

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2026

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson Lynn Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 19, 2026 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was answered as follows: Present – Dianne Allendorf, Peggy Bastian, Lynn Gallagher, Joseph Heitkamp, LaDon Trost. Present: 5. Present electronically: 0. Absent – Jacob Ambrosia, Robert Heuerman. Absent: 2.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2026, Social & Environmental Committee meeting was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

V. Unfinished Business

FY2025/FY2027 Strategic Goals were reviewed. After discussion, the committee agreed that goal number two "*Examine the need for additional county mental health services*" should be updated to "Complete".

VI. New Business

A motion to recommend approval of an annual Ordinance Authorizing Jo Daviess County to operate Public Transit Service in Jo Daviess County for FY2027 was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend approval of a Resolution Authorizing Application, Execution, and Amendment of the Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant - Section 5311 for FY2027 was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by LaDon Trost. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend approval of a Resolution Authorizing Application, Execution, and Amendment of the Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant - Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP) for FY2027 was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend approval of a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Special Warranty was made by LaDon Trost and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion involved the reasoning behind dissolving the policy, which is basically that it is so specific to COVID19, that any future pandemic would require a completely different policy be written and

approved. It was suggested a more generic policy be drafted in the future. **A motion to recommend the dissolution of P2021-1 JDC Plan for COVID19 Exposure, Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Policy was made by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Dianne Allendorf. The motion carried by voice vote.**

VII. Reports

Public Health: A written report was provided and Public Health Administrator Sandra Schleicher was available to answer questions.

Mental Health Board: 708 Mental Health Board President Tracy Wiecking was available to answer questions. He reported on their recent meeting and stated they have set a special meeting in April to discuss updating their three-year plan.

Jo Daviess County Transit/PCOM: A written report was provided and Transit Director/PCOM Nicole Hermesen was available to answer questions.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

IX. Committee Member Concerns

None.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:04 PM by Peggy Bastian and seconded by Dianne Allendorf. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next committee meeting is Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.