

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY
COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 14, 2026**

I. Call to Order

Jo Daviess County Chairperson LaDon Trost called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM on Tuesday, July 14, 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, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Present: 15. Present electronically – Logan Noe. Present electronically: 1. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

State's Attorney Chris Allendorf was also present

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairperson Trost.

IV. Invocation & Thought for the Day

The invocation and thought for the day was given by Joseph Heitkamp.

V. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Creighton.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A. Minutes Approval

1. County Board minutes from the June 9, 2026, County Board meeting

B. Appointments/Resignations

1. Approval of certified list of candidates for Election Judges for two-year terms as provided by the Chairperson of the County Central Committee for both the Republican and Democratic parties
2. Appointment of Kirk Raab and Jean Wand to the Personnel Review Committee

C. Contracts/Agreements/Petitions

D. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations

E. Reports/Correspondence

1. June 2026 Pending State's Attorney Cases
2. June 2026 County Clerk Financial Report
3. May 2026 Galena Country Tourism Reports
4. Thank-You Letter - Safe Haven Humane Society
5. Letter from the Galena Territory Association Zoning Task Group

F. Claims

1. Claims approval in the amount of **\$1,255,522.14** as follows:
 - i. **\$480,092.91** (Regular Claims)
 - ii. **\$12,262.24** (Claims associated with LIT's)
 - iii. **\$291,375.03** (Claims associated with IFT's)
 - iv. **\$91,486.12** (GGMI Hotel/Motel Tax Reimbursement)
 - v. **\$5,000.00** (Contingency)
 - vi. **\$375,305.84** (Special Service Area Providers)

\$86,039.93 - SSA #1 to Warren Area Ambulance Service, Inc.

\$162,542.41 - SSA #6 to Galena Area Emergency Medical Service

\$126,723.50 - SSA #7 to Elizabeth Community Ambulance Service

G. Line Item Transfers

1. FY2026 Line-Item Transfers over \$500.00:
 - i. **\$4,901.39** from 001-40112-901 Miscellaneous to 001-40101-711 Utilities
 - ii. **\$1,573.90** from 001-41122-719 Other Service Charges to 001-41122-931 Inmate Groceries
 - iii. **\$4,500.00** from 001-40103-401 Salaries - Full Time to 001-40103-405 Salaries - Overtime (*Class 1 expense transfers must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote*)
 - iv. **\$4,975.00** from 001-42131-702 Professional Services to 001-42131-719 Other Service Charges
 - v. **\$1,288.45** from 001-42131-702 Professional Services to 001-42131-810 Equipment Purchase
 - vi. **\$2,000.00** from 001-42131-704 Telephone to 001-42131-719 Other Service Charges

End of Consent Agenda

VI. Citizens' Comments

Judy Chiarelli, 713 Dewey Ave., Galena, Jo Daviess County Democratic Central Committee Chair, came before the board regarding County Board District 16. The committee understands that Bob Heuerman is facing health challenges and that it has been mentioned that Mr. Heuerman has turned in a letter of resignation. The party requests that if the resignation letter exists that it needs to be made public so the voters get to choose their representative rather than have the board appoint someone. The party requests clarification on this.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the board at this time.

VIII. New Business & Committee Reports

A motion to send a letter supporting the Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant application for the Savanna Industrial Park Freight Rail Modernization Planning Project was made by LaDon Trost and seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Information & Technology

A committee motion to approve purchasing three replacement production host servers, with 3-years of warranty/support included, from Storage IT Solutions as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$55,764.96 to be paid from the General Capital Equipment Fund 048-46172-810 (Activity Code 402) was seconded by Michael Holt.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve purchasing three replacement disaster recovery (DR) host servers, with 3-years of warranty/support included, from xByte Technologies as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$37,500.00 with \$4,235.04 to be paid from the General Capital Equipment Fund 048-46172-810 (Activity Code 402), \$10,000.00 to be paid from the ETSB fund (007-041128-810) pending approval at the next ETSB meeting, and up to \$23,264.96 to be paid from the Contingency Fund 016-49197-905 was seconded by Michael Holt.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve offering municipalities and lake communities the opportunity to cost share on the 2026 Orthophotography Project with a 55% municipal and 45% county cost split was seconded by Michael Holt.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve updating the County's GIS Cost Recovery Policy as presented was seconded by Michael Holt.

