

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: Jo Daviess County Board Chairperson Don Hill called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2020 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present – William Bingham, Robert Heuerman, Don Hill, John Lang, Steve McIntyre, Robert O’Connor, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Present: 9. Present electronically – Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, and Hendrica Regez. Present electronically: 3. Absent - Dianne Allendorf, Janet Checker, John Korth, and Darcy Wild. Absent: 4. Vacant: 1. Also present was Nicole Hermsen, Transit Director/PCOM.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

There were no citizens’ comments at this time.

READING OF THE MEETING NOTICE INTO THE MINUTES

Jo Daviess County Grant Transit Director/PCOM Nicole Hermsen read the meeting notice that was published in the Galena Gazette newspaper on August 4, 2021 regarding the Public Hearing for the State of Illinois Public Transportation Rebuild Round II Grant to be held on August 10, 2021 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.

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 at 6:54 p.m.

Nicole Hermsen read the overview explaining the application to the Illinois Department of Transportation for a Public Transportation Rebuild Round II Grant. This grant is 100% funding and will be used to:

- Replace two garage doors
- Create nine additional parking spaces and repair driveway
- Add a rear main door entrance to building with sidewalk
- Replace a broken window
- Replace locks on all doors, also including key card access
- Repair roof
- New sign for Transit Building
- Fuel Tank Management system
- Update lighting
- Snow and lawn maintenance equipment
- Shop tools

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 Nicole Hermsen, Jo Daviess County Transit Director/PCOM.

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- Steve McIntyre asked if the grant requires County match. The answer is no it does not, it is 100% funding for infrastructure expenses. He also asked if there is a long range plan for improvements. The answer is there will be discussion about creating a future capital investment/improvement fund for Transit.
- Robert Heuerman asked why the project was needed. The answer is the project improvements are on the original building, which hasn't had any substantial updates since it was built.
- John Schultz asked if the estimate is tailored to the available grant allocation. The answer is yes, they put together the listing of the items that are most critically needed. Although the project estimates include a complete remodel of the existing bathrooms, that will be removed and submitted as a project for another grant award.
- Hendrica Regez asked if solar panels have been considered. The answer is yes, that has been discussed and will be a first consideration when possible.

CLOSURE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Hill closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang
The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.