

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: Jo Daviess County Chairperson LaDon Trost called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present – Dianne Allendorf, Tina Brandel, John Creighton, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Daniel Holcomb, Michael Holt, John Lang, Steve McIntyre, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Present: 16. Present electronically - Darcy Wild. Present electronically: 1. Absent: 0.

State's Attorney Chris Allendorf was present.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Chairperson Trost.

THE INVOCATION AND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY was given by Joseph Heitkamp.

AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by John Lang and seconded by Don Zillig.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Tina Brandel, John Creighton, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Daniel Holcomb, Michael Holt, John Lang, Steve McIntyre, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

AGENDA ITEM II - CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Rose Noble, GGMI President and CEO stated the quarterly report was in the board packet and encouraged any members with questions to feel free and reach out.

AGENDA ITEM III – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

AGENDA ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A motion to approve a resolution to amend and extend the Jo Daviess County Emergency Disaster Declaration due to COVID-19 in Jo Daviess County with an amended ending date of March 14, 2023 was made by John Schultz and seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Tina Brandel, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Daniel Holcomb, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays - John Creighton and Steve McIntyre. Nays: 2.

At this time, Chairperson Trost presented a plaque to Neil Moser, a driver with the Jo Daviess County Transit. On January 12, 2023, Mr. Moser performed life-saving measures on a rider who had experienced a cardiac incident. Due to his actions, the rider's life was saved, and for this the Jo Daviess County Board extends their appreciation and gratitude.

A presentation on the Jo Daviess County Karst Feature Database was made to the board by Beth Baranski. The database was completed at the end of 2021 and is currently hosted by and made available to the public through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Their commitment to host the database lasts through Fall 2023.

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A similar presentation was made earlier to the Information and Communications Technology Committee with the hope of the board's consideration to begin hosting the database in conjunction with the GIS mapping website. The county's cost to add the Karst information to the current website is negligible, according to GIS/IT Director Joe Kratcha.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

A committee motion to host the Jo Daviess County Karst GIS database, make it accessible on the GIS County website for viewing on all portals (Public Access, Subscription Access, and Government Access), and provide requests for digital copies of the GIS Karst data at no cost to the requestor was seconded by Steve McIntyre.

The motion carried by voice vote.

At this time, Chairperson Trost exercised his chairperson's prerogative and moved to the "Other Committees & Boards" portion of the agenda, Item I.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY AD-HOC COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE:

A motion to renovate the current Courthouse building was made by John Lang and seconded by John Grizzoffi.

Information was provided to board members by Stephen Roberts from Baird Public Finance and Bill Groh and Michael Lewis from Shive Hattery. There was much discussion regarding the pros and cons of renovation with most members voicing their opinions on the matter.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Dianne Allendorf, Tina Brandel, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Daniel Holcomb, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays - John Creighton, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, and Steve McIntyre. Nays: 4.

FINANCE, TAX, & BUDGETS:

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of County's interest in parcel 18-013-098-00 in Thompson Township to Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Tina Brandel, John Creighton, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Daniel Holcomb, Michael Holt, John Lang, Steve McIntyre, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of County's interest in parcel 18-003-101-00 in Thompson Township to Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Tina Brandel, John Creighton, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Daniel Holcomb, Michael Holt, John Lang, Steve McIntyre, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

A committee motion to approve a software license and maintenance agreement with DEVNET, Inc. for the wEdge Program for a period of five years at a rate of \$4,095.00 per year was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The fund balance for the Contingency Fund (016) on December 31, 2022 was \$482,266.80.

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DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:

A committee motion to approve and post the completed Jo Daviess County Housing Study was seconded by Diane Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC WORKS:

A committee motion to approve the Spring Road Posting Resolution for 2023 was seconded by John Creighton.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Tina Brandel, John Creighton, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Daniel Holcomb, Michael Holt, John Lang, Steve McIntyre, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & COURTS:

A committee motion to approve a Contract Law Enforcement Plan of Operations for services provided at the Mississippi River Project, Blanding Landing Recreation Area was seconded by Don Zillig.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a quote from Dell Technologies, a single sole source provider, for the purchase of Twenty (20) Dell Latitude 5430 Rugged laptops at a total cost not to exceed \$42,799.80 to be paid from line item 001-41121-604 was seconded by Don Zillig.

The motion carried by voice vote.

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL:

A committee motion to approve a Contract with Jo Daviess County Transit and Galena-Stauss Senior Care was seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a request from Jo Daviess County Transit to hire two (2) full-time and three (3) part-time drivers was seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to Amend and Add Certain Environmental Health Fees Charged by the Jo Daviess County Health Department was seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Tina Brandel, John Creighton, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Daniel Holcomb, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays - Steve McIntyre. Nays: 1.

