

# AGENDA

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## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

Thursday, September 14, 2023 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 June 8, 2023 Legislative Committee meeting.
4. Citizens' Comments
5. Unfinished Business
  - a) FY2023/FY2024 Strategic Goals and Plans
6. New Business
  - a) The influence of big money on state government
    - i. Governor Pritzker's \$1 million political contribution to two State Supreme Court Justices who ruled on cash bail bond and banning over 170 guns
    - ii. Union influence
      - Constitutional amendment on collective bargaining
      - Political contributions – 133M - 94% to Democrats
      - Chicago teacher's union 2.9M to lawmakers state wide
      - State employee contract 19.28% increase over 4 years and \$1,200 stipend for ratifying the contract
  - b) Results of Chicago policies
    - i. Chicago Police down 1,700 since Mayor Lightfoot
    - ii. Officers facing excessive overtime
    - iii. 90% of young people involved in shooting were not in school
    - iv. Cook County had 2000 opioid overdose deaths in 2022
    - v. 30 million state funding to a peacekeeper program to keep down the shootings
  - c) State unemployment agency made 5.2 billion in overpayments – 46 million to incarcerated or dead
  - d) Non-citizen health care – Costs 1 billion (65 or over 100%) - Governor Pritzker had to put in \$250 co-pays for people between 42 to 64 since over budget

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- e) Illinois loss of people who can pay the taxes – 20 to 21 outflow 275,253 – 51% made over \$100,000, 24% made \$50,000 to \$100,000 – gained 168,537 – many non-filers of taxes
- f) Possible action in override session
  - i. Invest in kids – 75% State income tax credit for private donations to non-public schools – ends this year
    - Teachers union oppose – 4 out of 10 Chicago teachers send their students to non-public schools including their President
  - ii. The Governor’s veto of a bill allowing small modular reactors – lifts State’s ban on nuclear – passed legislation with 3/5 margin
  - iii. Allowing legislative employees to form a union
  - iv. Poor funding for the states five pension systems – only 42% funded – 14 billion short
- 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 – October 12, 2023
- 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

**Call-in information is also available on the JDC website at [www.jodaviesscountylvil.gov](http://www.jodaviesscountylvil.gov)**