

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
FINANCE, TAX, & BUDGETS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 30, 2025

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Thursday, October 30, 2025 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Administrative Offices in Galena, Illinois.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was answered as follows: Present – John Creighton, Diane Gallagher, Michael Holt, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, John Lang. Present: 6. Present electronically: 0. Absent – Michael Dittmar. Absent: 1.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve minutes of the August 28, 2025, Finance, Tax & Budgets Committee meeting was made by LaDon Trost and seconded by John Lang. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to approve minutes of the September 15, 2025, Joint Committee Budget Review meeting with the Law Enforcement & Courts and Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committees was made by None and seconded by Diane Gallagher. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to approve minutes of the September 22, 2025, Joint Committee Budget Review meeting with the Public Works, Information & Communications Technology, Social & Environmental, and Finance, Tax & Budgets Committees was made by John Schultz and seconded by Diane Gallagher. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to approve minutes of the September 25, 2025, Joint Committee Budget Review meeting with Tourism, the Development & Planning, Executive, and Finance, Tax & Budgets Committees was made by Diane Gallagher and seconded by John Lang. The motion carried by voice vote.

IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

V. Unfinished Business

The FY2025/FY2027 Strategic Goals were reviewed.

The September 2025 Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed.

VI. New Business

A motion to recommend approval of a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 01-001-125-00 Apple River Township to Jessica Storey was made by John Creighton and seconded by Diane Gallagher. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend approval of a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 05-000-841-08 Dunleith Township to Rob Erschen was made by John Schultz and seconded by Michael Holt. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend approval of a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 17-001-050-00 Stockton Township to Marcus Haas was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend approval of a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 18-003-109-00 Thompson Township to Sandra Jaramillo was made by Diane Gallagher and seconded by John Lang. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Schedule for FY2026 as presented with a start time of 5:30 PM was made by Diane Gallagher and seconded by John Lang. The motion failed by voice vote.

A motion to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Schedule for FY2026 as presented with a start time of 6:00 PM was made by Michael Holt and seconded by John Creighton. The motion carried by voice vote.

VII. Reports

Assessments: Laura Edmonds was present to answer questions. There was much discussion regarding the lack of MTAD assessors and what should/could be done at the County level.

Treasurer: Melisa Hammer was present to answer questions.

Grants Administrator: Tammy Cahill was present to answer questions.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

IX. Committee Member Concerns

John Creighton reported the Ad-Hoc Zoning Committee has finished meeting and will be working on preparing the report.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:58 PM by John Creighton and seconded by John Lang. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next committee meeting TBD