

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2025

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson L. Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday, August 21, 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 – Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Lynn Gallagher, Joseph Heitkamp. Present: 4. Present electronically – 0. Present electronically: 0. Absent – Dianne Allendorf, Robert Heuerman, LaDon Trost. Absent: 3.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 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

None.

VI. New Business

A motion to recommend a contract between East Dubuque School and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Jacob Ambrosia and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Regional Office of Education #8 and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Jacob Ambrosia and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between the Galena Territory Association and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Peggy Bastian and seconded by Jacob Ambrosia. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between Lena Living Center and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between Midwest Medical Center and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Peggy Bastian and seconded by Jacob Ambrosia. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend revising P2021-4 Jo Daviess County Transit Title VI policy was made by Jacob Ambrosia and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend revising P2021-3 Jo Daviess County Transit Procurement policy was made by Jacob Ambrosia and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

VII. Reports

A written report was provided and reviewed.

Tracy Wiecking, 708 Mental Health Board President reported on action from the last two meetings. Members have made recommendations for contracts for FY26, using a methodology believed to be fair to the all agencies. They are working on creating a new rubric for scoring future applications, so agencies are working the same required format. The board is in favor of agencies presenting their requests in person instead of just submitting them and they would also like to be able to tour each agency periodically to see how their funding is being used.

Nicole Hermsen, Transit Director/PCOM presented the July 2025 financial report, She was happy to report that July 2025 revenue over expense was \$11,175.62, so the increased fare schedule approved by the County Board has been effective. She also spoke of their first month using their new scheduling software. Like all new software changes, there have been hiccups along the way, and she has addressed some rider concerns with a few issues. These issues are being resolved and she believes once these are worked through, the software will be very effective.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

IX. Committee Member Concerns

Jacob Ambrosia thanked Nicole Hermsen for her hard work with Transit.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:55 PM by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Peggy Bastian. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next committee meeting is Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.