

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 14, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Ron Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 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, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Martin Werner, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Present: 15. Absent-Gerald Bennett and Steve Rutz. Absent: 2.

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

**THE INVOCATION** and thought for the day were given by Bill Bingham.

**AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Martin Werner, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Gerald Bennett and Steve Rutz. Absent: 2.

**AGENDA ITEM II – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM III – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business brought before the board.

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

A presentation of Blackhawk Hills Regional Council Annual Report was given by Julie Jacobs, Blackhawk Hills Regional Council Office Manager.

With the consensus of the board, the agenda was adjusted to allow the Development and Planning Committee to conduct their business at this time.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

A letter of recommendation for a request by Daniel Reed for expansion of the City of Freeport/Stephenson County Enterprise Zone for the purpose of acquiring land, construction and operating a cheese plant in Warren, Illinois was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

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, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Martin Werner, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Gerald Bennett and Steve Rutz. Absent: 2.

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A recommendation to move forward to the County Board a resolution directing the filing of a petition to amend the Jo Daviess County Zoning Ordinance Illinois was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

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, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Martin Werner, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Gerald Bennett and Steve Rutz. Absent: 2.

A recommendation to approve a consulting services agreement with Opportunity Alliance, LLC for services associated with preparing an application for a new enterprise zone for the City of Freeport/Stephenson County Enterprise Zone was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A recommendation regarding a resolution to approve a consulting agreement with Opportunity Alliance, LLC for services associated with preparing an application for a new enterprise zone for the City of Freeport/Stephenson County Enterprise Zone was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:**

A recommendation to approve a resolution changing juror compensation and jury trial demand fees was approved following a committee motion made by RJ Winkelhake.

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.

**EXECUTIVE:**

A recommendation to accept a bid and enter into negotiations for a contractual relationship with MidAmerican Energy for a term of 31 months at a cost of \$0.0615 cents per kw\Wh for municipal aggregated electricity supply for residential and small commercial retail customers in unincorporated areas of Jo Daviess County serviced by ComEd was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote with an abstention from Ron Smith.

A recommendation to approve a termination letter to be sent to First Energy Solutions per the terms of a master supply agreement with First Energy Solutions 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.

**CVB BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

A recommendation to approve a request for proposal for a contract for website development was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by RJ Winkelhake.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:**

A motion to approve the following FY2015 line item transfer request and associated claims in the amount of \$414.00 was made by RJ Winkelhake and seconded by Merri Berlage.

- a) Transfer of \$1,000.00 from 027-45161-703 Postage to 027-45161-907 Trade Show/Events to pay an associated claim to Great Galena Balloon Race in the amount of \$200.00 and an associated claim to Illinois Bank & Trust in the amount of \$214.00.

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, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Martin Werner, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Gerald Bennett and Steve Rutz. Absent: 2.

This brings the total claims paid in July 2015 to \$700,683.95.

A committee motion to approve an ordinance proposing the establishment of Jo Daviess County Special Service District #6 was made by RJ Winkelhake.

An amendment to the motion setting the hearing date in the ordinance for August 13, 2015, at 7 p.m. in the large courtroom at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse was made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The amendment to the motion carried by voice vote.

The main motion including the amendment 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, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Martin Werner, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Gerald Bennett and Steve Rutz. Absent: 2.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

A petition from Hanover Township for county aid for a culvert project on Steele Road at an estimated cost of \$80,000.00 to be paid from line item 011-43145-890, was approved following a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The agreement with Willett Hofmann and Associates, at a not to exceed cost of \$82,939.16 to be paid from line item 011-43145-702 for design of repairs for bridges on Fiedler Road, was approved following a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The agreement with Willett Hofmann and Associates, at a not to exceed cost of \$10,959.60 to be paid from line item 011-43145-702 for structural design of a culvert on Greenvale Road, was approved following a committee motion made by Randy Jobgen.

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 said he attended the farm tour and heard many positive comments.

RJ Winkelhake and Rick Dittmar both received phone calls about the number of motorcycles on Derinda Road and the noise they create.

**AGENDA ITEM VI – CITIZENS’ COMMENTS**

There were no citizens’ comments.

**AGENDA ITEM VII – CLOSED SESSION**

The board had no need to enter closed session.

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

No action was needed since the board did not enter 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.

Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED  
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**MINUTES APPROVAL**

1. County Board meeting minutes from the June 9, 2015 meeting.
2. County Board meeting minutes from the June 10, 2015 special meeting.
3. County Board meeting minutes from the June 24, 2015 County Board Retreat.

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Appointment of Ernest S. Lieb to serve as Trustee to the Board of the Stockton Fire Protection and Ambulance District for a three-year term beginning May, 1, 2015.
2. Appointment of Tom Schuldt to the Farmland Assessment Committee for a three-year term ending May 31, 2018.
3. Appointment of Jim Crossley to the Jo Daviess County Board of Review for a two-year term ending May 31, 2017.
4. Appointment of Commissioner Scott Toot to the Jo Daviess County Housing Authority Board for a five-year term ending June 15, 2020.
5. Appointment of Elizabeth Kane to the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee.

**REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Thank you note from the family of Janice Wachter.

**CLAIMS**

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$700,269.95.
2. Emergency Telephone Systems Board Fund claims in the amount of \$7,627.48.