

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 31, 2026**

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson Creighton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 31, 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 Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Present: 7. Present electronically –Michael Holt. Present electronically: 1. Absent – John Grizzoffi. Absent: 1. Also present - Jacob Ambrosia, Daisha Boehm, Joseph Heitkamp, Logan Noe.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2026, Executive Committee meeting was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang. The motion carried by voice vote.

IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

V. Unfinished Business

FY2025/FY2027 Strategic Goals were reviewed with no change.

Update on Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests: FOIA requests were discussed, with members observing that total hours spent were lower than in prior months but still burdensome. It was noted approximately nine and a half hours were spent by the Sheriff's Office alone. Members discussed recurring mass-distribution FOIA requests from Prairie State Wire and Sunlight Access, and the possibility of posting additional records online to reduce repetitive requests.

VI. New Business

The Committee discussed amending Resolution R2023-18 to extend retiree health insurance benefits for the Chief Deputy Sheriff and Lieutenant Sheriff positions through the next collective bargaining agreement. The County Administrator explained that the benefit already exists for represented employees and was originally extended to command staff to maintain parity and ensure leadership positions remain competitive. **A motion to recommend a Resolution to Amend R2023-18 to Provide Retiree Health Insurance Benefits for the Chief Deputy Sheriff and Lieutenant Sheriff Positions was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by voice vote.**

The Committee held an extended discussion on remote attendance rules. Members noted inconsistencies between current practice, county ordinance, and state statute, including notification requirements, quorum rules, and voting eligibility for Zoom participants. Several members emphasized accessibility and flexibility, while others stressed adherence to statute and clearer

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accountability. It was suggested to postpone action pending further research and consultation with UCCI. **A motion to postpone action to recommend an Ordinance Amending Title 1 Administration, Chapter 5 County Board Meetings was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang. The motion carried by voice vote.**

The County Administrator reported receipt of a small payment from an opioid trust closing out prior settlement distributions. The Public Health Administrator agreed to manage required reporting. **A motion to recommend authorizing the Public Health Administrator to pursue an opioid settlement agreement and to create a special fund for the deposit of monies was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang. The motion carried by voice vote.**

The Committee reviewed a resolution authorizing payment of a mandatory accelerated IMRF contribution totaling \$9,257.32 from the Contingency Fund (016), to be reimbursed in FY2027 from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (013). The Administrator explained the payment resulted from two unanticipated retirements triggering IMRF's 6% pension-spiking recalculation. **A motion to recommend 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) in the amount of \$9,257.32 was made by John Schultz 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

County Administrator: No written report was provided; Angela Kaiser, County Administrator was present to answer questions.

XI. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

XII. Committee Member Concerns

Members shared various announcements, including a housing display reception at the Galena Library, local business closures affecting tax revenue, and appreciation for volunteers at the recent corn boil. A member also noted the value of Zoom attendance for short regional meetings.

XIII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:47 PM by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Lang. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next committee meeting is at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 24th for a Joint Committee Budget Review meeting with Development & Planning, Tourism, Executive, and Finance