

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2026

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson Creighton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 3, 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, John Creighton, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Present: 9. Present electronically: 0. Absent: 0.

Also present electronically - Jacob Ambrosia, Joseph Heitkamp.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2026, Executive Committee meeting was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang. The motion carried by voice vote with an abstention recorded for Michael Holt.

IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

V. Unfinished Business

FY2025/FY2027 Strategic Goals were reviewed.

Update on Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests: The committee discussed the continued volume of repetitive FOIA requests received monthly from multiple outlets. Members noted that identical requests are being sent to several county offices, requiring repeated denials and clarifications that certain records are not maintained by their individual offices. Staff reported approximately 24.5 hours spent on FOIA processing for one employee alone. Members discussed statutory limits, commercial-use distinctions, and asked the Administrator to reach out to UCCI for statewide guidance.

VI. New Business

The Committee considered a technical correction to Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 21 of the Code of Ordinances, replacing references to "Committee Vice Chairs" with "Committee Co-Chairs." The Administrator explained this as a scrivener's error. **A motion to recommend 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 made by John Schultz and seconded by John Grizzoffi. The motion carried by voice vote.**

Representatives from the Jo Daviess County Housing Authority and Winnebago County Housing Authority presented detailed information regarding HUD-directed consolidation of small housing authorities. They explained funding challenges, voucher portability issues, and benefits of consolidation, including access to additional programs such as VASH veteran vouchers, youth

aging-out vouchers, and family unification vouchers. The committee discussed concerns about local representation, asset retention, and long-term guarantees. Presenters stated that HUD has mandated consolidation and to decline would result in HUD assuming direct control of the Jo Daviess Housing Authority. A technical correction was identified in the resolution text regarding references to Winnebago vs. Jo Daviess County. The Committee directed staff to correct the resolution accordingly.

A motion to recommend 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 as corrected was made by John Creighton and seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by voice vote.

The Committee reviewed the full intergovernmental agreement transferring Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Public Housing programs, including all associated authorities and assets, to the Winnebago County Housing Authority, with guaranteed representation by one Jo Daviess County resident on the WCHA Board (subject to HUD approval). Members raised questions regarding assignment language, asset lists, future guarantees, and demolition procedures. Presenters clarified that Jo Daviess County owns 104 public housing units, all of which would transfer. They also noted that Winnebago has a board seat open for a Jo Daviess representative. **A motion to recommend 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 made by John Creighton and seconded by John Lang. The motion carried by voice vote.**

VII. Closed Session

There was no need for closed session.

VIII. Reconvene to Open Session

IX. Possible Actions as a Result of Closed Session

X. Reports

XI. Citizens' Comments

Jacob Ambrosia, County Board Member District #15 asked whether the Housing Authority agreement included any future opt-out provisions. The Chair responded that the agreement functions as a "one-way door," with no reversal mechanism.

XII. Committee Member Concerns

Members expressed appreciation for Housing Authority Board Chair Steve McIntyre's service and discussed upcoming budget considerations, including restoring departmental baselines where five-year averages had resulted in underfunding. The Committee agreed that restoring budgets dollar-for-dollar from the miscellaneous fund would be appropriate where documentation supports the need.

XIII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:05 PM by John Lang and seconded by Michael Holt. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next committee meeting: Monday, August 31, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.