

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2026**

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson Lang called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM on Thursday, May 14, 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, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Present: 5. Present electronically: 0. Absent – Michael Dittmar, Lynn Gallagher. Absent: 2.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2026 Legislative Committee meeting was made by John Schultz and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

V. Unfinished Business

FY2025/FY2027 Strategic Goals: Not reviewed.

VI. New Business

Update on Illinois Legislation previously acted on by the County Board: The Committee reviewed the status of Illinois legislation previously acted on by the County Board. Chair Lang noted that several bills remained stalled ahead of the May 15, 2026, third-reading deadline. SB 1492, SB 3109, SB 3621, SB 2750, and SB 3088 had not moved, and members discussed the likelihood of deadline extensions and the fast-paced nature of late-session activity. Additional discussion covered SB 2750 regarding police surviving-spouse tax relief and SB 3088 concerning polling place requirements, including practical impacts on school facilities.

Discussion of Pending Illinois Legislation and Related Correspondence by the Committee Chair: The Committee then reviewed pending legislation and correspondence. SB 3646 (Military Veterans' Assistance) was discussed in detail, including concerns raised by veterans' groups about unnecessary bureaucracy. Chair Lang shared that he had contacted Senator Chesney individually to express concerns. The Committee also reviewed SB 3076 (Public Employee Disability), discussing UCCI's interpretation regarding definitions of full-time and part-time employees and the expanded employer obligations under PEDDA.

Discussion and possible action to recommend positions on proposed Illinois Legislation: Members continued through the statewide legislative report, reviewing multiple bills across several pages. Discussion included HB 799 (tax sale surplus refunds), SB 3951 (blue reflective hydrant markers), HB

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4667 (recording fee adjustments), HB 4867 (green warning lights), and HB 5302 (Narcan distribution upon release from county correctional facilities). Members noted which bills appeared stalled in Rules or Assignments and which had traction for third reading.

Articles of interest on the State of Illinois: Under Articles of Interest, the Committee briefly discussed state budget negotiations, gas tax increases, employment trends, zoning implications for energy-storage facilities, and statewide proposals such as the Bears stadium financing and SNAP work-requirement changes. Members also noted lighter items such as proposed state designations for the soda "Ski."

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

None.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

IX. Committee Member Concerns

Chairperson Lang noted that the Committee may not meet during the summer unless legislative activity requires it, and he briefly referenced the timing of the fall veto/override session and January lame-duck session.

X. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:15 PM by John Schultz and seconded by Logan Noe. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next committee meeting is Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.