

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2026

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson Creighton called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM on Monday, January 5, 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 – Dianne Allendorf, John Creighton, Diane Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, John Lang. Present: 7. Present electronically – Lynn Gallagher, Michael Holt. Present electronically: 2. Absent: 0.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve minutes of the December 1, 2025, Executive Committee meeting was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Diane Gallagher. The motion carried by voice vote.

IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

V. Unfinished Business

FY2025/FY2027 Strategic Goals: Reviewed by committee.

Update on Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests: Reviewed by committee. Concerns were raised regarding the amount of time spent answering multiple requests.

Discussion regarding possible options for an *Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Title 1 Administration, Chapter 5 County Board Organization and Operation Meetings; Rules of Order and Procedure, Section 21 Committees* included opinions on reducing the total number of committees from eight (8) to four (4) by combining duties. Concerns were raised regarding the potential for lengthy meetings during times of high activity. Suggestions for departmental monthly reports to be forwarded to County Board when committee meetings are cancelled, thereby ensuring the flow of information is not interrupted. More discussion will be had in the coming months, as changes to the standing committee structure, if any, wouldn't be implemented until December 2026.

VI. New Business

~~Discussion and possible action to recommend an engineering agreement with Willett Hoffman in the amount of \$___ to perform a traffic study~~

An engineering agreement with Willett Hoffman was not available at the time of the meeting.

A motion to recommend a resolution for the Appointment of Regional Superintendent of the Carroll, Jo Daviess, and Stephenson County Regional Office of Education to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Aaron Mercier was made by John Lang and seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by voice vote.

VII. Closed Session

A motion to enter closed session at 6:26 PM was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Grizzoffi to discuss:

1. Closed session minutes section 2(c)21

"Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for the purpose of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06." Topic of discussion: The review of closed session minutes.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, John Creighton, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Michael Holt, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, John Lang. Ayes: 9. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent: 0.

VIII. Reconvene to Open Session

A motion to reconvene to open session at 6:39 PM was made by John Grizzoffi and seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Dianne Allendorf, John Creighton, Diane Gallagher, Lynn Gallagher, John Grizzoffi, Michael Holt, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, John Lang. Ayes: 9. Nays – None. Nays: 0. Absent: 0.

IX. Possible Actions as a Result of Closed Session

A motion to open the County Board Closed Session minutes from August 12, 2003 was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to open the County Board Closed Session minutes from September 9, 2003 was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to open the County Board Closed Session minutes from October 14, 2003 was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Grizzoffi. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to open the Executive Committee Closed Session minutes from January 13, 2004 was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to open the Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee Closed Session minutes from January 21, 2004 was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to open the Executive Committee Closed Session minutes from April 1, 2004 was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Grizzoffi. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to open the County Board Closed Session minutes from April 12, 2004 was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to open the Executive Committee Closed Session minutes from May 3, 2004 was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Grizzoffi. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to open the County Board Closed Session minutes from May 11, 2004 was made by Dianne

Allendorf and seconded by John Schultz. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to open the Executive Committee Closed Session minutes from May 27, 2004 was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by John Grizzoffi. The motion carried by voice vote.

X. Reports

County Administrator: The December 2025 report was provided.

XI. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

XII. Committee Member Concerns

John Lang reminded members that State Senator Chesney would be attending the Legislative Committee meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

XIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:49 AM by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next committee meeting is Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.