

**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 6:00 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 –Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Lang, Robert O’Connor, John Schultz, Present: 5. Present electronically – Steve McIntyre. Present electronically: 1. Dianne Allendorf, William Bingham, Janet Checker, Staci Duerr, Robert Heuerman, John Korth, Hendrica Regez, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Absent: 10. 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 Hermesen read the meeting notice that was published in the Galena Gazette newspaper on March 2, 2022 regarding the public hearing purpose to consider an update to the Jo Daviess County Transit Service Plan Area, to be held on March 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room on the 3rd floor of the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, 330 N. Bench St., Galena, Illinois.

William Bingham and Janet Checker entered the meeting at this time.

OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Hill opened the public hearing regarding the proposed update of the Jo Daviess County Transit Service Plan Area .

Nicole Hermesen read the following overview of the current and proposed Jo Daviess County Transit Service Plan Area:

A. Description of Current Area

Services Provided Outside the Core Service Area (Jo Daviess County)

Medical Transit Service to Freeport, IL	Demand Response
Medical Transit Service to Rockford, IL	Demand Response
Medical Transit Service to Dubuque, IA	Demand Response
Medical Transit Service to Iowa City, IA	Demand Response
Medical Transit Service to Monroe, WI	Demand Response
Medical Transit Service to Madison, WI	Demand Response
Dialysis Medical Trips to Dubuque, IA	Mon, Wed, Fri

B. Proposed Area

- i. 100 mile radius from Jo Daviess County Transit located at 710 S. West St., Galena, IL 61036.
- ii. No changes to Core Service Area.

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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On February 17, 2022, at the February Social & Environmental Committee meeting, Hendrica Regez had asked if a person can schedule trips anywhere within the area for any reason or if it was for medical reasons only. Nicole Hermesen restates the answer tonight that yes, a person can schedule trips for any reason, as they provide general public transportation, not medical transportation. Hendrica had also asked if a cost structure had been set. Nicole answered the cost remains at \$6.00 per hour, but there are plans to evaluate the fare structure after the technical study is completed.

CLOSURE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Hill closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Hill adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.