

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
AD-HOC ZONING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2025

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson Cassens called the meeting to order at 6:14 PM on Tuesday, October 21, 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 – Dan Caswell, John Creighton, LaVonne Deininger, Diane Gallagher, Joel Holland, Cory Cassens. Present: 6. Present electronically – LaDon Trost. Present electronically: 1. Absent – Beth Baranski, Michael Dittmar, Brian Engle, Tony Jones, William Meeker, Steve McIntyre. Absent: 6.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2025 Ad-Hoc Zoning Committee meeting as corrected was made by Diane Gallagher and seconded by John Creighton. The motion carried by voice vote.

IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

A motion to recommend striking all references to the "LESA" score from the current zoning ordinance was made by John Creighton and seconded by Cory Cassens. The motion passed by roll call vote. Ayes – Dan Caswell, John Creighton, LaVonne Deininger, Joel Holland, LaDon Trost, Cory Cassens. Ayes: 6. Nays – Diane Gallagher Nays: 1. Absent – Beth Baranski, Michael Dittmar, Brian Engle, Tony Jones, William Meeker, Steve McIntyre. Absent: 6.

Member Jones was absent, therefore no presentation regarding potential concerns regarding Adult Entertainment Establishments as stated in Title 8 Chapter 5B-2 and defined in Title 8 Chapter 7-2. was given.

Chairperson Cassens took a straw poll of the members to gauge whether the committee had accomplished its goal, or would additional meetings would be necessary. The committee overall believes the research and discussion has been completed; the only thing left to do is write the report to present to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chairperson Cassens would like to be ready to present this report in January 2026 and asks that the entire Ad-Hoc Zoning Committee be present.

Member Trost believes a special meeting should be held in order not to take away from their regular business, so he will look into whether that can happen.

VII. Citizens' Comments

John Schultz, Galena, expressed his appreciation for the work that has been done thus far.

VIII. Committee Member Concerns

IX. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:37 PM by John Creighton and seconded by Dan Caswell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next committee meeting: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM