

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: Jo Daviess County Chairperson Don Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present – William Bingham, Janet Checker, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, John Schultz, Present: 7. Present electronically – Steve McIntyre. Present electronically: 1. Dianne Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Robert Heuerman, John Korth, Hendrica Regez, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Absent: 8. Vacant: 1. A quorum was not established.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

READING OF THE MEETING NOTICE INTO THE MINUTES

Jo Daviess County Transit Director/PCOM Nicole Hermsen read the meeting notice that was published in the Galena Gazette newspaper on March 2, 2022 regarding the Public Hearing for the State of Illinois Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grants for the FY23 Section 5311 and Downstate Operating Assistance Programs, to be held on March 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the County Board Room on the 3rd floor of the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, 330 N. Bench St., Galena, Illinois.

Dianne Allendorf and Robert Heuerman entered the meeting at this time.

OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Hill opened the public hearing regarding application for a Public Transportation Rebuild Round II Grant to fund capital improvements for the Jo Daviess County Transit System.

Nicole Hermsen read the overview explaining the application to the Illinois Department of Transportation for an Economic Development Grant requesting Federal Administrative and Operating Funding Assistance through the Section 5311 Formula Funds for Rural Areas. The grant would provide financial assistance to Jo Daviess County to help reimburse certain administrative and operating expenses for the Jo Daviess County Public Transportation Program for Fiscal Year 2023. The County is requesting \$181,875.00 of Federal assistance in FY2023.

Nicole Hermsen read the overview explaining the application to the Illinois Department of Transportation for an Economic Development Grant requesting State of Illinois Administrative and Operating funding assistance through the Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP) Formula Funds for Rural Areas. The grant would provide financial assistance to Jo Daviess County to help reimburse certain administrative and operating expenses for the Jo Daviess County Public Transportation Program for Fiscal Year 2023. The County is requesting \$983,500.00 of State assistance in FY2023.

There were no public written comments or questions presented at this time.

There were no public verbal comments at this time.

Chairperson Hill opened the hearing for comments or questions from board members to the Jo Daviess County Transit Director/PCOM.

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John Schultz asked if the program would make money. Nicole Hermesen answered the program is not designed to generate revenue, but instead, the goal is to have enough service contracts to offset the percentage of cost the county has to cover in order to break even.

CLOSURE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Hill closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Hill adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.