

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2025

I. Call to Order

Jo Daviess County Chairperson LaDon Trost called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 10, 2025 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, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Present: 16. Present electronically – Jacob Ambrosia. Present electronically: 1. Absent: 0.

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 John Grizzoffi.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

A. Minutes Approval

1. County Board Meeting minutes from the October 14, 2025 County Board Meeting

B. Appointments/Resignations

1. Appointment of LaVonne Deininger to serve as an alternate member of the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of a five-year term ending on August 31, 2029
2. Reappointment of John Schultz to serve as a member of the Jo-Carroll Foreign Trade Zone Board for a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2028
3. Reappointment of Rick Pariser to serve as a member of the Jo-Carroll Foreign Trade Zone Board for a three-year term ending on December 31, 2027

4. Reappointment of David Schmit to serve as a member of the Jo Daviess/Carroll Joint Action Solid Waste Planning Agency for a three-year term ending on November 30, 2027
5. Appointment of Logan Noe to serve as a member of the Jo Daviess/Carroll Joint Action Solid Waste Planning Agency for a three-year term beginning on December 1, 2025, and ending on November 30, 2028

C. Contracts/Agreements/Petitions

D. Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations

E. Reports/Correspondence

1. October 2025 County Clerk & Recorder Financial Report
2. TOI Presentation with TOIRMA regarding ATV's "Non-Highway Vehicles" on Local Roads - County Highway Department on October 28, 2025
3. October 2025 Pending State's Attorney Cases
4. September 2025 Galena Country Tourism Reports

F. Claims

1. Claims approval in the amount of **\$2,288,992.61** as follows:
 - i. **\$1,344,611.58** (Regular Claims)
 - ii. **\$119,710.53** (Claims associated w/ LIT's)
 - iii. **\$613,603.80** (Claims associated w/ IFT's)
 - iv. **\$186,059.83** (GGMI Hotel/Motel Tax Reimbursement)
 - v. **\$5,000.00** (Contingency)
 - vi. **\$7,950.00** (Emergency Purchase - Second round of return move into Courthouse from line item 088-46182-805)
 - vii. **\$12,056.87** (Over Budget Requests)

G. Line Item Transfers

1. FY2025 Line-Item Transfers over \$500.00:
 - i. **\$6,000.00** from 001-42131-719 Other Service Charges to 001-42131-702 Professional Service
 - ii. **\$5,000.00** from 011-43141-890 Other Improvements to 011-43141-702 Professional Service
 - iii. **\$15,000.00** from 071-44163-890 Other Improvements to 071-44163-702 Professional Service
 - iv. **\$974.95** from 001-41121-611 Fuel to 001-41121-701 Maintenance Service

- v. **\$750.00** from 007-41128-810 Equipment to 007-41128-503 Dues
- vi. **\$563.54** from 001-41121-611 Fuel to 001-41121-441 Uniforms
- vii. **\$1,103.26** from 001-40102-501 Education & Training to 001-40102-502 Travel Expenses
- viii. **\$1,944.25** from 001-41123-401 Full-Time Salaries to 001-41123-704 Telephone
- ix. **\$4,489.65** from 001-41123-401 Full-Time Salaries to 001-41123-701 Maintenance Service
- x. **\$2,280.00** from 066-46181-702 Professional Service to 066-46181-711 Utilities
- xi. **\$3,000.00** from 001-41124-701 Contractual Maintenance to 001-41124-441 Uniforms
- xii. **\$755.00** from 001-41121-604 Computer Supplies to 001-41121-503 Dues
- xiii. **\$1,080.00** from 001-41121-611 Fuel to 001-41121-503 Dues
- xiv. **\$3,000.00** from 011-43145-890 Other Improvements to 011-43145-890 Professional Service
- xv. **\$15,000.00** from 009-41129-901 Contingency to 009-41129-603 Operating Supplies
- xvi. **\$650.00** from 001-41121-611 Fuel to 001-41121-441 Uniforms
- xvii. **\$10,000.00** from 071-44163-890 Other Improvements to 071-44163-601 Maintenance Supplies
- xviii. **\$640.00** from 038-46179-606 Minor Equipment & Small Tools to 038-46179-820 Vehicle
- xix. **\$895.00** from 038-46179-702 Professional Service to 038-46179-820 Vehicle
- xx. **\$2,113.44** from 019-41121-606 Minor Equipment & Small Tools to 019-41121-820 Vehicle
- xxi. **\$262.18** from 001-41123-401 Full-Time Salaries to 001-41123-704 Telephone
- xxii. **\$5,000.00** from 071-44163-815 Furniture to 071-44163-602 Janitorial Supplies
- xxiii. **\$621.26** from 001-41121-504 Publications to 001-41121-701 Maintenance Service

H. Over Budget Requests

1. FY2025 Over Budget Requests:

- i. **\$6,282.00** to Second Chance Cardiac Solutions for AED machines & equipment to be paid from 088-46182-920 Unbudgeted Grant Expense
- ii. **\$5,774.87** to Scaled Instruments for weather stations to be paid from 001-41125-606 Minor Equipment & Small Tools

End of Consent Agenda

VI. Citizens' Comments

Gerald Podraza, 304 Territory Dr., Galena, had complaints about how his property was assessed.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business brought before the board at this time.

VIII. New Business & Committee Reports

A. Presentation of Support for the Proposed Blackjack Realignment Project

Brad Petersburg gave a presentation of support for the proposed Blackjack Realignment Project.

