

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 17, 2025

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson L. Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday, July 17, 2025 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Administrative Offices in Galena, Illinois.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was answered as follows: Present – Dianne Allendorf, Peggy Bastian, Lynn Gallagher, Joseph Heitkamp, LaDon Trost. Present: 5. Present electronically – 0. Present electronically: 0. Absent – Jacob Ambrosia, Robert Heuerman. Absent: 2.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve minutes of the June 18, 2025 Social & Environmental Committee meeting was made by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

A motion to recommend a contract between East Galena Township and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between The Mop Shop and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between Elizabeth Food Basket and Jo Daviess County Transit at \$.50 per passenger, per trip was made by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between Galena Public Library District and Jo Daviess County Transit at \$2 per student/per ride was made by LaDon Trost and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between Galena ARC and Jo Daviess County Transit at \$2 per student/per ride was made by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Dianne Allendorf. The motion

carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend an intergovernmental agreement between City of Galena and Jo Daviess County Transit at \$833 per month/\$9,996 per year was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between St. Vincent de Paul and Jo Daviess County Transit at \$1 per passenger, per ride was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between Crescent and Jo Daviess County Transit at \$29 per hour (Dubuque), plus \$50 for no-shows was made by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by LaDon Trost. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between Allure of Stockton and Jo Daviess County Transit at \$29 per hour, \$50 for no-shows was made by Peggy Bastian and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between United Methodist Church and Jo Daviess County Transit at \$4 per passenger, per trip was made by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between Galena Rotary Club and Jo Daviess County Transit at \$12 per passenger, per trip was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between Rosecrance and Jo Daviess County Transit at \$4 per passenger, per trip was made by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

VII. Reports

Public Health: No Report.

Mental Health Board: No report.

Jo Daviess County Transit/PCOM: The monthly report was given by Nicole Hermesen. Total projected deficit for SFY2025 for Transit is \$286.09.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

Logan Noe, East Dubuque: Does Transit has any contracts that are not renewing? Nicole Hermesen answered they are still waiting on 12 contracts, no reported issues with fare increases for most of

them, still waiting on an update from The Workshop.

IX. Committee Member Concerns

Joe Heitkamp: Concerned about the renewal timing with Workshop and whether the contract is still valid. Nicole Hermesen: We've been honoring the old rates since November 30, 2024, but a deadline to sign of July 21, 2025 has been given. Without a contract, Transit cannot guarantee service. This is the benefit of the contract. without a contract, we cannot legally reserve a ride for anyone and prioritize someone over another. Hermesen informed The Workshop of the deadline and the ramifications if they don't have one to guarantee service. The Workshop has requested the Transit Director and County Administrator to present contract to their board on Monday, July 21, 2025.

LaDon Trost, Dianne Allendorf, and Lynn Gallagher: Thanked and complimented Transit Director Nicole Hermesen for her work during Transit's comprehensive fee study and fare schedule change

Lynn Gallagher: Gave additional statistics on raising rates that show there are 13,372 affected individuals outside of The Workshop riders, so making an adjustment to that contract would not be fair to everyone else.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:34 PM by Peggy Bastian and seconded by Dianne Allendorf. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next committee meeting will be Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.