

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 8, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: Jo Daviess County Chairperson LaDon Trost called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Administrative Offices in Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, and LaDon Trost. Present: 15. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1. Vacant: 1.

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 Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Robert Heuerman.

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

AGENDA ITEM II - CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Kathy Bussan and Jennifer Tippet, 227 S. Bench St., Galena, IL, spoke on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul in opposition of Jo Daviess County Transit raising ride fares.

Alyssa Havens, 208 ½ Jefferson, Hanover, IL, spoke on behalf of The Workshop in opposition of Jo Daviess County Transit raising ride fares.

Courtney Bush, 3793 N Pea Ridge Rd, Scales Mound, IL, spoke on behalf of The Workshop in opposition of Jo Daviess County Transit raising ride fares.

Cindy Foley, 700 Ridge, Galena, IL, spoke on behalf of The Workshop in opposition of Jo Daviess County Transit raising ride fares.

Sharon Berfeld, 2656 Burma Rd, Leland, IL, a Community Outreach Specialist with the Illinois Institute of Rehabilitation and Employment Research through the University of Illinois and working directly with the Workshop, spoke in opposition of Jo Daviess County Transit raising ride fares.

Todd and Jessica McBride, 914 Park Ave, Galena, IL spoke in opposition of Jo Daviess County Transit raising ride fares.

Anna Phillips, 234 S. Simmons St, Stockton, IL spoke in opposition of Jo Daviess County Transit raising ride fares

Emily Schemehorn, 3710 N. Percival St, Hazel Green, WI, spoke on behalf of The Workshop in opposition of Jo Daviess County Transit raising ride fares.

Jeff Wood, 27 Harbor Dr, Galena, IL, Chair of the Board for The Workshop, stated he was not in favor or against the rate increase but would like to see it go back to Social & Environmental for reconsideration and more data collection.

Lindsey D'Antonio, 6172 IL Rt 84 N, Galena, IL, spoke on behalf of the Jo Daviess County Transit, gave an exact timeline of meetings regarding fare increases for the past year.

Nicole Hermesen, 46 Roosevelt Dr, East Dubuque, IL, Transit Director/PCOM of Jo Daviess County Transit spoke on the timeline of events and summarized why the fares needed to increase after 37 years of no change. She gave statistics showing many rides and riders outside of The Workshop.

Chairperson LaDon Trost gave a time line of meetings, events, and notices and commented that The Workshop did not have anyone present at these meetings. He stated there are only three options for the County; Increase Transit fares equally, use taxpayer money to fund the deficit by reducing funding to other county services, or eliminate transportation service completely. He feels the most responsible option is to increase fares equally.

AGENDA ITEM III – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion to appoint Logan Noe to the vacant seat for County Board District #2 – Dunleith II and part Menominee for the remainder of a four-year term ending November 30, 2026 was made by LaDon Trost and seconded by Michael Dittmar.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for John Lang.

County Clerk Dana Timmerman administered the oath of office to the newly appointed member of the County Board Logan Noe and he was seated.

AGENDA ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

At this time, Chairperson Trost exercised his prerogative and moved to Social & Environmental.

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL:

A committee motion to approve a contract between West Galena Township and Jo Daviess County Transit at an annual cost of \$4,000.00 was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote with an abstention recorded for John Creighton.

A committee motion to approve a contract between The Workshop and Jo Daviess County Transit with the fare schedule as presented was seconded by Lynn Gallagher.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes –Jacob Ambrosia, Daisha Boehm, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, and LaDon Trost. Ayes: 10. Nays – Dianne Allendorf, Peggy Bastian, Michael Dittmar, and Steve Endress. Nays: 4. Abstain – John Creighton and Logan Noe. Abstentions: 2. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

EXECUTIVE:

A committee motion to rescind P2019-10 Courthouse Parking Policy was seconded by John Creighton. The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve an IT Availability policy was seconded by John Creighton. The motion carried by voice vote.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

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.

FINANCE:

The fund balance for the Contingency Fund (016) on May 31, 2025 is \$754,090.85.

A committee motion to renew a property tax, CAMA, property characteristics software license maintenance and support agreement for a term of five years (March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2031) with DEVNET Inc., which includes the offices of the County Clerk, County Treasurer, Chief County Assessment Officer, and Planning & Development, at a first-year cost of \$49,251.45 was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to amend R2025-3 Authorizing FY2025 Loans to Fund (071) Transit from Fund (016) Contingency to remove the maximum loan amount was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, and LaDon Trost. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Abstain –Logan Noe. Abstentions: 1. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to Designate Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax to Funds Courthouse Bond Repayment (089), Economic Development Investment (018), and General Fund (001) as presented was seconded by John Schultz.

A motion to amend the original motion to read the first \$600,000 in Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax revenue received shall be deposited into Courthouse Bond Repayment (089), the next \$200,000 in Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax revenue received shall be evenly split and deposited between Courthouse Bond Repayment Fund (089) and Economic Development Fund (018) with any remaining funds to be deposited into the General Fund (001).