B. A motion to rescind the motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 22 Visitors of the Jo Daviess County Code of Ordinances, passed on September 9, 2025

A motion to rescind an Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 22 Visitors of the Jo Daviess County Code of Ordinances, passed on September 9, 2025 was made by Daisha Boehm and seconded by Jacob Ambrosia.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Lynn Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 13. Nays – Dianne Allendorf, Diane Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp. Nays: 4.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding FY2026 County Board Meeting Dates

A motion to approve the FY2026 County Board Meeting Dates was made by John Lang and seconded by Peggy Bastian.

The motion carried by voice vote.

D. Public Works

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

E. Law & Courts

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

F. Finance

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 01-001-125-00 Apple River Township to Jessica Storey (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on October 30, 2025*)

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 01-001-125-00 Apple River Township to Jessica Storey was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John

Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 05-000-841-08 Dunleith Township to Rob Erschen (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on October 30, 2025*)

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 05-000-841-08 Dunleith Township to Rob Erschen was seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

3. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 17-001-050-00 Stockton Township to Marcus Haas (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on October 30, 2025*)

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 17-001-050-00 Stockton Township to Marcus Haas was seconded by John Schultz.

4. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 18-003-109-00 Thompson Township to Sandra Jaramillo (*Recommendation of the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee meeting held on October 30, 2025*)

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 18-003-109-00 Thompson Township to Sandra Jaramillo was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

G. Planning Commission/Building Code of Appeals

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

H. Development & Planning

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

I. Legislative

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

J. Social & Environmental

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a contract between JDLF Collective and Jo Daviess County Transit (*Recommendation of the Social & Environmental Committee meeting held on October 16, 2025*)

A committee motion to approve a contract between JDLF Collective and Jo Daviess County Transit was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote.

2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve reinstatement of the contract between The Mop Shop and Jo Daviess County Transit (*Recommendation of the Social & Environmental Committee meeting held on October 16, 2025*)

A committee motion to approve reinstatement of the contract between The Mop Shop and Jo Daviess County Transit was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a contract between St. Dominic Villa and Jo Daviess County Transit (*Recommendation of the Social & Environmental Committee meeting held on October 16, 2025*)

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.

4. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a contract between The Riverview Center and Jo Daviess County Transit (*Recommendation of the Social & Environmental Committee meeting held on October 16, 2025*)

A committee motion to approve a contract between The Riverview Center and Jo Daviess County Transit was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote.

K. Executive

1. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a resolution to participate in the service program of the Office of the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$10,000.00 (*Recommendation of the Executive Committee meeting held on November 3, 2025*)

A committee motion to approve a resolution to participate in the service program of the Office of the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$10,000.00 was seconded by John Creighton.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, LaDon Trost. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

2. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Public Defender agreement with Thomas J. Nack in the amount of \$77,445.20 beginning December 1, 2025, and

ending November 30, 2026 (*Recommendation of the Executive Committee meeting held on November 3, 2025*)

A committee motion to approve a Public Defender agreement with Thomas J. Nack in the amount of \$77,445.20 beginning December 1, 2025, and ending November 30, 2026 was seconded by John Creighton.

The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Consideration of a recommendation to approve a Public Defender agreement with Ronald J. Leinen in the amount of \$51,011.50 beginning December 1, 2025, and ending November 30, 2026 (*Recommendation of the Executive Committee meeting held on November 3, 2025*)

A committee motion to approve a Public Defender agreement with Ronald J. Leinen in the amount of \$51,011.50 beginning December 1, 2025, and ending November 30, 2026 was seconded by John Creighton.

The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Consideration of a recommendation to approve an agreement to provide snow removal and ice control services of roads at Jo-Carroll Depot at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00 to be paid from line item 002-43141-701 (*Recommendation of the Executive Committee meeting held on November 3, 2025*)

A committee motion to approve an agreement with Ryan Raab, an individual Contractor, to provide snow removal and ice control services of roads at Jo-Carroll Depot at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00 to be paid from line item 002-43141-701 was seconded by John Creighton.

The motion carried by voice vote.

5. Consideration of a recommendation to approve the 2026 Jo Daviess County Holiday Schedule (*Recommendation of the Executive Committee meeting held on November 3, 2025*)

A committee motion to approve the 2026 Jo Daviess County Holiday Schedule was seconded by John Creighton.

The motion carried by voice vote.

L. Information & Technology

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

IX. Other Committees & Boards

John Creighton gave a brief update on the Ad-Hoc Zoning Committee. The final meeting was held 3 weeks ago and he feels the last several months were excellent. Creighton stated Cory Cassens will have a report for ZBA and the board by the end of the year.

Lynn Gallagher gave a brief update on the Ad-Hoc Mental Health Committee. There is nothing actionable at this time. They have two focus groups scheduled, one on November 19th and 20th, with hopes of a big turnout to get more data for the final report.

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. Citizens' Comments

At this time, Chairperson Trost exercised his prerogative and moved to citizens' comments.

Gerald Podraza, 304 Territory Dr., Galena, spoke again on his issue with his assessment and gave his opinion on how he feels the assessment appeal process should be done.

XIII. Board Member Concerns

LaDon Trost gave thanks to veterans.

John Schultz reminded board members to get their Per Diem sheets turned in.

Peggy Bastian let board members know there is a pancake breakfast on the morning of November 23rd for the Hanover Library.

John Lang also gave thanks to veterans.

Steve Endress thanked the highway department for their work done.

XIV. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by John Lang and seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Trost adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.



Dana Timmerman, County Clerk