

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 14, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Ron Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

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

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

**THE INVOCATION** and thought for the day were given by Merri Berlage.

**AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda was approved as attached following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Steve McIntyre.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Jody Covert, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith and Terry Stoffregen. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent-Gerald Bennett, Dan Hughes, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Absent: 4.

**AGENDA ITEM II – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Arthur Ricker from Stockton and representing the American Legion Posts within the County, appealed to the board to renew and continue County Government Day by approving a resolution re-instating County Government Day in Jo Daviess County.

**AGENDA ITEM III – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business brought before the board at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EXECUTIVE:**

A recommendation to set the 2014 County mileage rate at the IRS rate of \$0.56 per mile was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Brandon Behlke, Bob Heuerman, Randy Jobgen and John O'Boyle.

A Public Defender agreement with Donald G. Schweihs was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A Public Defender agreement with Thomas A. Nack was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote with an abstain vote recorded for Ron Smith.

A resolution to update Jo Daviess County Position Descriptions for Non-represented and Elected Officials covered under the JDC Position Classification and Compensation Plan was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Brandon Behlke.

**INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:**

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

**CVB BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

**FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:**

A motion to approve FY2013 line item transfer request in the amount of \$12,238.04 was made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Margie Montelius.

- a) Transfer of \$8,413.04 from 036-42134-810 Equipment to 036-42134-990 Interfund Transfer.
- b) Transfer of \$3,825.00 from 016-49197-905 Contingency/Miscellaneous to 016-49197-702 Contingency/Professional Service.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to approve the following FY2013 line item transfer requests and associated claims in the amount of \$3,389.51 was made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Margie Montelius.

- a) Transfer of \$1,634.68 from 001-41123-701 Communications/Maintenance to 001-41123-704 Communications/Telephone and from 001-41123-501 Communications/Education & Training to 001-41123-704 Communications/Telephone to pay a claim to Powernet Global in the amount of \$14.49, to pay a claim to Communication Revolving Fund in the amount of \$1,535.24 and to pay a claim to Entersect in the amount of \$84.95
- b) Transfer of \$519.68 from 001-41122-605 Safety Building/Office Supplies to 001-41122-702 Safety Building/Professional Services to pay a claim to Heather Ward in the amount of \$501.84 and to pay a claim to IHS Pharmacy in the amount of \$17.84.
- c) Transfer of \$1,235.15 from 001-41121-501 Sheriff/Education & Training to 001-41121-611 Sheriff/Fuel & Oil to pay a claim to Village of Warren in the amount of \$1,235.15.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Jody Covert, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith and Terry Stoffregen. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent-Gerald Bennett, Dan Hughes, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Absent: 4.

A motion to approve the following FY2013 over budget requests and associated claims in the amount of \$54,918.35 was made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

- a) Claim from Tourism Promotion in the amount of \$54,268.35 to be paid from line item 056-45161-990 LTCB Grant/Interfund Transfer; over budget by \$577.45.
- b) Claim from Hesse Martone in the amount of \$437.50 to be paid from line item 001-41121-725 Sheriff/Union Legal Services; over budget by \$437.50.
- c) Claim from Hesse Martone in the amount of \$172.50 to be paid from line item 001-41123-725 Communications/Union Legal Services; over budget by \$172.50.
- d) Claim from Hesse Martone in the amount of \$26.60 to be paid from line item 001-41122-725 Safety Building/Union Legal Services; over budget by \$26.60.

**Jo Daviess County Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 14, 2014**

**Page 3 of 6**

- e) Claim from Hesse Martone in the amount of \$13.40 to be paid from line item 001-41124-725 Court Security/Union Legal Services; over budget by \$13.40.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Jody Covert, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith and Terry Stoffregen. Ayes: 12. Nays- Brandon Behlke. Nays: 1. Absent-Gerald Bennett, Dan Hughes, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Absent: 4.

An agreement with Clifton Larson Allen for audit services for the year ending November 30, 2013 with the review of the agreement by State's Attorney Hay was approved following a committee motion made by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A professional service agreement with Clarity in Numbers, LLC for actuarial valuation services for the fiscal year-end 2013 for Postretirement Medical Plan under GASB 45 at a fee of \$4,200 was approved following a committee motion made by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:**

A resolution to establish an annual event for county students to be known as Jo Daviess County Government Day was approved following a committee motion made by Bill Bingham.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The recommendation from the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department to purchase two squad vehicles from Green Chevrolet, Inc., Jacksonville, IL (State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program), including the claim in the amount of \$41,158.22, was approved following a committee motion made by Bill Bingham.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Jody Covert, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith and Terry Stoffregen. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent-Gerald Bennett, Dan Hughes, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Absent: 4.

This brings the total claims paid in January 2014 to \$487,141.39.

A recommendation to approve engineering, FCC coordination, and the purchase and installation of an additional radio communications system repeater to be located in Stockton, Illinois on the Illinois State Police Communication Tower at a cost of \$3,300 to Ira Wiesenfield & Associates and cost of \$3,693.75 for equipment and labor to be paid to Comelec Services, LLC was approved following a committee motion made by Bill Bingham.

The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Brandon Behlke, Bill Bingham, Rick Dittmar and Steve McIntyre.

**Jo Daviess County Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 14, 2014**

**Page 4 of 6**

A request from Sheriff Turner to hire a full time patrol deputy to fill a vacant position was approved following a committee motion made by Bill Bingham.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A request from Sheriff Turner to hire a part time patrol deputy was approved following a committee motion made by Bill Bingham.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A contract for Law Enforcement Services at the Mississippi River Project, Blanding Landing Recreation Area was approved following a committee motion made by Bill Bingham.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:**

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

**PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

**LEGISLATIVE:**

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

**OTHER COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:**

Board members appointed to other special committees updated the board with actions involving those committees.

**AGENDA ITEM V – BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

Brandon Behlke expressed his concern that Jo Daviess County is losing business and revenue to neighboring states. He feels the County needs to examine ways to encourage more economic development in Jo Daviess County.

Randy Jobgen informed board members that Fodor's Travel recently named Galena as having one of America's Best Main Streets.

**AGENDA ITEM VI – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM VII – CLOSED SESSION**

The board entered closed session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss:

- a) personnel section 2(c)1,
- b) collective bargaining section 2(c)2, Topics of discussion: Update on current union negotiations
- c) property section 2(c)5
- d) litigation section 2(c)11

following approval of a motion made by Randy Jobgen and seconded by John O'Boyle.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board reconvened to open session at 8:30 p.m. following approval of a motion made by Steve McIntyre and seconded by John O'Boyle.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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

There was no action needed as a result of closed session.

**AGENDA ITEM IX - ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Steve McIntyre and seconded by Brandon Behlke.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

---

Jean Dimke, Jo Daviess County Clerk

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED  
JANAURY 14, 2014**

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

1. County Board meeting minutes from the December 10, 2013 meeting.

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Appointment of Mary Vincent to the Jo Daviess Housing Authority to fill the remainder of a five-year term ending June 30, 2016.

**REPORTS**

1. Thank you card from the family of Ron Moser.

**CLAIMS**

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$387,675.31.
2. Emergency Telephone Systems Board Fund claims in the amount of \$20,181.06.
3. Sheriff Forfeiture Fund claims in the amount of \$35.94.