

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: County Clerk Jean Dimke called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 2014, at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

OATHS OF OFFICE were administered by County Clerk Jean Dimke to newly elected members of the County Board.

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

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by County Clerk Jean Dimke.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

AGENDA ITEM I - ELECTION OF COUNTY BOARD CHAIRPERSON

County Clerk Jean Dimke asked for nominations for chairperson of the County Board. John O'Boyle nominated Ron Smith and it was seconded by Steve Rutz. Rick Dittmar nominated Randy Jobgen and it was seconded by Brandon Behlke. Nominations for chairperson were closed following a motion made by John O'Boyle and seconded by Merri Berlage.

The motion to close nominations carried by voice vote.

Ron Smith was elected and seated as chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board following approval of the nomination by roll call vote: **SMITH**-Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, Bill Bingham, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Steve McIntyre, John O'Boyle, Steve Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Martin Werner and R.J. Winkelhake. **JOBGEN**-Brandon Behlke, Rick Dittmar and Randy Jobgen. **Smith: 12. Jobgen: 3.** Absent-Jody Covert and Don Zillig. Absent: 2.

Ron Smith was seated as Jo Daviess County Board Chairperson.

AGENDA ITEM II - ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Smith asked for nominations for vice-chairperson of the County Board. John O'Boyle nominated Merri Berlage for vice-chairperson and it was seconded by Bill Bingham.

The motion to close nominations for vice-chairperson was made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

The motion to close nominations for vice-chairperson carried by voice vote.

Merri Berlage was unanimously elected vice-chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board following approval of the nomination by voice vote.

Merri Berlage was seated as Jo Daviess County Board Vice-chairperson.

AGENDA ITEM III –STRUCTURE OF COMMITTEES

After board discussion, Chairperson Smith will review the committee signup sheets and structure of committees and bring his recommendation back to the entire board on December 9, 2014.

AGENDA ITEM IV – COUNTY BOARD MEETING DATES

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The schedule of County Board meeting dates for FY2015 was accepted as presented following approval of a motion made by Steve McIntyre and seconded by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM V – NEW BUSINESS

The board accepted the resignation of County Board member Jody Covert, District #14-Hanover and part Rice, with regrets following approval of a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Steve McIntyre.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The Jo Daviess County Board declared the seat for County Board District #14-Hanover and part Rice vacant following a motion made by Randy Jobgen and seconded by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution to approve the purchase of a dual purpose police service dog from Vohne Liche Kennels in the amount of \$8,000.00 was approved following a committee motion made by Bill Bingham.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A claim to Vohne Liche Kennels in the amount of \$8,000.00 for the purchase of a dual purpose police service dog was approved following a committee motion made by Bill Bingham.

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

A Public Defender agreement with Thomas A. Nack beginning December 1, 2014 and ending November 30, 2015 was approved following a committee motion made by RJ Winkelhake.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Rick Dittmar.

A Public Defender agreement with Adam J. North beginning December 1, 2014 and ending November 30, 2015 was approved following a committee motion made by RJ Winkelhake.

The motion carried by voice vote

AGENDA ITEM VI - CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

AGENDA ITEM VII – 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 8:03 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.