

# AGENDA

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## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.  
Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena  
County Board Room

### **Meeting is Accessible via Audio Call-in**

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Evacuation Policy**

1. The Chairman at all public meetings held in the third floor County Board room shall instruct the public how to exit in case of emergency.
2. Exit down hall in either direction.
3. After 4:00 p.m. the door at the end of the hall opposite the elevator is locked.
  - a) **To open pull Fire Alarm.**
4. A sign shall be placed at the locked door, instructing how to open the door by pulling the fire alarm.
5. On the second floor you may exit using the doors on the Meeker Street side, **or** continue to the first floor to exit building.
6. Do not use elevator in case of fire.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a) Minutes of the November 9, 2023 Legislative Committee meeting.
  - b) Minutes of the January 25, 2024 Legislative Committee meeting.
4. Citizens' Comments
5. Unfinished Business
  - a) Discussion and possible action on sending a Thank-You note to Senator Chesney
6. New Business
  - a) Status of County Bills
    - i. SB1746 – Jo Daviess 1% Service Tax
    - ii. SB2141 – ATV/UTV – on Public roads
  - b) Governor's Budget – February 21 and pressures on the Budget:
    - i. Public Act 103-0102 allowed Governor to cut State medical programs as needed
      - (a) State Budget had \$550 million for two immigrant insurance programs
      - (b) This fall, Pritzker put in co-pays and raised the age for health benefits for non-seniors
      - (c) Representative Elizabeth Hernandez is State Democratic Chair
      - (d) State insurance for immigrants is expected to cost \$1.1 billion in 2024
    - ii. Federal House just passed a Bill to increase Child Tax Credit – Representatives want Illinois to have a \$300 credit
    - iii. Illinois State Board of Education Budget request has an increase of \$653 million
    - iv. State pension systems still grossly underfunded - \$140 billion
    - v. Given present State spending, a Budget deficit is very possible
  - c) Bills of interest to County Government
  - d) Bills on Law Enforcement from Sheriff's Association
  - e) Article on ranking Illinois for starting a business

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7. Legislative issues Committee members or County Officials want the Committee to be aware of and take action on:
8. Citizens' Comments
9. Board Member Concerns
10. Next regular meeting – Thursday, March 14, 2024.
11. Adjourn

**This meeting will be held virtually. The public may attend in person; however, we encourage you to attend via Zoom audio as follows:**

<https://zoom.us/j/98965937092?pwd=U1NNVzhPa1p3dUVTQ2RtZW94bzAzQT09>

Call in number: 1 (312) 626-6799 US  
1 (309) 205-3325 (US Cellular users)  
1 (507) 473-4847 US

Meeting ID: 989 6593 7092

Password: 660091

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