

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT & COURTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2026**

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson Allendorf called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM on Thursday, July 9, 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, Steve Endress, LaDon Trost. Present: 3. Present electronically –Daisha Boehm, Logan Noe. Present electronically: 2. Absent – John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp. Absent: 2.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2026, Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting was made by Steve Endress and seconded by Logan Noe. The motion carried by voice vote.

IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

V. Unfinished Business

FY2025/FY2027 Strategic Goals were reviewed. The County Administrator noted that employing a full-time custodian would be brought forward during the upcoming budget season. No other changes were proposed.

Update on MDFPD Communication Tower located on Route 5, East Dubuque: The County Administrator stated the lease is a five-year agreement, automatically renewed in June 2026. The committee agreed the item should stay on unfinished business for future discussion.

Update on Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid Agreement: Michael Willis, EMA Director, provided an update on the Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid Agreement, noting that the insurance-associated law firm is still reviewing the document and that he had not yet received guidance from Grant County EMA regarding division of railroad reimbursement payments. The committee agreed to keep the item on the agenda.

Judge Hay presented a temporary plan to relocate the Law Library to two public computers on the first floor next to the County Clerk's Office. IT confirmed the move is feasible, and the Law Library Fund would cover costs for changing the lock and signage on room 223, the previous law library location. Judge Hay emphasized that the current law library room lacks security cameras and should not remain a public space. **A motion to recommend approval of a request to relocate the Law Library to the first floor and repurpose the current Law Library space for temporary court staff office space was made by LaDon Trost and seconded by Steve Endress. The motion carried by voice vote.**

VI. New Business

Kirk Raab, Chief Deputy, presented a quote for the [SheriffApp.com](https://www.sheriffapp.com) mobile application. He described its features, including sex offender mapping, inmate information, push notifications, and integration with sheriff sales. The initial cost is \$15,717.00, with an annual maintenance fee of approximately \$7,000–\$8,000. **A motion to approve a quote for the purchase of TheSheriffApp.com mobile application to be paid from 066-46181-810 at a cost not to exceed \$15,717.00 (Amount is between \$10k-\$20k and requires parent committee approval per the County's purchasing ordinance) was made by Steve Endress and seconded by Logan Noe. The motion carried by voice vote.**

Michael Willis, EMA Director, then presented the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System (IEMMAS) Intergovernmental Agreement, explaining that Region 2 EMAs have long operated cooperatively and that formalizing the agreement would allow access to state funding. **A motion to recommend approval of an Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System (IEMMAS) Intergovernmental Agreement for the purpose of coordinating resource deployment with participating Illinois counties during emergencies, disasters, and special events was made by LaDon Trost and seconded by Logan Noe. The motion carried by voice vote.**

A motion to recommend approval of a Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System (IEMMAS) pursuant to the Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Service Agreement was made by LaDon Trost and seconded by Steve Endress. The motion carried by voice vote.

VII. Reports

Sheriff: A written report was provided and Kirk Raab, Chief Deputy was present to answer questions. He shared statistics from the crime suppression team, including recovery of four weapons, one a Glock with an illegal switch, 20 grams of meth, four search warrants, six DUIs, and five controlled buys. He also announced reintroduction of a voluntary faith-based program led by Pastor Adam Mostert and Joe George, progress on IDOT safety grants, and a shift to purchasing squad cars locally due to competitive pricing.

Circuit Clerk: A written report was provided and Jean Wand, Chief Deputy was present to answer questions.

Probation: A written report was provided and Jamie Watson, Probation Director was present to answer questions. He is recruiting a new officer following Sharon Gillip's retirement and is working on the AOIC annual plan. Rosecrance staff are now in the office on Thursdays to provide evaluations, improving client access.

Emergency Management Agency: A written report was provided and Michael Willis, EMA Director was present to answer questions. He reported that the UCP required generator repairs estimated at \$4,000, which were not covered by the state grant due to timing. He also noted progress on Smart911 implementation and shared that EMA received \$13,336.33 in reimbursement from CN Railroad for the Nora train derailment.

Public Defender: No report was provided.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

These minutes are not the official record until final approval at the next committee meeting and all minutes may be changed until officially approved.

John Schultz, Galena resident and County Board District #9 member, asked about the Route 5 tower lease and continued support for the fire district's older communication system. Kirk Raab explained that the district had five years to prepare for the transition to StarCom and that while the county cannot maintain the district's equipment, paging capability remains and the Sheriff's Office will assist where possible.

IX. Committee Member Concerns

None.

X. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 4:29 PM by Steve Endress and seconded by Dianne Allendorf. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next committee meeting: Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.