

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY
COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2026**

I. Call to Order

Jo Daviess County Chairperson LaDon Trost called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 11, 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, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Lynn Gallagher, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, LaDon Trost. Present: 11. Present electronically – Daisha Boehm, Diane Gallagher. Present electronically: 2. Absent – Jacob Ambrosia, John Grizzoffi, John Schultz. Absent: 3.

State's Attorney Chris Allendorf was also present electronically.

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 Michael Dittmar.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 13. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Jacob Ambrosia, John Grizzoffi, John Schultz. Absent: 3.

A. Minutes Approval

1. County Board minutes from the July 14, 2026, County Board meeting
2. Corrected County Board minutes from the June 9, 2026, meeting, approved on July 14, 2026

B. Appointments/Resignations

1. Appointment of Scott Hess to serve as a member of the 708 Mental Health Board for a four-year term commencing on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2030

2. Appointment of James Baranski to serve as a member of the Jo-Carroll Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) for a three-year term commencing on August 1, 2026, and ending on July 31, 2029
3. Reappointment of Dr. Maria Hernandez to serve as a member of the Board of Health for a three-year term commencing on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2029
4. Appointment of Dr. Peter Colegrove to serve as a member of the Board of Health for a three-year term commencing on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2029

C. Contracts/Agreements/Petitions

D. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations

E. Reports/Correspondence

1. July 2026 Pending State's Attorney Cases
2. July 2026 County Clerk Financial Report
3. June 2026 Galena Country Tourism Reports

F. Claims

1. Claims approval in the amount of **\$1,992,614.72** as follows:
 - i. **\$1,518,922.16** (Regular Claims)
 - ii. **\$17,398.89** (Claims associated w/ LIT's)
 - iii. **\$3,565.25** (Claims associated w/ IFT's)
 - iv. **\$140,756.39** (GGMI Hotel/Motel Tax Reimbursement)
 - v. **\$13,788.67** (Contingency)
 - vi. **\$298,183.36** (Special Service Area Providers)

\$68,251.51 - SSA #1 to Warren Area Ambulance Service, Inc.

\$130,788.50 - SSA #6 to Galena Area Emergency Medical Service

\$99,143.35 - SSA #7 to Elizabeth Community Ambulance Service

G. Line Item Transfers

1. FY2026 Line-Item Transfers over \$500.00:
 - i. **\$1,877.04** from 001-42134-403 Salaries - Part Time to 001-42134-401 Salaries - Full Time (*Class 1 expense transfers must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote*)
 - ii. **\$6,500.00** from 001-42131-719 Other Service Charges to 001-42131-702 Professional Services
 - iii. **\$1,000.00** from 001-42131-719 Other Service Charges to 001-42131-702 Professional Services

- iv. **\$550.68** from 001-41122-606 Minor Equipment & Small Tools to 001-41122-701 Maintenance Service
- v. **\$1,720.67** from 001-40108-605 Office Supplies to 001-40108-702 Professional Services
- vi. **\$4,675.48** from 001-40112-901 Miscellaneous to 001-40101-711 Utilities
- vii. **\$2,672.07** from 001-41122-719 Other Service Charges to 001-41122-931 Inmate Groceries
- viii. **\$4,073.35** from 001-41121-603 Operating Supplies to 001-41121-701 Maintenance Service

End of Consent Agenda

VI. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business & Committee Reports

LaDon Trost did a presentation to Kathy Phillips for her retirement as the Jo Daviess Clerk of the Circuit Court.

A motion to accept the resignation of Robert Heuerman - District #16 - Wards Grove and Stockton I was made by John Creighton and seconded by John Lang.
The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to appoint Tony Jones to the vacant seat of County Board District #16 - Wards Grove & Stockton I for the remainder of a four-year term ending November 30, 2026 was made by Michael Dittmar and seconded by John Lang.
The motion carried by voice vote.

Terry Mattson presented the Galena Country Tourism FY26 Quarterly Report.

E. Public Works

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

Daisha Boehm left the meeting at this time.

