bids for County Material for FY2026 as highlighted and presented (*Recommendation of the Public Works Committee meeting held on April 6, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve the General Maintenance Bids for County Material for FY2026 as highlighted and presented was seconded by John Grizzoffi.
The motion carried by voice vote.

2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve the General Maintenance Bids for Township Material for FY2026 as highlighted and presented (*Recommendation of the Public Works Committee meeting held on April 6, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve the General Maintenance Bids for Township Material for FY2026 as highlighted and presented was seconded by John Grizzoffi.
The motion carried by voice vote.

F. Law & Courts

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve Intergovernmental Agreements with the City of East Dubuque, City of Galena, Village of Elizabeth, Village of Hanover, Village of Stockton, Village of Warren, Apple Canyon Lake Property Owner's Association, and Galena Territory Association to allow participation in the Emergency Alert System under the County's service agreement with the system provider (*Possible recommendation of the Law & Courts Committee meeting held on April 9, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreements with the City of East Dubuque, City of Galena, Village of Elizabeth, Village of Hanover, Village of Stockton, Village of Warren, Apple Canyon Lake Property Owner's Association, and Galena Territory Association to allow participation in the Emergency Alert System under the County's service agreement with the system provider was seconded by Dianne Allendorf.
The motion carried by voice vote.

2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Winnebago County to provide detention services (*Possible recommendation of the Law & Courts Committee meeting held on April 9, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Winnebago County to provide detention services was seconded by Dianne Allendorf.
The motion carried by voice vote.

G. Finance

1. The fund balance for the Contingency Fund (016) on February 28, 2026, was **\$686,947.24.**
2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Resolution amending R2022-20 Regarding Depositories of Public Funds by substitution, replacing the list of approved depositories with the updated list as presented (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on March 26, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve a Resolution amending R2022-20 Regarding Depositories of Public Funds by substitution, replacing the list of approved depositories with the updated list as presented

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, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Steve Endress. Absent: 1.

3. Consideration of a recommendation to approve revising P2022-3 Investment Policy (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on March 26, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve revising P2022-3 Investment Policy was seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Consideration of a recommendation to approve revising P2024-1 Fixed Asset Management Policy (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on March 26, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve revising P2024-1 Fixed Asset Management Policy was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

5. Consideration of a recommendation to adopt an Outstanding Check Policy (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on March 26, 2026*)

A committee motion to adopt an Outstanding Check Policy was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

6. Consideration of a recommendation to approve adopting a Fund Balance and Net Position Policy (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on March 26, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve adopting a Fund Balance and Net Position Policy was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Resolution Amending the Fund Description for the Emergency Services Fund (066) (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on March 26, 2026*)

A committee motion to approve a Resolution Amending the Fund Description for the Emergency Services Fund (066) 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, Diane Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 15. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Abstain – Lynn Gallagher. Abstain: 1. Absent – Steve Endress. Absent: 1.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution to Authorize Payment of FY2026 Mandatory Accelerated Payments to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

(IMRF) from the Contingency Fund (016) to be Reimbursed in FY2027 from the Municipal Retirement Fund (013) *(Not a recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on March 26, 2026)*

A motion to move discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution to Authorize Payment of FY2026 Mandatory Accelerated Payments to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) from the Contingency Fund (016) to be Reimbursed in FY2027 from the Municipal Retirement Fund (013) back to the Finance Committee was made by Michael Dittmar and was seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Steve Endress. Absent: 1.

H. Planning Commission/Building Code of Appeals

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the Preliminary/Final Plat of “Lot 1 of Andy Berlage’s Addition” (Case 26-14); Scharpf Family Farm LLC/Donna Berlage (390 S Pilot Knob RD, Galena, IL 61036) & Debra Manders (1720 26th ST NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405), owners; and Andrew Berlage (390 S Pilot Knob RD, Galena, IL 61036), petitioner. Property located at 578 S Pilot Knob RD, Galena, IL 61036. Zoned: Agricultural (AG).

A motion to approve the Preliminary/Final Plat of “Lot 1 of Andy Berlage’s Addition” (Case 26-14); Scharpf Family Farm LLC/Donna Berlage (390 S Pilot Knob RD, Galena, IL 61036) & Debra Manders (1720 26th ST NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405), owners; and Andrew Berlage (390 S Pilot Knob RD, Galena, IL 61036), petitioner. Property located at 578 S Pilot Knob RD, Galena, IL 61036. Zoned: Agricultural (AG). was made by Michael Dittmar and seconded by Daisha Boehm.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Steve Endress. Absent: 1.

I. Development & Planning

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a revised Revolving Loan Application *(Recommendation of the Development & Planning Committee meeting held on March 24, 2026)*

A committee motion to approve a revised Revolving Loan Application was seconded by Diane Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote.

X. Other Committees & Boards

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

XI. Closed Session

There was no need for closed session.

XII. Possible Actions as a Result of Closed Session

There was no action as a result of closed session.

XIII. Board Member Concerns

There were no board member concerns at this time.

XIV. Citizens' Comments

Andy Berlage thanked the Board for approval of his item (IX.H.1.) on the agenda.

XV. Adjourn

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

Chairperson Trost adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday May 12, 2026 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Timmerman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dana Timmerman, County Clerk