The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Public Works

A committee motion to approve a bid from Helm Group for the Guilford Township Hot Mix Asphalt Surfacing Project (26-08000-03-GM) in the amount of \$58,061.70 to be paid from line item 021-43146-601 Maintenance Supplies was seconded by John Grizzoffi.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a bid from Kunau Implement for a 17-foot Boom Mower with joystick in the amount of \$37,950.00 to be paid from line item 059-46174-810 Equipment was seconded by John Grizzoffi.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution for the 2026 County Engineer's Salary in the amount of \$125,000.00 with an additional \$32,433.00 for IMRF, Health Insurance, and FICA was seconded by John Grizzoffi.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution for County 2026 MFT Maintenance in the amount of \$800,000.00 from line item 006-43142-601 was seconded by John Grizzoffi.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

D. Law & Courts

A committee motion to approve the purchase of EM1: AI Tools for Emergency Management subscription at a cost not to exceed \$3,600.00 to be paid from 001-41125-604 Computer Supplies was seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve 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 seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve 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 seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System (IEMMAS) pursuant to the Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Service Agreement was seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

E. Finance

The fund balance for the Contingency Fund (016) on May 31, 2026 was **\$592,725.72**.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to Authorize Payment of FY2026 Mandatory Accelerated Payments to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) from the Contingency Fund (016) to be Reimbursed in FY2027 from the Municipal Retirement Fund (013) was seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

The adjusted claims total for July 2026 is \$1,341,758.64.

A committee motion to approve a request to eliminate the Executive Secretary position, create the Executive Specialist position, and adopt the revised position description with a Grade 9 placement on the non-represented merit pay scale was seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by voice vote with an abstention made by Dianne Allendorf.

A committee motion to approve Consideration of a recommendation to approve the following revisions to P2025-4 Non-Represented Employee Classification/Compensation Plan Policy: Establish one-time seniority recognition steps at 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years, using flat dollar increases as discussed, increase all starting wages by \$1 per grade, revise the promotion pay adjustment to replace the existing \$0.50/2% rule with a \$1.50 increase, while removing percentage language and adding “Reclassification” to the heading, and to revise the evaluation tool to be simpler, tied to job descriptions, and more consistent across departments to be effective December 1, 2026 was seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to set implementation terms for the Non-Represented Employee Classification/Compensation Plan & Performance Management/Evaluation/Merit Pay Policy was made by John Schultz and seconded by Michael Dittmar. The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A motion to approve a Prioritized Spending Policy was made by John Schultz and seconded by Diane Gallagher. The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 13. Nays – Jacob Ambrosia, Michael Dittmar, Joseph Heitkamp. Nays: 3. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

F. Planning Commission/Building Code of Appeals

A motion to approve the recommendation to Deny the proposed amendment to reduce the minimum lot area in the Agricultural (AG) zone from 40-acres to two-acres for amendment to the Jo Daviess County Zoning Ordinance (Title 8), to be consolidated into one comprehensive ordinance for full presentation in September and to take effect at a date to be determined was made by John Creighton and seconded by John Schultz.

The motion failed by roll call vote. Ayes – Lynn Gallagher, John Lang, Logan Noe. Ayes: 3. Nays – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Nays: 13. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A motion to refer the recommendation to Deny the proposed amendment to reduce the minimum lot area in the Agricultural (AG) zone from 40-acres to two-acres back to the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals with direction to conduct a public hearing to consider an option of a minimum lot area of 10 acres was made by John Creighton and seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 13. Nays – Dianne Allendorf, Lynn Gallagher, John Lang. Nays: 3. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A motion to approve the recommendation to Deny the proposal to eliminate restrictions on the maximum amount of non-agricultural accessory areas that may be placed on properties zoned Agricultural (AG) for amendment to the Jo Daviess County Zoning Ordinance (Title 8), to be consolidated into one comprehensive ordinance for full presentation in September and to take effect at a date to be determined was made by John Creighton and seconded by Michael Dittmar.

The motion failed by roll call vote. Ayes – Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Lang, John Schultz. Ayes: 4. Nays – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, Logan Noe, LaDon Trost. Nays: 12. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A motion to refer the recommendation to Deny the proposal to eliminate restrictions on the maximum amount of non-agricultural accessory areas that may be placed on properties zoned Agricultural (AG) back to the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals with direction to conduct a public hearing to re-examine the restrictions on lots up to 5 acres was made by John Creighton and seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A motion to deny the proposed amendment to eliminate the requirement for a Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) evaluation for any proposal converting agricultural land to non-agricultural use was made by John Creighton and seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John

Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A motion to adopt an amendment to allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs) as a “permitted use” in any zoning district permitting residential development was made by John Creighton and seconded by Michael Dittmar.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A motion to adopt an amendment to site development standards for properties licensed for Guest Accommodations to: eliminate the requirement that guest parking spaces have a maximum slope of 8%; eliminate the standard that access roads/driveways leading into a property not exceed a slope of 15%; and eliminate the special side-yard setback requirement of five-feet per bedroom, with a maximum setback of 35-feet, and require the setbacks applicable to the underlying zoning district was made by John Creighton and seconded by Michael Dittmar.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 15. Nays – Michael Holt. Nays: 1. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A motion to adopt amendments to regulations for “home occupations” as follows was made by John Creighton and seconded by Michael Dittmar:

