

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2015**

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 13, 2015 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, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, John O'Boyle, Brad Petersburg, Steve Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Present: 15. Absent-Gerald Bennett and Martin Werner. 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 RJ Winkelhake and seconded by William Bingham.

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

Larry Berlage's appointment as trustee to the Elizabeth Community Fire Protection District Board for the period of May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2018 was approved following a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote with Merri Berlage abstaining.

AGENDA ITEM II – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mike Dittmar, mayor of Elizabeth, urged the board to approve the 25% funding for the one-year Thomson prison billboard campaign stating it was good for economic development.

Ed Amstutz, representing Triple X Racing, told board members he was available for questions or concerns about the 2015 Tour of Galena/Jo Daviess County bike race scheduled for June 5, 6 and 7, 2015.

AGENDA ITEM III – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business brought before the board.

AGENDA ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

On behalf of the Jo Daviess County Board and the Jo Daviess County Emergency Telephone System Board, Chairman Ron Smith presented a plaque to Greg Millerschone thanking him for his service on the Jo Daviess County Emergency Telephone System Board from August 2004 through May 2015.

FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:

A motion to approve the following FY2015 line item transfer request and associated claim in the amount of \$1,261.87 was made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Merri Berlage.

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- a) Transfer of \$2,000.00 from 001-41125-606 Emergency Management/Minor Equipment & Small Tools to 001-41125-711 Emergency Management/Utilities to pay a claim to the Highway Department in the amount of \$1,261.87.

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

This brings the total claims paid in April 2015 to \$552,013.95.

A Resolution calling for the Governor and General Assembly to protect necessary funding for county government was approved following a committee motion made by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

A recommendation to provide 25% of the funding (\$2,112.50) for a one-year Thomson Prison billboard campaign with reference to Jo Daviess County to be paid from the Jo Daviess County Economic Development Investment Fund was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Ron Smith.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The Jo Daviess County Highway Department will purchase a Brush Hog 2810 mower at a cost of \$10,900 from Peabody's North of Pecatonica, Illinois to be paid from line item 002-43141-810 following approval of a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A bid from Truck Country of Iowa from Dubuque, Iowa for a Freightliner FT114SD at a cost of \$55,848.00 to be paid from line item 002-43141-830 was approved following approval of a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A bid from Tri-State Truck Equipment from Dubuque, Iowa for a Bear-Roc stainless steel dump box and universal plow at a cost of \$52,989.00 to be paid from line item 002-43141-830 was approved following approval of a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

By consensus of the board agenda items IV D.4 and IV D.5 were pulled from the agenda and will be presented at the May County Board meeting.

The Menominee Township Bridge Deck Repair bid was awarded to M&M Concrete of Stockton, Illinois in the amount of \$56,999.99 to be paid from line item 011-43145-890 following approval of a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The Woodbine Township Bridge Deck Repair bid was awarded to M&M Concrete of Stockton, Illinois in the amount of \$55,999.99 to be paid from line item 011-43145-890 following approval of a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

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The motion carried by voice vote.

The 2015 Township MFT maintenance material bids were approved as presented following approval of a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote with Ron Smith abstaining.

The 2015 County MFT maintenance material bids were approved as presented following approval of a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote with Ron Smith abstaining.

The 2015 Township MFT bituminous material bids were approved as presented following approval of a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The 2015 County MFT bituminous material bids were approved as presented following approval of a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:

The purchase of a 2015 Dodge Charger at a cost of \$25,065.00 and a 2015 Dodge Durango at a cost of \$28,087.00 from Barkau Automotive, Stockton, Illinois following approval of a committee motion made by RJ Winkelhake. Barkau Automotive was not the low bidder. The primary reason for awarding the bid to Barkau is savings on personnel and mileage costs to take vehicles in for warranty and maintenance service.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The 2015 Tour of Galena/Jo Daviess County bike race scheduled for June 5, 6 and 7, 2015 was approved following a committee motion made by RJ Winkelhake.

The motion carried by voice vote.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:

Amendment No. 2 to the Jo Daviess County State/Federal Capital Assistance Grant Agreement, Project CAP-10-938-ARRA, contract #3933 was approved following a committee motion made by Brandon Behlke.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Change order #1 in an amount not to exceed \$41,075.00 for the undercut and fill for the parking lot of the Jo Daviess County Transit Building addition project was approved following a committee motion made by Brandon Behlke.

The motion carried by voice vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

LEGISLATIVE:

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A committee motion to approve a resolution supporting the Protection of the Health, Safety, and Economic Well-Being of the Local Citizens from the Potential Impact of Crude Oil and Other Highly Flammable Materials Rail Traffic was made by Don Zillig.

