

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY
SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2026**

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson Lynn Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM on Thursday, August 20, 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 – Jacob Ambrosia (arrived at 6:34 p.m.). Present electronically: 1. Absent: 0.
Also present electronically - John Creighton.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2026 Social & Environmental Committee meeting was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

V. Unfinished Business

FY2025/FY2027 Strategic Goals were reviewed. Chairperson Gallagher reported that all three senior services forums have been scheduled, with flyers and surveys available for distribution. The forums will be held September 29th in Stockton, September 30th in East Dubuque, and October 1st in Galena. The mental health services goal is complete, with the 708 Board adopting a three-year plan. The EMS evaluation goal remains pending, with an EMS guest presentation planned for October.

VI. New Business

A motion to recommend approval of a contract between Galena Public Library District and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between East Dubuque School District #119 and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between The Galena ARC and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Peggy Bastian and seconded by Dianne Allendorf. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between Crescent Community Health Center and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

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A motion to recommend a contract between Allure of Stockton and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between the United Methodist Church and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend an Intergovernmental Agreement between The Regional Office of Education #8 and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Peggy Bastian. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between The Galena Territory Association and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Peggy Bastian and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between Midwest Medical Center and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between The Senior Resource Center and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Dianne Allendorf. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a contract between The Riverview Center and Jo Daviess County Transit was made by Peggy Bastian and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend approval of a resolution authorizing application for a capital assistance grant for paratransit vehicles under the Illinois Department of Transportation's general authority to make such grants was made by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Dianne Allendorf. The motion carried by voice vote.

VII. Reports

Public Health: Sandra Schleicher, Public Health Administrator, reported high bat-related rabies testing activity, noting euthanization and shipping costs have increased. Flu vaccine doses have arrived and can be billed to Medical Associates insurance. Two Board of Health vacancies were filled. The five-year needs assessment is being finalized. Schleicher also reported a measles outbreak in southern Wisconsin and has shared vaccination concerns with local schools.

Mental Health Board: Tracy Wiecking, 708 Mental Health Board President reported a new board member, Pastor Scott Hess. The Board is working on grants for seven applicants and preparing funding plans for a mental health coordinator position and a hotline/resource directory, which would be funded through grants rather than county employment.

Jo Daviess County Transit/PCOM: No written report was provided.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

IX. Committee Member Concerns

The committee coordinated attendance for upcoming senior services forums, noting no more than

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three committee members may attend each session.

X. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:55 PM by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Dianne Allendorf. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next committee meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

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