

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Merri Berlage, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 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, William Bingham, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Terry Stoffregen, and Don Zillig. Present: 14. Absent-Jody Covert, Ron Smith and RJ Winkelhake. Absent: 3.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice-Chairperson Berlage.

THE INVOCATION and thought for the day were given by Bob Heuerman.

AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA

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

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Terry Stoffregen, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays: 0. Absent-Jody Covert, Ron Smith and RJ Winkelhake. Absent: 3.

AGENDA ITEM II – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Francis Wachter, Guilford Township Supervisor, addressed the board concerning the request from Guilford Township for reimbursement of legal expenses related to redistricting of assessment districts.

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

PUBLIC WORKS:

A petition from Nora Township for aid for a 50/50 culvert project on Chelsea Road to be paid from 011-43145-890 County Aid to Bridges/Other Improvements with an estimated total amount of \$30,000 was approved following a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A petition from Guilford Township for aid for an 80/20 bridge replacement project on Guilford Road to be paid from 011-43145-890 County Aid to Bridges/Other Improvements with an estimated total amount of \$800,000 (80% State, 10% Township and 10% County) was approved following a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A petition from Derinda Township for aid for an 80/20 bridge replacement project on Creek Road to be paid from 011-43145-890 County Aid to Bridges/Other Improvements with an estimated total amount of \$350,000 (80% State, 10% Township and 10% County) was approved following a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:

A proposal from Shive Hattery for architectural and civil engineering services associated with life-safety items identified in the September 13, 2013 exterior building condition study of the Jo Daviess County Courthouse in the amount of \$14,200 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:

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit to Thomas Noller, owner and Scott & Karla Noller, to allow for a single family residence in the Ag Agricultural District on a lot less than forty (40) acres located at North Stockton Road, approximately .2 miles south of the intersection of East Chelsea Road and North Stockton Road was approved following a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by John O'Boyle.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Gerald Bennett, William Bingham, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heurman, Dan Hughes, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Terry Stoffregen, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nay: Merri Berlage. Nays: 1. Absent-Jody Covert, Ron Smith and RJ Winkelhake. Absent: 3.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit to Dave and Jo Anne Sedbrook, owners, to allow for a self-storage warehouse in the Ag Agricultural District located at 19190 York Road, East Dubuque, was approved following a motion made by Rick Dittmar and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heurman, Dan Hughes, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Terry Stoffregen, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nay: Margie Montelius. Nays: 1. Absent-Jody Covert, Ron Smith and RJ Winkelhake. Absent: 3.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit to Peter and Berna Zid, owners, to allow for a single family residence in the Ag Agricultural District on a lot less than forty (40) acres located at 11720 E. Wilson Road, Stockton was approved following a motion made by Bill Bingham and seconded by Steve McIntyre.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heurman, Dan Hughes, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Terry Stoffregen, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays: 0. Absent-Jody Covert, Ron Smith and RJ Winkelhake. Absent: 3.

LEGISLATIVE:

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

EXECUTIVE:

A recommendation for a 3-year agreement with master agreement to provide services for an aggregate group, to enter into negotiations for a contractual relationship with First Energy for a 3-year agreement at a rate of 7.31 per year for 3 years, upon approval of the supplier by the Jo Daviess County

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Board on June 10, 2014 with legal review by the Jo Daviess County State's Attorney was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A request by County Administrator Dan Reimer to hire a full time office manager in July if possible (per 2014 hiring freeze policy position to be filled only with County Board approval) was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A request by County Engineer Steve Keeffer to hire a part time Maintenance Worker I (per 2014 hiring freeze policy position to be filled only with County Board approval) was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The FY2015 Budget Review Schedule and associated committee business meeting schedule as proposed by the Finance, Tax and Budget Committee with revision to move the Development and Planning Committee meeting to Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 7:00 pm and the Public Works Committee meeting to Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 7:00 pm was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda item IV F 5 was removed from the agenda at this time.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

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

CVB BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

An amendment to the CVB bylaws was approved following a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Steve McIntyre.

The motion carried by voice vote.

FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:

A motion to approve the following FY2014 line item transfer request and associated claim in the amount of \$739.80 was made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

- a) Transfer of \$2,000.00 from 070-47202-901 Coroner Equipment/Contingency to 070-47202-606 Coroner Equipment/Minor Equipment to pay a claim to California Professional Mfg. in the amount of \$739.80.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Terry Stoffregen, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays: 0. Absent-Jody Covert, Ron Smith and RJ Winkelhake. Absent: 3.

A motion to approve the following FY2014 over budget requests and associated claims in the amount of \$4,500.00 was made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Margie Montelius.

- a) Claim from Hesse Martone, PC in the amount of \$2,250.00 to be paid from 001-41121-725 Sheriff/Union Legal Services line item; over budget by \$1,300.00.

