

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2014**

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

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present-Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Jody Covert, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Present: 15. Absent-Brandon Behlke and Dan Hughes. Absent: 2.

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 Randy Jobgen and seconded by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Jody Covert, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Brandon Behlke and Dan Hughes. Absent: 2.

AGENDA ITEM II – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Gary Diedrick of Galena and representing the Honor Flight of Greater Dubuque asked board members to contact him if they knew of any WWII or Korean veterans that have not been on an Honor Flight. He said that there are some vacancies for May 19 and May 20 Honor Flight to Washington DC.

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

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:

A resolution authorizing application for a Public Transportation Financial Assistance Grant was approved following a committee motion made by Margie Montelius.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The Acceptance of the Special Warranty regarding fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interest of employees affected by Section 5311 funds was approved following a committee motion made by Margie Montelius.

The motion carried by voice vote.

An ordinance to provide public transportation in Jo Daviess County, Illinois was approved following a committee motion made by Margie Montelius.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Jody Covert, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Brandon Behlke and Dan Hughes. Absent: 2.

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The Applicant's Certification of Intent to apply to the State of Illinois through the Illinois Department of Transportation was approved following a committee motion made by Margie Montelius.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The FTA FY2015 Certifications and Assurances document associated with the combined 5311/DOAP Grant was approved following a committee motion made by Margie Montelius.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution authorizing application for a Public Transportation Capital Assistance grant under the Illinois Department of Transportation's general authority to make such grants to acquire three medium duty transit vehicles was approved following a committee motion made by Margie Montelius.

The motion carried by voice vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit to David & Paula Lange to allow for a single family residence in the AG Agricultural District on a lot less than forty (40) acres and a one lot subdivision located at 3071 W. Council Hill Road, Scales Mound was approved following a motion made by Steve McIntyre and seconded by Richard Dittmar.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Jody Covert, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Brandon Behlke and Dan Hughes. Absent: 2.

LEGISLATIVE:

A recommendation to send a letter to Representative Stewart regarding a request to re-file House Bill 2888 amending the prevailing wage act was approved following a committee motion made by Jodi Covert.

The motion carried by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE:

A consulting agreement with Madelynn Wilharm for grant writing services was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution for review of current 911 statutory provisions was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution to amend the Jo Daviess County Pay Grade Structure Schedule to include the EMA Coordinator position and Social Media Specialist position and to approve the Social Media Specialist position description was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A pledge of \$5,000.00 from the Economic Development and Investment Fund plus in-kind contributions to be determined to help with a request from the Upper Mississippi River International Port District for support of a grant application for an EDA Technical Assistance & Planning Grant was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

This committee had no business to bring before the board at this time.

CVB BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

This committee had no business to bring before the board at this time.

FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:

A motion to approve the following FY2014 line item transfer request in the amount of \$1,500.00 was made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

- a) Transfer of \$1,500.00 from 001-40108-702 Assessment/Professional Service to 001-40108-703 Assessment/Postage to pay Transfer of \$1,500.00 from 001-40108-702 Assessment/Professional Service to 001-40108-703 Assessment/Postage to pay a journal correction to 001-40108-704 GF/Postage in the amount of \$852.11.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Jody Covert, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Brandon Behlke and Dan Hughes. Absent: 2.

A resolution amending engineering charges for Road District Motor Fuel Tax work and other work charged by the Jo Daviess County Highway Department as follows: the fee for construction engineering shall be adjusted from 8% of the final cost of all projects to 8% of the final cost of the projects costing less than \$1,000,000; 6% of the project cost for projects costing \$1,000,000 or more but less than \$2,000,000; 4% of the project cost for projects costing \$2,000,000 or more was approved following a committee motion made by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A recommendation to reverse a claim that was submitted in error and approved on March 11, 2014 from/to the Highway Fund 002 was approved following a committee motion made by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A change in the renewal date for Jo Daviess County dental insurance from July 1 to December 1 and for Jo Daviess County accident insurance from October 1 to December 1 was approved following a committee motion made by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution to amend the FY2014 General Capital Equipment Fund Budget to pay an emergency purchase claim from line item 048-461-810-503 for required software and memory upgrades for two (2) Township Assessor laptop computers was approved following a committee motion made by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Gerald Bennett, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Ayes: 10. Nays-Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Jody Covert, Randy Jobgen and Steve McIntyre. Nays: 5. Absent-Brandon Behlke and Dan Hughes. Absent: 2.