F. Law & Courts

A motion to approve a Resolution Amending R2019-16: Establishing Civil Fees and Criminal and Traffic Assessments to be Charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Logan Noe.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Peggy Bastian, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 12. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Jacob Ambrosia, Daisha Boehm, John Grizzoffi, John Schultz. Absent: 4.

G. Finance

The fund balance for the Contingency Fund (016) on June 30, 2026, was \$501,545.65.

A committee motion to amend the P2021-9 Grants Administrative Oversight Policy was seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to Dissolve the Grant Administration Oversight Committee was seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Peggy Bastian, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 12. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Jacob Ambrosia, Daisha Boehm, John Grizzoffi, John Schultz. Absent: 4.

A committee motion to amend the P2026-9 Fixed Asset Management Policy was seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to Authorize Purchase of a Replacement Sheriff's Squad Vehicle from the Contingency Fund (016) to be Reimbursed in FY2027 from the Sheriff Vehicle Fund (038) was seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Peggy Bastian, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 12. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Jacob Ambrosia, Daisha Boehm, John Grizzoffi, John Schultz. Absent: 4.

The adjusted claims total for August 2026 is \$2,025,614.72.

H. Planning Commission/Building Code of Appeals

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

I. Development & Planning

A committee motion to approve a First Time Homebuyer's Loan for Sofie Ann Burke, Apple River, in the amount of \$6,250 for a term of ten years was seconded by Diane Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a First Time Homebuyer's Loan for Benjamin P. Francke, Hanover, in the amount of \$6,000 for a term of ten years was seconded by Diane Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote.

J. Legislative

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

K. Social & Environmental

A committee motion to approve a contract between Fields of Sinsinawa and Jo Daviess County Transit was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.
The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a contract between St. Dominic Villa and Jo Daviess County Transit was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.
The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a contract between Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation and Jo Daviess County Transit was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.
The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a contract between East Galena Township 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 Galena Rotary Club 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 Mop Shop and Jo Daviess County Transit was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.
The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a contract between St. Vincent de Paul and Jo Daviess County Transit was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.
The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a Radio Etiquette Policy for Jo Daviess County Transit Employees was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.
The motion carried by voice vote.

L. Executive

A presentation of the Jo Daviess County Housing Authority and Winnebago County Housing Authority Background Summary was presented by Alan Zais, WCHA Executive Director and Ed Bochniak, JDHA Executive Director.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to Support and Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Transfer of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Public Housing Programs and all Associated Resources and/or Assets from the Jo Daviess County Housing Authority to the Winnebago County Housing Authority was seconded by John Creighton.
The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Peggy Bastian, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 12. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Jacob Ambrosia, Daisha Boehm, John Grizzoffi, John Schultz. Absent: 4.

A committee motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Winnebago County and Jo Daviess County transferring the Jo Daviess County Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing programs, including all associated authorities and assets, to the Winnebago County Housing Authority, with guaranteed representation through one Jo Daviess County resident appointed to the WCHA Board, contingent upon HUD approval was seconded by John Creighton. The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Title 1 Administration, Chapter 5 County Board Organization and Operation Meetings; Rules of Order and Procedure, Section 21 Committees was seconded by John Creighton.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Peggy Bastian, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 12. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent – Jacob Ambrosia, Daisha Boehm, John Grizzoffi, John Schultz. Absent: 4.

M. Information & Technology

A committee motion to approve a Public Communications & Social Media Guidance Policy was seconded by Michael Holt.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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 at this time.

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 stated he is going to start an "Entrepreneur of the Month Initiative". This will be added to the monthly County Board Meeting via a "presentations" agenda item. This item is designed to highlight and celebrate local business owners, innovators and creators who contribute to the economic vitality of Jo Daviess County. The first entrepreneur was Gus of Gus's Golden Hive. Gus is 11 years old and started his own bee and honey business.

Joseph Heitkamp, Steve Endress, Lynn Gallagher, and Michael Dittmar all thanked Bob Heuerman and Kathy Phillips for their time and dedication to the County. The members also congratulated and thanked Gus.

XI. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

XIV. Adjourn

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

Chairperson Trost adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.



Dana Timmerman, County Clerk

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