

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BUDGET HEARING
NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Ron Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

2. ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present-Brandon Behlke, Maryanne Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Richard Dittmar, Randy Jobgen, Robert Heurman, Dan Hughes, John Lang, Steve McIntyre, John O'Boyle, Brad Petersburg, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Martin Werner, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Present: 17. Absent: 0.

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

4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to bring before the board at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

County Board Chairperson, Ron Smith, thanked outgoing board members and presented them a plaque in recognition of their dedicated years of service as Jo Daviess County Board members. The following board members were recognized: Gerald Bennett-8 years, Merri Berlage-20 years, Dan Hughes-4 years, John O'Boyle-4 years, Brad Petersburg-2 years, and Terry Stoffregen-18 years.

CVB BOARD OF DIRECTOR

A recommendation to approve a one year marketing plan with McDaniel's Marketing beginning December 1, 2016, for a total of \$373,500.00 for the 2017 Marketing Budget was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE

A request for reimbursement of expenses incurred by Destination Marketing Agency (DMO) Board Members on behalf of the new DMO on the amount of \$207.56 to Colin Sanderson and \$99.50 to Fred Bonnet and to be paid in the December, 2016 claims was approved following a motion made by Brad Petersburg and seconded by John O'Boyle

The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Merri Berlage and John Lang.

The Destination Marketing Agency (DMO) contract was approved as presented following a motion made by Brad Petersburg and seconded by Rick Dittmar.

The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Merri Berlage and John Lang.

A. FINANCE, TAX & BUDGET

A claim due December 1, 2016 to Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust in the amount of \$79,588.00, this amount is the initial premium payment (25%) for FY2017 Property & Casualty and

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Workers Compensation Insurance, to be paid from line item 017-48118-723 was approved following a motion made by RJ Winkelhake and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Maryanne Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Richard Dittmar, Randy Jobgen, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, John Lang, Steve McIntyre, John O'Boyle, Brad Petersburg, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Martin Werner, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

An engagement letter with Wipfli LLP for professional audit services for the year ending November 20, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$51,000.00 was approved following a motion made Randy Jobgen and seconded by Steve McIntyre.

The motion carried by voice vote.

BUDGET REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

County Administrator Dan Reimer gave an explanation and summarization of the 15-step process of the FY2017 budget that has taken place over the last 6 months.

Dan said the budget process was truly a team effort among all county officials, department heads, county staff, agencies, and all county board committees. He thanked the County Board and members of the Finance, Tax & Budget Committee, the County Treasurer Melisa Hammer, the Chief County Assessment Officer Donna Berlage, County Clerk Jean Dimke and members of their staff for providing timely financial information throughout the budget process. He thanked all County Department Heads for their participation and cooperation. He thanked his staff, Mary Althof and Stacy Meade for their assistance and technical support in preparing the budget.

County Board Chairperson Ron Smith and other board members thanked County Administrator Dan Reimer and his staff for preparing and planning a very detailed and comprehensive budget.

The Jo Daviess County FY2017 Annual Tax Levy Ordinance (2016 levy/payable 2017) was adopted as presented following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by RJ Winkelhake.

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

The Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance for the 2016 property tax levy payable in 2017 was approved as showing the aggregate levy did not exceed a 5% increase over the prior year's extension following a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The Jo Daviess County FY2017 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was adopted as presented following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by John O'Boyle.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Maryanne Bennett, William Bingham, Richard Dittmar, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, John Lang, John O'Boyle, Brad Petersburg, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Martin Werner and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays-Merri Berlage, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre and RJ Winkelhake. Nays: 4.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Lisa McCarthy, Executive Director of Tri County Economic Development Alliance, thanked the County Board and especially the Planning and Development Committee for their continued support of TCEDA.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.