

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2026

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson John Lang called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 9, 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 – Peggy Bastian, Lynn Gallagher, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz. Present: 6. Present electronically – LaDon Trost. Present electronically: 1. Absent – Michael Dittmar. Absent: 1. A quorum was established.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve minutes of the March 12, 2026 Legislative Committee meeting was made by Logan Noe and seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by voice vote.

IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

V. Unfinished Business

The FY2025/FY2027 Strategic Goals were not discussed.

VI. New Business

Lang updated the committee on the Illinois Legislation previously supported by the County Board. The following bills were briefly discussed: SB 1830 - Non-taxation of portable buildings; HB 2382 - Property Tax Code amendment - Undeveloped subdivision assessment limits.

Lang provided updates on the following Bills the Committee recommended the County Board take action on: SB 3109 - County CD-Spending Thresholds; SB 3621 - Loc Gov Officer's Salary; SB 2750 - Prop TX-Police Spouse; SB 3088 - Elections CD-Polling Places. The letters of support for SB 3109, SB 2750, and SB 3088, and letter of opposition for SB 3621 are on the April County Board agenda for approval.

There was extensive discussion regarding HB 3762 - Extreme Workplace Temps, SB 3966 - Prohibit Federal Voucher Program (for education), and SB 1937 - Pension Code-various. HB 3762 would set forth provisions concerning retaliation, violations, and penalties. There was no action taken.

There were varying opinions on SB 3966. Lang said the voters of Jo Daviess County were in favor, but at the state level, the majority was opposed. **A motion to recommend writing a letter of opposition to SB 3966 was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang. The motion failed by roll call vote. Ayes – John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 3. Nays – Peggy Bastian, Lynn Gallagher,**

Logan Noe. Nays: 3.

The Illinois Association of County Board Members (IACBM) Legislative Report was included in the packet.

There was discussion held regarding changing Legislative Committee meetings to the 1st Thursday of each month. Lang's intent for the proposed change was the fact that there are certain months when the Legislative meeting is held after the County Board meeting, which prevents quick action of any pending legislation. Member Noe reminded committee members that the Law & Courts Committee meetings were changed from the 3rd Monday of each month to the same day Legislative is held; this saves money on per diem and mileage, and also frees up more on the calendar. After more discussion, the consensus was that it was best to keep the meeting dates unchanged.

There was brief discussion on articles of interest included in the meeting packet.

VII. Legislative issues Committee Members or County Officials want the Committee to be aware of and take action on at another meeting

Member Schultz is in opposition to HB 4414 - Handgun Ammo-Serialize. He is in support of HB 4444 - Freedom of Information Act fees. There is language in HB 4444 that states a public body may charge the actual cost (rather than \$10) for each hour spent by personnel in searching for and retrieving a requested record or in examining the record for necessary redactions. It also specifies that no fees shall be charged for the first 2 hours (rather than the first 8 hours) spent by personnel searching for or retrieving a requested record.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

Diane Gallagher asked about HB 3762 and said OSHA standards are already in place for extreme workplace temperatures.

IX. Committee Member Concerns

There were no committee member concerns.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:09 PM by John Schultz and seconded by Logan Noe. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next committee meeting is Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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