Item 4 was postponed to the next meeting.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to Amend and Add Certain Environmental Health Fees Charged by the Jo Daviess County Health Department – Shared Kitchen was seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Tina Brandel, John Creighton, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Daniel Holcomb, Michael Holt, John Lang, Steve McIntyre, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

A motion to approve an application by owners, Brian and Cynthia Harker (27993 County Road W, Benton, WI 53803) for a Special Use Permit to allow for an existing non-agricultural residence on a lot less than forty (40) acres located on a portion of the subject property; property is zoned AG Agricultural District at 859 S Blackjack Road, Galena, IL 61036 was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Tina Brandel, John Creighton, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Daniel Holcomb, Michael Holt, John Lang, Steve McIntyre, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

A motion to approve an application by owners, Brian and Cynthia Harker (27993 County Road W, Benton, WI 53803), for a Special Use Permit to allow for the construction of a non-agricultural residence on a lot less than forty (40) acres located on a portion of the subject property; property is zoned AG Agricultural District at TBD S Blackjack Road, Galena, IL 61036 was made by Don Zillig and seconded by John Grizzoffi.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Tina Brandel, John Creighton, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Daniel Holcomb, Michael Holt, John Lang, Steve McIntyre, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

LEGISLATIVE:

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

EXECUTIVE:

A committee motion to approve the renewal of Pollution Liability Insurance with Westchester Environmental – Illinois Union Insurance Company at a cost of \$3,912.00 to be paid from line item 017-48118-721 was seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve the completion of non-represented job placement and position descriptions by the Personnel Review Committee and Department Heads and contracting with an outside consulting firm for a market analysis for monetary compensation was seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM V – CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for closed session.

AGENDA ITEM VI – POSSIBLE ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no action as a result of closed session.

AGENDA ITEM VII – BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Joseph Heitkamp expressed his opposition to the State of Illinois being a sanctuary state for those seeking pregnancy termination.

John Creighton presented a study from 2011 completed in the State of Wisconsin regarding the use of UTVs.

Steve McIntyre expressed his frustration at what he perceives as being “shut down” when he tries to share his thoughts and opinions in an open meeting.

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Michael Holt addressed his “no” vote on the Courthouse renovation measure, stating he felt he did not have enough information to vote in favor.

John Lang informed members the 1% Hotel/Motel service tax bill has been introduced to the Senate by State Senator Andrew Chesney.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

Melisa Hammer, Vice Chairperson of the Ad-Hoc Courthouse Committee invited members to attend the meeting scheduled for February 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM IX - ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by John Grizzoffi and seconded by Joseph Heitkamp.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Trost adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
CONSENT AGENDA
FEBRUARY 14, 2023

A. MINUTES APPROVAL

1. County Board meeting minutes from the January 10, 2023 County Board Meeting.

B. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Re-appointment of Dennis Siegel to the Jo Daviess County Board of Review for a two year term commencing on June 1, 2023 and ending on May 31, 2025.
2. Re-appointment of Kevin Stewart to the Jo Daviess County Board of Review for a two year term commencing on June 1, 2023 and ending on May 31, 2025.
3. Re-appointment of Andrew Berlage to the Galena Rural Fire District for a three year term beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2026.
4. Re-appointment of Kerry "Nick" Tranel to the Dunleith-Menominee Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for a three year term commencing on May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2026.
5. Appointment of Don Hill to the Jo Daviess County Board of Health for a three year term ending June 30, 2024.
6. Reappointment of Tracy Bauer to the Jo Daviess County Board of Health for a three year term ending June 30, 2026.
7. Resignation of Rick Smith from the Apple River Fire Protection District.
8. Appointment of Geoff Stocks to the Apple River Fire Protection District for the remainder of a three year term ending April 30, 2024.
9. Re-appointment of Daniel Haffele to the Apple River Fire Protection District for a three year term ending April 30, 2026.
10. Appointment of Brad Albrecht to Special Service Area #7 for a term ending November 30, 2024.

C. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, & PETITIONS

D. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, & PROCLAMATIONS

E. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

F. CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$1,106,439.76 as follows:
 - i. \$1,006,559.89 (\$982,905.39 Regular Claims + Claims associated w/LIT's \$23,654.50)
 - ii. \$85,443.54 (GGMI Hotel/Motel Tax Reimbursement)
 - iii. \$10,000.00 (Emergency Claim-USPS)
 - iv. \$3,616.23 (Emergency Claim-Nicor Gas)
 - v. \$820.10 (Contingency-Election Storage approved by the County Board on 10.13.22)
2. Emergency Telephone Systems Board Fund claims in the amount of \$8,849.83.

G. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

1. FY2022 Line Item Transfers (without associated claims) in the amount of \$3,000.00 as follows:
 - i. \$3,000.00 \$3,000.00 from 001-41121-603 Operating Supplies to 001-41121-701 Maintenance Service
2. FY2022 Line Item Transfers (with associated claims) in the amount of \$19,159.05 as follows:
 - i. \$1,917.24 \$1,917.24 from 017-48118-412 Unemployment Insurance to 017-21100 Accounts Payable

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3. FY2023 Line Item Transfers (without associated claims) in the amount of \$2,292,975.00 as follows:
 - i. \$437,000.00 \$437,000.00 from 071-38910 Miscellaneous to 071-34709 CVP Transit Vehicle Grant
 - ii. \$378,000.00 \$378,000.00 from 071-38910 Miscellaneous to 071-34741 Rebuild Round 1
 - iii. \$155,700.00 \$155,700.00 from 071-38910 Miscellaneous to 071-34742 Rebuild Round 2
 - iv. \$1,200,000.00 \$1,200,000.00 from 071-38910 Miscellaneous to 071-34743 Rebuild Round 3
 - v. \$122,275.00 \$122,275.00 from 071-38910 Miscellaneous to 071-34853 Transit Statewide/Non-Metropolitan Transportation Planning Federal Sec 5305(e)
4. FY2023 Line Item Transfers (with associated claims) in the amount of \$4,495.45 as follows:
 - i. \$1,472.45 \$1,472.45 from 017-48118-412 Unemployment Insurance to 017-48118-721 Liability Insurance