

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
AD-HOC COMMUNITY GROWTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson Dittmar called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 8, 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 – Michael Dittmar, Angela Kaiser, John Creighton, LaDon Trost, Jacob Ambrosia. Present: 5. Present electronically – Daisha Boehm. Present electronically: 1. Absent – Laura Edmonds. Absent: 1.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve minutes of the August 5, 2025 Ad-Hoc Community Growth Committee meeting was made by Jacob Ambrosia and seconded by Angela Kaiser. The motion carried by voice vote.

IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

V. Unfinished Business

A motion to recommend including in the report a child care incentive option to encourage in-house daycare of a \$2,000 grant and a loan up to \$5,000 was made by Michael Dittmar and seconded by Daisha Boehm. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend including in the report incentives for a childcare early education center, industrial parks, and housing subdivision programs of up to a \$50,000 grant and a \$250,000 low interest loan through the county was made by Michael Dittmar and seconded by John Creighton. The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Kaiser.

A motion to recommend including in the report restrictions for the Subdivision incentive programs of square footage of up to 3000 square feet, up to three bathrooms, and up to 25% of the total cost of the project was made by Jacob Ambrosia and seconded by Michael Dittmar. The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Kaiser.

Dittmar expressed his frustration with the Development & Planning Committee's proposed FY26 expense budget. He maintains there is a majority of County Board members who support giving grants. Trost asked him to specifically name the majority, as everything he's heard in meetings would indicate otherwise. Dittmar listed himself and Ambrosia, and although he didn't want to speak for Boehm, he indicated he believed she was in support, as well. Creighton stated he too, believed there was no County Board interest in giving grants. Dittmar then stated that the majority of Development & Planning Committee were in excess of 70 years old, but did not elaborate on why he thought that mattered.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Reports

None.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

Diane Gallagher, Development & Planning Committee Chairperson asked if there was a meeting scheduled in October for interested parties regarding childcare. There was no answer.

IX. Committee Member Concerns

Dittmar stated he believed the Ad-Hoc Community Growth Committee had reached it's conclusion and is willing to write the white paper outlining the committee's recommendations. Committee members agreed.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:48 PM by Jacob Ambrosia and seconded by John Creighton. Motion carried by voice vote.

This is the last meeting of the Ad-Hoc Community Growth Committee.