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- b) Claim from Hesse Martone, PC in the amount of \$1,370.00 to be paid from 001-41123-725 Communications/Union Legal Services line item; over budget by \$800.00.
- c) Claim from Hesse Martone, PC in the amount of \$585.20 to be paid from 001-41122-725 Safety Building/Union Legal Services line item; over budget by \$332.50.
- d) Claim from Hesse Martone, PC in the amount of \$294.80 to be paid from 001-41124-725 Court Security/Union Legal Services line item; over budget by \$167.50.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz and Terry Stoffregen. Ayes: 13. Nays: William Bingham, Richard Dittmar, Randy Jobgen and Don Zillig. Nays: 4. Absent-Jody Covert, Ron Smith and RJ Winkelhake. Absent: 3.

This brings the total claims paid in June 2014 to \$635,468.90.

A recommendation to deny a request from Guilford Township for reimbursement of legal expenses related to redistricting of assessment districts was approved following a committee motion made by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Terry Stoffregen and Don Zillig. Ayes: 11. Nays: Brandon Behlke, Gerald Bennett and Richard Dittmar. Nays: 3. Absent-Jody Covert, Ron Smith and RJ Winkelhake. Absent: 3.

A resolution for an amendment to the delinquent tax program agreement with Joseph E. Meyers to Joseph E. Meyers & Associates was approved following a committee motion made by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The Prevailing Wage Resolution, Wages of Employees on Public Works, for Jo Daviess County was approved following a committee motion made by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Brandon Behlke, Merri Berlage, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre and Don Zillig.

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

An in-kind services pledge of 40 hours at \$37.50/hour (government rate) from the Jo Daviess County GIS Department and 10 hours at \$50/hour from the Jo Daviess County Administrator's Office for a total in-kind services pledge of \$2,000 from Jo Daviess County in support of a federal EDA Technical Assistance & Planning Grant application being applied for by the Upper Mississippi River International Port District and the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council was approved following a committee motion made by John O'Boyle.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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 invited board members to the Republican Central Committee annual dinner at Stockton Park on August 8, 2014.

Terry Stoffregen said he got a call from a Guilford Township constituent about the bicycle race held this past weekend. He was concerned about safety issues in relation to all races held in the County. He informed Terry that a trail ride was scheduled and with the noises from the horns this was not a good mix with the bicycles and horses. He said there were riders on the wrong side of the road as well. Terry feels that the County should address this and put more thought into the safety of these races. The Law and Courts Committee will review and address these concerns.

Rick Dittmar said he was contacted by a contractor that was concerned about the International Building Code that was approved by the County last year. The contractor feels there are some requirements that are costing home owners unnecessary fees. Rick will find out which part of the code the contractor has a problem with and notify Linda at Building and Zoning and send it to Development and Planning for review.

Merri Berlage reminded board members of the Special Development and Planning meeting on June 17 and encouraged all board members to attend.

AGENDA ITEM VI – CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

There were no citizens’ comments at this time.

AGENDA ITEM VII – CLOSED SESSION

The board entered closed session at 8:12 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 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."*
- 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 Brandon Behlke and seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board reconvened to open session at 8:20 p.m. following approval of a motion made by Steve McIntyre and seconded by Gerry Bennett.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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

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

AGENDA ITEM IX - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Steve McIntyre and seconded by Bill Bingham.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Vice-Chairperson Berlage adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2014, 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 May 13, 2014 meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Larry Wiedenheft to the Board of Review for a two-year term ending May 31, 2016.
2. Appointment of Edna Penticoff to the Board of Review for a two-year term ending May 31, 2016.
3. Appointment of Tony Berning to the Farmland Assessment Committee for a three-year term ending May 31, 2017.
4. Appointment of John Cox to the Merit Commission for a three-year term ending May 31, 2017.
5. Appointment of Kevin Stier to the Upper Mississippi River International Port District for a three-year term ending May 31, 2017.
6. Appointment of Leslie Hawley to the 708 Mental Health Board for a four-year term ending June 30, 2018.
7. Appointment of Craig Ketelsen to the Personnel Review Committee.
8. Appointment of Jean Dimke to the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee.
9. Appointment of Angie Kaiser to the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee.
10. Appointment of Steve Rutz to the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee.
11. Appointment of Dan Reimer to the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee.
12. Appointment of Ron Smith to the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee.
13. Appointment of Jim Goken to the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee.
14. Appointment of Nancy Lewis to the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee.
15. Appointment of Diane Williams to the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee.
16. Appointment of Steve Keeffer to the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee.
17. Appointment of Mike Moser to the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee.
18. Appointment of Kathy Phillips to the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee.
19. Appointment of William Bingham to the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee.
20. Appointment of John Meyerhofer to the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Notice of Public Meeting for Galena/Sinsinawa Rivers Watershed on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 6:00 pm and Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 10:30 am at the Midwest Medical Center.

CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$630,229.10.
2. Emergency Telephone Systems Board Fund claims in the amount of \$19,559.25.