An amendment to the motion to remove the word “not” from Section 7 of the resolution was made by Brad Petersburg and seconded by Rick Dittmar.

The amendment carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Steve Rutz.

The amended motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Steve Rutz.

EXECUTIVE:

A professional service agreement with Carlson-Dettman to conduct an updated labor market analysis associated with the Jo Daviess County Position Classification and Compensation Plan was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by an 8 to 7 voice vote with nay votes recorded for Brandon Behlke, Rick Dittmar, Bob Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Steve McIntyre, Terry Stoffregen and Don Zillig.

A letter from Sheriff Turner to the Executive Committee regarding the FY2015 budget material for informational purposes will be provided to all board members.

Information regarding cost recovery of Jo Daviess County expenses associated with the Galena Train Derailment will be addressed at the May County Board meeting.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

This committee had nothing to bring before the board at this time.

CVB BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

A motion to approve a bid proposal from Cision for \$11,800.00 which would include marketing and social media tracking was made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

An amendment to the motion to approve the contract with review by the State’s Attorney was made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The amendment carried by voice vote.

The amended motion carried by voice vote.

The bid proposal with Russ Stratton Buses in the amount of \$5,200.00 with review by the State’s Attorney for the Triathlon/Duathlon was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Brandon Behlke

The motion carried by voice vote.

The bid proposal of \$6.59 per person from Cindy’s Classic Catering with a cap of \$5,250.00 for 795 meals for the Triathlon/Duathlon with review by the State’s Attorney was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The agreement between Apple Canyon Lake and the CVB for \$5 per registered athlete and an additional \$1,000.00 for staffing and materials expense for the Triathlon/Duathlon with review by the State’s Attorney was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Steve McIntyre.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Merri Berlage updated the board on an ongoing discussion about the structure of the CVB. She said at the March 31, 2015 CVB meeting, the board voted unanimously to extend an invitation to the Visit Galena Board to discuss common interests between the two organizations and how to move forward together. Merri said the purpose of this meeting would be for each existing organization to appoint a 3-member committee to begin to establish a joint 501C6 organization and those talks would necessitate the creation of bylaw and operation procedures.

Jo Daviess County Board members briefly commented on the issue.

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

Bill Bingham said that he appreciates the comments and dialogue by the board but is concerned about deviating so far from the agenda and feels that the board needs to address this issue.

AGENDA ITEM VI – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Treasurer Melisa Hammer expressed her concerns about the collection of the hotel/motel tax and the ability to charge for this service if a 501C6 was formed.

Steve Rutz exited the meeting at this time.

AGENDA ITEM VII – CLOSED SESSION

The board entered closed session at 8:59 p.m. to discuss:

D. Pursuant to 5 ILCS Litigation Section 120/2(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.” Topic of discussion: Craig Brown vs. Jo Daviess County – Complaint for preliminary and permanent injunctions and declaratory relief.

following approval of a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by John O’Boyle.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Roll call was answered as follows: Present-Brandon Behlke, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, John O’Boyle, Brad Petersburg, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Present: 14. Absent-Gerald Bennett, Steve Rutz and Martin Werner. Absent: 3.

The board reconvened to open session at 9:20 p.m. following approval of a motion made by Steve McIntyre and seconded by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Roll call was answered as follows: Present-Brandon Behlke, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, John O’Boyle, Brad Petersburg, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Present: 14. Absent-Gerald Bennett, Steve Rutz and Martin Werner. Absent: 3.

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

No action was needed as a result of closed session.

AGENDA ITEM IX - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Steve McIntyre and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

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CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED
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MINUTES APPROVAL

1. County Board meeting minutes from the March 10, 2015 meeting .

APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Patrick Keleher to serve as Trustee to the Board of the Scales Mound Fire Protection District for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2015.
2. Appointment of Bruce Strohacker to serve as Trustee to the Board of the Apple River Fire Protection District for the period of May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2018.
3. Appointment of Robert Wallenhorst to serve as Trustee to the Board of Dunleith-Menominee Fire Protection District for the period of May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2018.
4. Appointment of Kim Barrett to serve on the Jo Daviess County Board of Health for the period of April 1, 2015 through May 30, 2017.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, & PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation designating April, 2015 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Jo Daviess County.

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you note from Katherine Walker.

CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$550,752.08.
2. Emergency Telephone Systems Board Fund claims in the amount of \$6,524.99.
3. Sheriff's DUI claims in the amount of \$1,020.00.