

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: Jo Daviess County Chairperson LaDon Trost called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Administrative Offices in Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present – Dianne Allendorf, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Present: 14. Present electronically – John Grizzoffi and Darcy Wild. Present electronically: 2. Absent – Tina Brandel. Absent: 1.

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 Schultz and seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Abstain – Michael Holt. Abstain: 1. Absent: 1.

AGENDA ITEM II - CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

There were no citizens’ comments at this time.

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 accept a letter of resignation from Tina Brandel-County Board District #15 – Derinda, Pleasant Valley, Berreman, Woodbine & part Thompson was made by Lynn Gallagher and seconded by Diane Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion declare a vacant seat for County Board District #15 - Derinda, Pleasant Valley, Berreman, Woodbine & part Thompson was made by John Creighton and seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Brad Petersburg, Beth Baranski, and John Cox gave a presentation to the board on the Blackjack Watershed Project.

Dan Pepin, Community Planner & Grant Writer gave a presentation to the board on grant writing and possible options for the County.

Rich Montgomery, Rock River Energy spoke on behalf of Nordic Energy regarding the current electrical aggregation program agreement and a possible need to renegotiate the terms.

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EXECUTIVE:

A committee motion to approve the full-time position of the Planning & Development Administrative Assistant work 100% for Planning & Development and be paid 100% from Fund 001 General Fund was seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by voice.

A committee motion to make the Emergency Management Agency Coordinator position a 2,080-hour, full-time position was seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by voice.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

FINANCE, TAX, & BUDGETS:

The fund balance for the Contingency Fund (016) on 07/31/2024 was \$772,528.60.

A committee motion to approve the FY2025 Health Insurance Renewal with Medical Associates Health Plans as presented with a deductible of \$3200/\$6400 was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice.

A committee motion to approve the FY2025 Employer HSA contribution amounts of \$2,000 for single contracts and \$3,200 for family contracts to be paid with the January and July claims cycle was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice.

A committee motion to approve the FY2025 Health Insurance Premium Cost Allocation Policy as presented was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice.

A committee motion to approve the FY2025 Voluntary Employee Furlough Program as presented was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to Amend the Insurance Fund Description and Pay Claims for the Insurance Fund (017) from the Contingency Fund (016) for the Remainder of FY2024 was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Vacant: 1.

The adjusted claims total for September 2024 is \$2,184,172.92.

A committee motion to approve establishing an Indemnity Fund (092) and Fund Description for the FY2025 Budget was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion failed by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Daisha Boehm, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 6. Nays – John Creighton, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, and LaDon Trost. Nays: 10. Vacant: 1.

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A committee motion approve a Resolution Establishing Additional Compensation during a County Administrator Employment Search as presented was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Vacant: 1.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & COURTS:

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL:

A committee motion to approve a Contract with Jo Daviess County Transit and Stockton School District #206 with a rate of \$25.00 per passenger per trip was seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a contract with Jo Daviess County Transit and East Dubuque School District #119 with a rate of \$18.00 per passenger per trip was seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to Establish the Jo Daviess County Ad-Hoc Mental Health Committee was seconded by Dianne Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Vacant: 1.

PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

A motion to approve a Special Use Permit to allow for a rural business for the use of storing of uncut logs to be cut and split for firewood located at 9681 Illinois Route 84 S, Hanover, requested by Terry Havens and Hunter Havens, owners was made by Diane Gallagher and seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Vacant: 1.

DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:

A committee motion to amend the County Code of Ordinances, Title 7, Chapter 2, Numbering of Buildings, regarding the installation of 911 address signs was seconded by Dianne Gallagher.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Vacant: 1.

LEGISLATIVE:

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

AGENDA ITEM V – OTHER COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

There were no reports by other committees or boards at this time.

AGENDA ITEM VI – CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

There were no citizens’ comments at this time.

AGENDA ITEM VII – CLOSED SESSION

A motion to enter closed session at 8:42 p.m. was made by Lynn Gallagher and seconded by John Lang to discuss:

A. Personnel section 2(c)1

"The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity." Topic of Discussion: Sheriff Secession.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board reconvened at 8:52 p.m. following a motion by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Dianne Allendorf, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Vacant: 1.

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

A motion to accept the resignation of Kevin Turner as County Sheriff, effective 11:59 p.m. December 13, 2024 and to appoint Craig Ketelsen to the office of County Sheriff, effective 12:00 a.m. on December 14, 2024 was made by LaDon Trost and seconded by Robert Heuerman.

Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Robert Heuerman, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Darcy Wild, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Abstain – Steve Endress. Abstain: 1. Vacant: 1.

AGENDA ITEM IX – BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

There were no board member concerns at this time.

AGENDA ITEM X - ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Dittmar and seconded by Lynn Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Trost adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Administrative Offices in Galena, Illinois.



Angela Kaiser, County Clerk

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
CONSENT AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

A. MINUTES APPROVAL

1. County Board meeting minutes from the August 13, 2024 County Board Meeting.

B. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointment of Pat Holland to the Apple River Fire Protection District for the remainder of a three-year term ending April 30, 2025.
2. Resignation of Karla Rowles from Special Service Area Commission #7
3. Resignation of John Meyerhofer from the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee
4. Resignation of John Meyerhofer from the Safety Committee
5. Appointment of Michael Holt to serve as the Chairperson of the Information & Communications Technology Committee
6. Reappointment of David Schmit to the Jo Daviess-Carroll Joint Action Solid Waste Planning Agency for a three-year term ending September 30, 2027.

C. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, & PETITIONS

D. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, & PROCLAMATIONS

1. Disability Voting Rights Week, September 9-13, 2024 Proclamation

E. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

F. CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$2,179,412.23 as follows:
 - i. \$1,436,632.75 (Regular Claims \$1,341,513.73 + Claims associated w/LIT's \$95,119.02)
 - ii. \$356,113.08 (Claims associated w/Interfund Transfers (IFT's))
 - iii. \$151,948.64 (GGMI Hotel/Motel Tax Reimbursement)
 - iv. \$0.00 (Emergency Purchase)
 - v. \$234,717.76 (Special Service Area Commissions)
 - Warren Area Ambulance Service, Inc. - SSA #1 - \$55,937.69
 - Galena Area Emergency Medical Service – SSA #6 - \$103,742.99
 - Elizabeth Community Ambulance Service – SSA #7 - \$75,037.08

G. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

1. FY2024 Line Item Transfers (with associated claims) in the amount of \$5,000.00 as follows:
 - i. \$3,000.00 \$3,000.00 from 001-41122-701 Miscellaneous to 001-41122-701 Maintenance Service
 - ii. \$2,000.00 \$2,000.00 from 038-46179-820 Vehicle to 038-46179-606 Equipment