1. Permit home occupations to occur within the home on a property and/or within an accessory building; eliminate the maximum number of employees permitted on the property, with no limitation on employees working off-site;
2. Allow the sale of ancillary items not made/assembled on the property as part of a home occupation;
3. Add language stating that equipment used for the home occupation shall not create a nuisance or excessive noise;
4. Eliminate the prohibition of deliveries by tractor-trailer combination trucks for home occupation uses;
5. Add the following as permitted home occupations: antiques (retail), automobile and other motor vehicle maintenance and repair services, veterinary clinics, and design, development and other related services

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A motion to adopt amendments related to the Sign Regulations, as follows was made by John Creighton and seconded by John Schultz:

1. Add language that when a non-conforming sign ceases to exist, a written notice shall be provided via certified mail that provides the sign owner 180-days following receipt of the notice to repair/replace/remove the sign within 180-days of receipt of the written notice; the Zoning

Administrator may grant a reasonable extension of time for the sign to be brought into conformance;

2. Create a new category of signage identified as “local business, off-premise sign”, defined as a business that is physically located within the boundaries of Jo Daviess County that is placed on a property other than the location of the business, intended to promote local business enterprises in the County; subject to the following restrictions: double-faced signs permitted, limited to no greater than 32 square feet/sign face with an overall height above the adjacent grade of no greater than 20 feet to the top of the sign; no more than one local business off-premise sign structure shall be situated on a property; sign structures may advertise more than one business as long as all other criteria of this section are met; local business, off-premise signs may be erected no closer than one (1) mile from any other off-premise sign, including traditional billboards (in determining compliance with this standard, signs on both sides of the highway corridor shall be considered; and the sign shall be continually maintained in good condition).

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

G. Development & Planning

A committee motion to approve an Ordinance Creating Title 5, Chapter 13 of the Jo Daviess County Code of Ordinances Regarding Unsafe, Dangerous, and Uninhabitable Structures was seconded by Diane Gallagher.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 15. Nays – Jacob Ambrosia. Nays: 1. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A committee motion to approve an Ordinance Amending the Boundaries of the Joint Northwest Illinois Certified Enterprise Zone to include AutoSmart, Inc. was seconded by Diane Gallagher.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operation of an Enterprise Zone to include AutoSmart, Inc., a car dealer specializing in classic car consignment was seconded by Diane Gallagher.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A committee motion to approve an Ordinance Amending the Boundaries of the Joint Northwest Illinois Certified Enterprise Zone to include the Village of Lena, Illinois was seconded by Diane Gallagher.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha

Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operation of an Enterprise Zone to include the Village of Lena, Illinois was seconded by Diane Gallagher.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

H. Legislative

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

I. Social & Environmental

A committee motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Galena and Jo Daviess County Transit was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a contract between Rosecrance and Jo Daviess County Transit was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a contract between The Workshop and Jo Daviess County Transit was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote.

J. Executive

A committee motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Galena for the purposes of building a parking ramp located at the address commonly known as 311 North Bench Street was seconded by John Creighton.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Peggy Bastian, John Creighton, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 12. Nays – Jacob Ambrosia, Daisha Boehm, Michael Dittmar, Logan Noe. Nays: 4. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A committee motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 5, Chapter 12 of the Jo Daviess County Code of Ordinances to Prohibit Dogs on County Property & to Regulate Animal Waste was seconded by John Creighton.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

IX. Other Committees & Boards

There were no reports by other committees or boards at this time.

X. Closed Session

There was no need for closed session.

XI. Possible Actions as a Result of Closed Session

There was no action as a result of closed session.

XII. Board Member Concerns

LaDon Trost read the following letter from Robert Heuerman, County Board Member District 16:
"Dear Chairperson Trost and Members of the Jo Daviess County Board, I'm writing to let you know that I've decided to step down from the Board, effective July 15th, 2026. Due to ongoing health issues, I need to shift my focus and give myself the time and space to manage them well. This was not an easy decision, but it is the right one for me at this point. Serving on the Board has been a meaningful experience, and I have enjoyed my time on the board. I'm grateful for the chance to work alongside colleagues who care deeply about our community and truly value the relationships and collaborations that have come from this work. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and for the support along the way. Robert Heuerman."

Jacob Ambrosia feels the board needs to find a way to be better about getting information out to the public.

Lynn Gallagher asked members if they know of any "cooling stations" or any place people can go to escape the heat during these extremely hot days, to please reach out to her.

XIII. Citizens' Comments

Grant Offenheiser, 1503 E Plosch Rd., Elizabeth spoke on his concerns of the change in acreage being proposed to the ZBA.

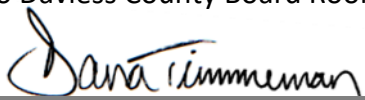
Randal Haas, 2070 S. Goose Hollow Rd., Elizabeth seconded Grant's concerns on the acreage change.

Carol Schwerdtfeger, 1126 S. Elizabeth Scales Mound Rd., Elizabeth expressed frustration with the board's actions regarding the acreage change.

XIV. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang.
The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Trost adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.



Dana Timmerman, County Clerk