

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY**  
**SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 15, 2026**

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chairperson Lynn Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday, January 15, 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, Jacob Ambrosia (arrived at 6:36 PM), Peggy Bastian (arrived at 6:32 PM), Joseph Heitkamp, Lynn Gallagher. Present: 5. Present electronically – LaDon Trost. Present electronically: 1. Absent – Robert Heuerman. Absent: 1.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve minutes of the December 18, 2025, Social & Environmental Committee meeting was made by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Dianne Allendorf. The motion carried by voice vote.

**IV. Citizens' Comments**

There were no citizens' comments.

**V. Unfinished Business**

FY2025/FY2027 Strategic Goals: The goals were reviewed and discussion was held regarding the best way to approach senior services in the County. More in-depth information will be gathered by Chairperson Gallagher and the County Administrator to present at the next committee meeting.

**VI. New Business**

A motion to recommend establishing out-of-county airport ride service to Van Galder Bus-Rockford, Rockford Airport, Cedar Rapids Airport, and Quad City-Moline Airport starting at \$200 per trip with a ride-share option for Jo Daviess County Residents was made by Dianne Allendorf and seconded by Jacob Ambrosia. The motion carried by voice vote.

**VII. Reports**

Public Health: No report.

Mental Health Board: No report.

Jo Daviess County Transit/PCOM: Nicole Hermesen was present and provided her financials for July-November 2025 to illustrate how the fare increase has positively impacted Jo Daviess County Transit. She also informed the committee she is participating in the NWILED Build It Grow It Boot Camp in the months of January and February 2026.

**VIII. Citizens' Comments**

There were no citizens' comments.

## **IX. Committee Member Concerns**

Lynn Gallagher invited members and the public to join the Galena Bicentennial Trivia to be held at 6:00 PM on Friday, January 16, 2026 at Turner Hall, Galena.

## **X. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:16 PM by Joseph Heitkamp and seconded by Dianne Allendorf. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Next committee meeting is Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**