

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
OCTOBER 16, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Ron Smith, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2014, at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL** was answered as follows: Present-Brandon Behlke, Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Steve McIntyre Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Present: 13. Absent-William Bingham, Jody Covert, Dan Hughes and Randy Jobgen. Absent: 4.

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Chairperson Smith.

**AGENDA ITEM I – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM II – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business brought before the board.

**AGENDA ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Smith's recommendation to appoint Bill Bingham and Steve Rutz to the Health Department Administrator Search Committee was approved following a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by RJ Winkelhake.

The motion carried by voice vote with an abstention for Steve Rutz.

County Administrator, Dan Reimer, reviewed the FY2015 budget process to date with charts and graphs comparing FY2015 to previous years that included a summary of revenues and expenses.

Randy Jobgen entered the meeting at this time.

The FY2015 Voluntary Employee Furlough Program Policy was adopted as presented following a motion made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The FY2015 Prioritized Options for Reducing Expenses and/or Increasing Revenue was approved with the elimination of the word vacant listed in the hiring freeze portion under category 1 following approval of a motion made by Randy Jobgen and seconded by Brandon Behlke.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The FY2015 Health Insurance Premium Cost Allocation Policy was approved as presented following a motion made by Steve Rutz and seconded by RJ Winkelhake.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The FY2015 Budget Hearing Meeting to review and adopt the FY2015 Jo Daviess County Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance and the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance was scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the County Board Room following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Position adjustments to the Animal Control Department and the Building and Zoning Department were made by combining the part-time Zoning and Building secretary position with the Animal Control secretary position and making the Animal Control Officer position full-time following approval of a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by RJ Winkelhake.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution establishing the ETSB Capital Equipment Replacement and Investment Fund and associated fund description was approved following a motion made by Randy Jobgen and seconded by RJ Winkelhake.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The ETSB Capital Equipment Replacement and Investment Fund 075 and associated fund description were approved as presented and forwarded on to the FY2015 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Steve McIntyre.

The motion carried by voice vote.

There were no additional adjustments to Round 3 General Fund Revenue estimates at this time.

The Animal Control budget 001 44153 was increased by an additional \$7,606 as presented and forwarded on to the FY2015 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document following approval of a motion made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The Zoning & Building Code Administration budget 001 45163 was increased by an additional \$6,131 as presented and forwarded on to the FY2015 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document following approval of a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The ETSB/911 Emergency Services Fund 007 was increased by an additional \$25,600 as presented and forwarded on to the FY2015 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by RJ Winkelhake.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The Emergency Services Communications Fund 066 was increased by an additional amount of \$117,200 for total of \$234,400 as presented and forwarded on to the FY2015 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document following approval of a motion made by Randy Jobgen and seconded by Gerald Bennett.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The Economic Development Investment Fund 018 was increased by an additional \$1,000 as presented and forwarded on to the FY2015 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by John O'Boyle.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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The Public Health Capital Investment Fund 055 was increased by an additional \$4,000 as presented and forwarded on to the FY2015 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Steve McIntyre.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The FY2015 Minimum Fiscal Year End Fund Balance Policy and description were approved with changes as presented and the amount of the minimum year end fund balance for FY2015 was increased from \$1,920,000 to \$1,942,000 following a motion made by Steve McIntyre and seconded by Don Zillig.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Merri Berlage.

An amount of \$30,000 for the Courthouse Parking Lot Railing project was added to the unfunded activities list following approval of a motion made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Merri Berlage, Bob Heuerman, Randy Jobgen and RJ Winkelhake.

A motion was made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by John O'Boyle to approve the following unfunded requests for the FY2015 budget: #1-\$3,840 for Township Assessors Software Incentive Program, #2-\$500 for the Jo-Carroll Solid Waste Agency, #3-\$4,000 for the Jo Daviess County Soil & Water Conservation District, #4-\$13,350 for the Senior Resource Center, #5-\$3,900 for Computer Software for the Sheriff's Department, #7-\$159,100 for Courthouse Exterior Improvements, #9-\$3,561 for training for the new Treasurer, #10-\$1,000 for Veterans Grave Markers, #11-\$30,000 for Courthouse Parking Lot Railing Project, #8-\$100,000 for Courthouse controlled Entrance, \$50,000 to Contingency, \$15,849 to the General Capital Investment Fund (undesignated), and \$15,000 to the General Capital Equipment Replacement Fund (undesignated).

An amendment to the motion to not fund #3-\$4,000 for the Jo Daviess County Soil & Water Conservation District was made by RJ Winkelhake and seconded by Steve Rutz.

The amendment to not fund #3-\$4,000 for the Jo Daviess County Soil & Water Conservation District carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for John O'Boyle.

An amendment to the main motion to not fund #4-\$13,350 for the Senior Resource Center was made by Terry Stoffregen and seconded by Brandon Behlke.