The motion to amend the original motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Joseph Heitkamp, Logan Noe, and LaDon Trost. Ayes: 10. Nays – Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Michael Holt, John Lang and John Schultz. Nays: 6. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

The amended motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, and LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to Amend R2011-34 Establishing GASB 54 Policy to add the Jo Daviess County Transit Fund (071) to the list of operating funds with minimum fiscal year end fund balances and remove the dissolved Home Health Care Fund (026) was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, John Schultz, and LaDon Trost. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Abstain –Logan Noe. Abstentions: 1. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A committee motion to revise P2023-5 Retiree Health Insurance Assistance as presented was seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

A motion to approve Case #25-25, Final Plat of "Galena Golfview Estates, Phase III", a single-family residential subdivision consisting of nine lots; as requested by Chains & Links, Inc./Thomas Wienen, Trust/Connie Wienen, owners, and Ben & Nick Wienen/Seventy79 Development, LLC, petitioners; Property located northeast of the intersection of E. Golfview Dr. and Tee Ridge, adjacent to "Galena Golfview Estates", Galena, IL was made by John Schultz and seconded by Michael Dittmar.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, and LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A motion to approve Case #25-23, a Special Use Permit to allow construction of a single-family residence on a parcel of less than 40-acres in an Agricultural (AG) zoning district; as requested by Dave & Barb Kennicker/Family Farmin, and Travis & Amy Jackson/Family Farmin, owners/petitioners; Property located east of N. Main St., roughly 1/2-mile north of US Route 20 W., East Dubuque, IL was made by John Lang and seconded by Diane Gallagher.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, and LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A motion to approve Case #25-26, a Special Use Permit to allow the establishment of an "event center" for weddings and other events on the site of an existing single-family residence (at its June 25, 2025 meeting, the ZBA/PC approved a Variance permitting two primary uses on the property prior to recommending approval of the Special Use Permit), as requested by Neil & Becky Cahill, owners/petitioners; Property located at 3501 S. Golf Rd., Stockton, IL was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Grizzoffi.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Lang, Logan Noe, John Schultz, and LaDon Trost. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

A motion to approve Case #25-24, a Special Use Permit to allow the operation of a "hermitage" (similar to a 'monastery'; a place dedicated to solitude, contemplation, prayer, and private services), as requested by Athonite Saints, owner/petitioner, and Foley & Lardner, LLP/Donna Pugh & Mike Noonan, petitioners; Property located at 9624 S. Lost Horizon Rd., Hanover, IL was made by John Schultz and seconded by Diane Gallagher.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, Jacob Ambrosia, Peggy Bastian, Daisha Boehm, John Creighton, Michael Dittmar, Steve Endress, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Joseph Heitkamp, Michael Holt, John Schultz, and LaDon Trost. Ayes: 14. Nays – John Lang. Nays: 1. Abstain – Logan Noe. Abstentions: 1. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

LEGISLATIVE:

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

AGENDA ITEM V – OTHER COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Lynn Gallagher gave a brief update on the Ad-Hoc Mental Health Committee. The committee met in East Dubuque back in June and meets this week in Stockton at the village hall.

Michael Dittmar gave a brief update on the Ad-Hoc Community Growth Committee. The committee is on standby as they wait on funding.

John Creighton gave a brief update on the Ad-Hoc Zoning Committee. The committee has had several productive meetings and they meet again next week. Creighton strongly encouraged members to attend the meetings.

AGENDA ITEM VI – CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for closed session at this time.

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

There was no action as a result of closed session.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

There were no board member concerns at this time.

AGENDA ITEM IX – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

AGENDA ITEM X - ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Trost adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Administrative Offices in Galena, Illinois.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Timmerman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dana" being more prominent.

Dana Timmerman, County Clerk

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
CONSENT AGENDA
JULY 8, 2025**

A. MINUTES APPROVAL

1. County Board meeting minutes from the June 10, 2025 County Board Meeting
2. County Board meeting minutes from the June 10, 2025 County Board Public Hearing Special

B. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

C. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, & PETITIONS

D. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, & PROCLAMATIONS

E. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

1. May 2025 Galena County Tourism Reports
2. June 2025 County Clerk/Recorder Financial Report
3. June 2025 Pending State's Attorney Cases
4. Transit Director Supplemental Report

F. CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$5,783,400.80 as follows:
 - i. \$5,345,498.15 (Regular Claims)
 - ii. \$4,553.22 (Claims associated w/ LIT's)
 - iii. \$77,991.43 (Claims associated w/ IFT's)
 - iv. \$82,991.21 (GGMI Hotel/Motel Tax Reimbursement)
 - v. \$272,366.79 (Special Service Area Commissions)
 - a. SSA #1- Warren Area Ambulance Service, Inc. \$64,132.18
 - b. SSA #6- Galena Area Emergency Medical Service \$116,824.58
 - c. SSA #7- Elizabeth Community Ambulance Service \$91,410.03

G. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

1. FY2025 Line Item Transfers Over \$500.00
 - i. \$1,500.00 from 001-41121-725 Union/Legal, to 001-41121-441 Uniforms
 - ii. \$2,500 from 001-41122-719 Other Service Charges, to 001-41122-441 Uniforms
 - iii. \$675.00 from 088-46182-805 Buildings, to 088-46182-721 Liability Insurance
 - iv. \$40,369.69 from 090-42139-905 Misc., to 090-42139-401 Full-Time Salaries
 - v. \$40,369.69 from 090-42139-905 Misc., to 090-42139-401 Part-Time Salaries
 - vi. \$5,005.84 from 090-42139-905 Misc., to 090-42139-421 Social Security Contribution
 - vii. \$1,170.72 from 090-42139-905 Misc., to 090-42139-422 Medicare Contribution
 - viii. \$5,595.24 from 090-42139-905 Misc., to 090-42139-431 Retirement Contribution