

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2015**

AGENDA ITEM I - CALL TO ORDER Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Ron Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the 2nd floor large courtroom, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

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

AGENDA ITEM III – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

AGENDA ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS

Katherine Walker, Executive Director of the Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention & Visitors Bureau, gave a presentation on the 30 year history of the Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Hal Gilpin, Chairman of the Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention & Visitors Bureau read a letter stating the CVB's position on the one voice proposal for marketing tourism in Jo Daviess County that is being presented to civic and community groups throughout the county.

Chris Hamilton, President and CEO of VisitGalena gave the singular voice presentation that would create a 501(c)6 called Greater Galena-Jo Daviess County Convention & Visitors Bureau. He stated that this presentation is not a VisitGalena presentation. Chris handed out an information packet to board members with specific information on the formation of the 501(c)6.

County Board members and board of directors of the Convention and Visitors Bureau commented, asked questions and expressed concerns about the one voice proposal after hearing the three presentations.

AGENDA ITEM V – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Tammy Trebian, owner of Common Cents in Elizabeth, Carrie Stier, member of the Scales Mound village board and former CVB board member, Randy Pepin from Stockton, Kathy Rivera, Galena Chamber of Commerce board member, Mike Dittmar, mayor of Elizabeth, Teri McGovern, business owner in Stockton and Galena and Mike Scholz, former CVB Executive Director all commented or had questions on the presentations which included comments and questions to the CVB Board and County Board.

AGENDA ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by John O'Boyle and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.