The amendment to not fund #4-\$13,350 for the Senior Resource Center carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Joh O'Boyle and RJ Winkelhake.

The original motion as amended removing items #3-\$4,000 for the Jo Daviess County Soil & Water Conservation District and item #4-\$13,350 for the Senior Resource Center failed by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Margie Montelius, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Ayes: 7. Nays-Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre and John O'Boyle. Nays: 7. Absent-William Bingham, Jody Covert and Dan Hughes. Absent: 3.

A motion to not fund any unfunded requests for FY2015 was made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Margie Montelius.

The motion failed by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Randy Jobgen, Margie Montelius, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 6. Nays-Brandon Behlke, Gerald Bennett, Steve

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McIntyre, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen and RJ Winkelhake. Nays: 8. Absent-William Bingham, Jody Covert and Dan Hughes. Absent: 3.

A motion to fund request #1-\$3,840 for the Township Assessors Software Incentive Program on the FY2015 unfunded request list was approved following a motion made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Steve McIntyre.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to fund request #2-\$500 for Jo-Carroll Solid Waste Agency on the FY2015 unfunded request list was approved following a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Rick Dittmar.

The motion carried by voice vote

A motion to not fund request #3-\$4,000 for the Jo Daviess County Soil & Water Conservation District on the FY2015 unfunded request list was approved following a motion made by RJ Winkelhake and seconded by Steve McIntyre.

The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Gerald Bennett and John O'Boyle.

A motion to not fund request #4-\$13,350 for the Senior Resource Center on the FY2015 unfunded request list was approved following a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Rick Dittmar.

The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Gerald Bennett and John O'Boyle.

A motion to fund request #5-\$3,900 for Computer Software for the Sheriff's Department on the FY2015 unfunded request list was approved following a motion made by RJ Winkelhake and seconded by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote

A motion to not fund request #6-\$125,000 for the HVAC control system upgrade on the FY2015 unfunded request list was approved following a motion made by Randy Jobgen and seconded by Steve McIntyre.

The motion carried by voice.

A motion to fund request #7-\$159,100 for Courthouse Exterior Improvements on the FY2015 unfunded request list was approved following a motion made by RJ Winkelhake and seconded by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Brandon Behlke, Gerald Bennett and Bob Heurman.

A motion to not fund request #8-\$500,000 for Courthouse Controlled Entrance on the FY2015 unfunded request list failed following a motion made by Steve McIntyre and seconded by Rick Dittmar.

The motion failed by show of hands. Ayes: 7. Nays: 7.

A motion to fund request #8-\$60,000 as recurring expense for Courthouse Controlled Entrance on the FY2015 unfunded request list was approved following a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

The motion carried by a show of hands. Ayes: 8. Nays: 6.

A motion to fund request #9-\$3,561 for training for the new Treasurer on the FY2015 unfunded request list was approved following a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by John O'Boyle.  
The motion carried by voice.

A motion to fund request #10-\$1,000 for Veterans Grave Markers on the FY2015 unfunded request list was approved following a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by RJ Winkelhake.  
The motion carried by voice with a nay vote recorded for Randy Jobgen.

A motion to fund request #11-\$30,000 for Courthouse Parking Lot Railing Project on the FY2015 unfunded request list was approved following a motion made by RJ Winkelhake and seconded by Ron Smith.

The motion carried by a show of hands. Ayes: 9. Nays: 5.

A motion to put the remaining \$138,099 available for unfunded activities into the Contingency Fund 016 was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Margie Montelius.  
The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Ron Smith.

The General Capital Investment Fund Budget 042 with the addition of \$189,100 in expenditures was approved and forwarded on to the FY2015 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The General Capital Equipment Replacement Fund Budget 048 with the addition of \$3,840 in expenditures was approved and forwarded on to the FY2015 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Steve McIntyre.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The Contingency Fund Budget 016 with the addition of \$139,099 in line item 905 Miscellaneous was approved and forwarded on to the FY2015 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document following approval of a motion made by Randy Jobgen and seconded by Brandon Behlke.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The FY2015 Interfund Transfer Schedule as presented including the revisions made tonight was approved and forwarded on to the FY2015 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**AGENDA ITEM IV – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM V – CLOSED SESSION**

The board entered closed session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss:

Litigation section 2(c)11.

*“Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.”*

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Topic of discussion: Nancy Lewis- FOIA, OMA, Personnel Records Review Act Complaint following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board reconvened to open session at 9:26 p.m. following approval of a motion made by RJ Winkelhake and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**AGENDA ITEM VII - POSSIBLE ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION**

There was no action as a result of closed session.

**AGENDA ITEM VII- ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Steve McIntyre and seconded by John O'Boyle.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 10, 2014, at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.