

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Social and Environmental Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Lynn Gallagher, Chairperson
DATE/TIME: January 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

☒ Lynn Gallagher	☒ Peggy Bastian (6:36)	☒ Robert Heuerman
☒ Joseph Heitkamp	☒ Jacob Ambrosia (6:31)	☒ Dianne Allendorf
☐ LaDon Trost		

A quorum was established.

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Heitkamp and Jacob Ambrosia.

OTHERS PRESENT: Angela Kaiser and Nicole Hermesen.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Lynn Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Minutes Approval:**
 - a) Minutes of the September 19, 2024 Social & Environmental Committee Meeting – Heitkamp made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024 Social & Environmental Committee meeting. Seconded by Allendorf and motion carried by voice vote.
3. **Citizens' Comments:** None.
3. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) FY2023/FY2024 Strategic Goals and Plans – The goals and plans were discussed. Considering the upcoming County Board Retreat in May, the Committee discussed new, attainable goals to bring to the retreat.
4. **New Business:**
 - a) Discussion and possible action on recommending approval of an Ordinance Authorizing Jo Daviess County to operate Public Transit Service in Jo Daviess County – Heitkamp made a motion to recommend approval of an Ordinance Authorizing Jo Daviess County to operate Public Transit Service in Jo Daviess County. Seconded by Ambrosia and motion carried by a roll call vote resulting in all Ayes.
 - b) Discussion and possible action on recommending approval of a Resolution Authorizing Application, Execution and Amendment of the Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grants – Section 5311 – Allendorf made a motion to recommend approval of a Resolution Authorizing Application, Execution and Amendment of the Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grants – Section 5311. Seconded by Bastian and motion carried by a roll call vote resulting in all Ayes.
 - c) Discussion and possible action on recommending approval of a Resolution Authorizing Application, Execution and Amendment of the Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant – DOAP – Allendorf made a motion to recommend approval of a Resolution Authorizing Application, Execution and Amendment of the Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant – DOAP. Seconded by Heuerman and motion carried by a roll call vote resulting in all Ayes.

- d) Discussion and possible action on recommending approval of a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Special Warranty – **Heitkamp made a motion to recommend approval of a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Special Warranty. Seconded by Bastian and motion carried by a roll call vote resulting in all Ayes.**

5. Staff Reports

- a) Public Health – Sandra Schleicher was not in attendance.
- b) Mental Health Board – Colleen Farrell was not in attendance.
- c) Jo Daviess County Transit/PCOM – Nicole Hermesen presented her monthly report to the Committee. The ridership numbers for December of 2024 are 4,990. Hermesen would like her financial report to go to County Board in February. Regarding the survey recently sent out to citizens of the County, 25% that responded do use Transit and 75% do not.

6. Citizens' Comments: None.

7. Committee Member Concerns: None.

8. Adjourn: Allendorf made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Seconded by Heitkamp and motion carried by voice vote.

Next regular meeting will be on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.