This brings the total claims paid in April 2014 to \$330,938.45.

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

A resolution to authorize an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operation of an Enterprise Zone for the purpose of expanding the City of Freeport/Stephenson County Enterprise Zone to include Prairie Ridge of Galena, LLC was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

An ordinance amending the boundaries of the joint City of Freeport/Stephenson County certified Enterprise Zone to include Prairie Ridge of Galena, LLC was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Jody Covert, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Brandon Behlke and Dan Hughes. Absent: 2.

PUBLIC WORKS:

A bid from Truck Country of Iowa, Dubuque, IA for a Freightliner FT114SD dump truck at a final cost of \$48,579.00 to be paid from line item 002-43141-820 was accepted following a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A bid from Tri-State Truck Equipment of Dubuque, IA for a Swenson dump box and universal plow at a cost of \$48,000.00 to be paid from line item 002-43141-820 was accepted following a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:

This committee had no business to bring before the board at this time.

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

RJ Winkelhake commented on an article in the Galena Gazette about racial profiling.

AGENDA ITEM VI – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

John Cooke thanked Merri Berlage and the board for their support on the first phase of the development of Prairie Ridge of Galena, LLC.

Thomas Barton from the Telegraph Herald introduced himself to the board and said he was looking forward to working with the board with notices and stories that would be of interest to the public.

AGENDA ITEM VII – CLOSED SESSION

The board entered closed session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss:

- a) personnel section 2(c)1, *"The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including*

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hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity." Topics of discussion: Reclassification review requests - Chief Deputy Sheriff position and Sheriff's Operations Lieutenant position

- b) collective bargaining section 2(c)2, Topic 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 Merri Berlage and seconded by RJ Winkelhake.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board reconvened to open session at 8:44 p.m. following approval of a motion made by Jodi Covert and seconded by Bill Bingham.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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

The reclassification of the Sheriff's Operations Lieutenant position from a pay grade 12 to a pay grade 13 and Chief Deputy Sheriff position from a pay grade 14 to a pay grade 15 was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Bill Bingham.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A request by the Sheriff to hire a Chief Deputy at a pay grade 15, step 5 was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Bill Bingham.

The motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM IX - 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 8:47 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke, Jo Daviess County Clerk

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MINUTES APPROVAL

1. County Board meeting minutes from the March 11, 2014 meeting, February 5, 2014 Public Hearing, March 6, 2014 Public Hearing and March 6, 2014 Special County Board meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Julie Mark Helman to the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Merit Commission for the remainder of a six-year term ending May 31, 2015.
2. Appointment of Richard Bergman to the Stockton Fire District for a three-year term ending April 30, 2017.
3. Appointment of Nick Tranel to the Dunleith-Menominee Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending April 30, 2017.
4. Appointment of Andrew Berlage to the Galena Rural Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending April 30, 2017.
5. Appointment of Mike Weede to the Hanover Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending April 30, 2017.
6. Appointment of Gary Mullane to the Hanover Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending April 30, 2017.
7. Appointment of Mike Dascher to the Hanover Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending April 30, 2017.
8. Appointment of Bill Kimball to Emergency Telephone Systems Board for a three-year term ending April 30, 2017.
9. Appointment of Nate Johnson to Emergency Telephone Systems Board for a three-year term ending April 30, 2017.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter of resignation from ETSB Board by Mickey Huseman.
2. Thank You from family of Clifford Carroll.
3. Letter from Mediacom implementing a Non-Standard Converter Fee of \$5.00 per month.

CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$330,261.60.
2. Emergency Telephone Systems Board Fund claims in the amount of \$21,735.04.
3. Sheriff's Forfeiture Fund claims in the amount of \$186.87.

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