

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: Jo Daviess County Chairperson Don Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present – Dianne Allendorf, William Bingham, Diane Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Present: 11. Present electronically – Staci Duerr. Present electronically: 1. Absent - Janet Checker, Steve McIntyre, Hendrica Regez, and Darcy Wild. Absent: 4. Vacant: 1.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Chairperson Hill.

AGENDA ITEM I - CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

AGENDA ITEM II – NEW BUSINESS – FY 2022 JO DAVIESS COUNTY BUDGET

The proposed FY2022 Jo Daviess County Budget was presented for review. County Administrator Scott Toot summarized the budgeting process over the last six months. He thanked everyone involved for their efforts.

Hendrica Regez entered the meeting electronically at this time.

A motion to adopt the FY2022 Jo Daviess County Annual Budget and Appropriations ordinance (2021 payable 2022) as presented was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Korth.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, William Bingham, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Jon Schultz, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent - Janet Checker, Steve McIntyre, and Darcy Wild. Absent: 3. Vacant: 1.

County Administrator Scott Toot gave a summary of the 2021 Payable 2022 Tax Levy and indicated a Truth in Taxation hearing was not necessary.

A motion to adopt the FY2022 Jo Daviess County Annual Tax Levy Ordinance (2021 Levy/Payable 2022) as presented was made by Diane Gallagher and seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, William Bingham, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Jon Schultz, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent - Janet Checker, Steve McIntyre, and Darcy Wild. Absent: 3. Vacant: 1.

AGENDA ITEM III – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Angela Kaiser thanked County Treasurer Melisa Hammer for all her work during the FY2022 budget process. Her involvement ensures the accuracy of the final budget document.

AGENDA ITEM IV – CLOSED SESSION

A motion to enter closed session at 7:23 p.m. was made by John Lang and seconded by William Bingham to discuss:

D. Pursuant to 5 ILCS Litigation Section 120/2(c)11

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“Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.” Topic of discussion: Release agreement with the Workshop.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board reconvened at 7:41 p.m. following a motion by John Lang and seconded by John Korth.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, William Bingham, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O’Connor, Hendrica Regez, Jon Schultz, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent - Janet Checker, Steve McIntyre, and Darcy Wild. Absent: 3. Vacant: 1.

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

A motion to give the County Board Chairman the authority to approve amendments to the final draft of the release agreement that was approved by the County Board on September 14, 2021 between Jo Daviess County and the Workshop was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by William Bingham.

The motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by John Korth and seconded by Robert Heuerman.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

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Present were members Dianne Allendorf, William Bingham, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Present: 13. County Administrator Scott Toot, State's Attorney Chris Allendorf, and County Clerk Angela Kaiser were also present.

Scott Toot started the discussion by bringing board members up to date on the agreement between Jo Daviess County and the Workshop. The original document was approved by the board on September 14, 2021 and given to the Workshop for review. Unfortunately, the Workshop had it approved by their board, then had an attorney review it after the fact. The attorney suggested quite a few revisions, many of which State's Attorney Chris Allendorf did not approve. There have been edits and they now have a document that Chris is comfortable with, but at the time of tonight's meeting, the Workshop's attorney had not given the okay to go forward.

At the suggestion of the State's Attorney, in order to avoid additional special meetings, it would be most prudent to allow the County Board Chairperson the authority to sign off on the final document once the two attorneys are in agreement with the language changes.

The board left closed session at 7:40 p.m.

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