

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 2025

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson D. Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Administrative Offices in Galena, Illinois.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was answered as follows: Present – Michael Dittmar, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, John Lang. Present: 6. Present electronically – 0. Present electronically: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to recommend approve minutes of the May 27, 2025 Development & Planning Committee meeting was made by Lynn Gallagher and seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to approve minutes of the July 22, 2025 Development & Planning 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

A motion to recommend prioritizing Economic Development goals for FY2026 as follows: 1. Revolving Loans, 2. First Time Homebuyer Loans, 3. Other Loans, and 4. Grants was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang. The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Dittmar.

A motion to advance the FY2026 Economic Development Fund (018) revenue budget numbers to the review meetings as presented was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to advance the FY2026 Economic Development Fund (018) expense budget numbers to the review meetings as presented was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang. The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Dittmar.

VI. New Business

No action was taken regarding business grant process and timing.

VII. Reports

Building & Zoning: William Meeker presented his written report.

Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED): David Schmit gave a written report summarizing the month's activity, which included working with the City of Galena and Village of

Stockton on DCEO Site Readiness Grant applications related to possible Industrial Park developments, hosting the Carroll & Jo Daviess Job Fair, and more.

Ad-Hoc Zoning Committee: Diane Gallagher gave an update on the committee's activities and direction.

Ad-Hoc Community Growth Committee: Michael Dittmar gave an update on the development incentives the committee have been researching.

Blackhawk Hills Regional Council: Diane Gallagher gave a brief update on BHRC, stating they have received an award for their updated CEDS plan.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

IX. Committee Member Concerns

Michael Dittmar, a member of the Ad-Hoc Zoning Committee, asked a local contractor for input on the current zoning ordinance about zoning issues. The contractor asked if the county could change building codes to make construction more affordable. William Meeker, Planning & Development Administrator, responded there is very little that can be done, as our building code follows the International Building Code and there is little room for change.

LaDon Trost complimented William Meeker and thanked him for his work with Planning & Development. He also complimented David Schmit for his work promoting economic development.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:47 PM by Michael Dittmar and seconded by John Lang. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next committee meeting is Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.