

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Social & Environmental
CHAIRPERSON: Lynn Gallagher
DATE/TIME: March 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Gallagher, LaDon Trost, Peggy Bastian, Joseph Heitkamp, Jacob Ambrosia, and Dianne Allendorf. A quorum was established.

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Angela Kaiser and Tammy Cahill (Zoom)

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Lynn Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Minutes Approval:

- a) Minutes of the January 16, 2025 Social & Environmental Committee meeting – Heitkamp/Allendorf motioned to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2025 Social & Environmental Committee meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Citizens' Comments: None

4. New Business:

- a) Discussion and possible action to recommend an Ordinance amending the Jo Daviess County Code of Ordinances, Title 5, Chapter 2 Food and Food Establishments – Allendorf/Bastian motioned to recommend approval of an Ordinance amending the Jo Daviess County Code of Ordinances, Title 5, Chapter 2 Food and Food Establishments. The motion carried by voice vote.
- b) Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a contract agreement with Midwest Medical Center for employee DOT physicals, effective October 1, 2025 – Ambrosia/Heitkamp motioned to recommend approval of a contract agreement with Midwest Medical Center for employee DOT physicals, effective October 1, 2025. The motion carried by voice vote.
- c) Discussion and possible action to recommend acceptance of the Jo Daviess County Transit Comprehensive Analysis of Ridership Final Report – Allendorf/Bastian motioned to recommend acceptance of the Jo Daviess County Transit Comprehensive Analysis of Ridership Final Report. The motion carried by voice vote.
- d) Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of fare schedules – Allendorf/Bastian motioned to postpone the item to the April meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.
- e) Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a contract agreement for services with Spare Labs, Inc., for an on-demand transportation platform – Ambrosia/Heitkamp motioned to recommend approval of a contract agreement for services with Spare Labs, Inc., for an on-demand transportation platform. The motion carried by voice vote.
- f) Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a contract between the City of Galena and Jo Daviess County Transit – Ambrosia/Bastian motioned to recommend approval of a contract between the City of Galena and Jo Daviess County Transit at \$29.00 per hour from June through October 2025. The motion carried by voice vote.

- g) Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of initial planning steps of the Northwest Transit District – **Ambrosia/Allendorf motioned to recommend approval of initial planning steps to create the Northwest Transit District. The motion carried by voice vote.**

5. Reports:

- a) Public Health – Sandra Schleicher provided the committee with the Public Health Annual Report. The Health Department was awarded some grants and the nurses have contracted with the Sheriff's Department and Galena ARC.
- b) Mental Health Board – There was not a report provided.
- c) Jo Daviess County Transit/PCOM – Nicole Hermesen gave her financial report for January/February 2025.

6. Citizens' Comments: None.

- 7. Committee Member Concerns:** Boehm inquired on permit processing. Trost voiced his appreciation regarding the financial information from Transit, but worries about indigent people having access to services. Gallagher reported that Galena EMS is doing the 9/11 Stair Challenge on September 13.

8. Adjourn: Heitkamp/Allendorf motioned to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Next regular meeting will be on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.