

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
SPECIAL FINANCE, TAX, & BUDGETS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2026

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was answered as follows: Present – John Creighton (arrived at 6:11 PM), Michael Dittmar, Diane Gallagher, Michael Holt, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, John Lang. Present: 7. Present electronically: 0. Absent: 0.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve minutes of the October 30, 2025, Finance, Tax & Budgets Committee meeting 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

FY2025/FY2027 Strategic Goals: Not reviewed.

VI. New Business

A motion to recommend a Resolution to Amend the FY2025 Jo Daviess County Tourism Promotion Fund (027) Budget was made by John Lang and seconded by Michael Dittmar. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend amending P2025-1 County Board Per Diem/Mileage Allowance Policy to include members of committees statutorily required by Illinois law with a per diem rate of \$75.00 per day was made by Michael Holt and seconded by Diane Gallagher. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend a Resolution to Transfer Funds in FY2026 from the Contingency Fund (016) to the Natural Hazard Mitigation Fund (072) for Expenses Related to Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Training to be Reimbursed with HMEP Grant Funding in FY2027 and FY2028 was made by Diane Gallagher and seconded by John Lang. The motion carried by voice vote.

VII. Reports

Assessments: Laura Edmonds C.C.A.O. was present and the December 2025 report was available for review.

Treasurer: Melisa Hammer, Treasurer was present and November 30, 2025 financials were available for review.

Grants Administrator: Tammy Cahill, Grants Administrator was present and gave a brief update on December 2025 activities.

VIII. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

IX. Committee Member Concerns

John Lang expressed concern about the possible passage of Tier 2 legislation in 2026.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:33 PM by John Lang and seconded by Diane Gallagher. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next committee meeting is Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.