

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
BUDGET HEARING  
NOVEMBER 17, 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, November 17, 2015, 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, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, John O'Boyle, Brad Petersburg, Steve Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Martin Werner, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Present: 15. Absent-Robert Heuerman and Dan Hughes. Absent: 2.

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

**AGENDA ITEM I – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM II – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to bring before the board.

**AGENDA ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS**

The schedule of County Board meeting dates for FY2016 was accepted as presented with a change of the April meeting date to Monday, April 11, 2016 following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

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 FY2016 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 FY2016 Annual Tax Levy Ordinance (2015 levy/payable 2016) was adopted as presented following approval of a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Brandon Behlke.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Bingham, Richard Dittmar, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, John O'Boyle, Brad Petersburg,

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Steve Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Martin Werner, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Robert Heuerman and Dan Hughes. Absent: 2.

The Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance for the 2015 property tax levy payable in 2016 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 Bill Bingham.

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

The Jo Daviess County FY2016 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was adopted as presented following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Gerald Bennett, William Bingham, Richard Dittmar, Randy Jobgen, Steve McIntyre, John O'Boyle, Brad Petersburg, Steve Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Martin Werner and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays-Merri Berlage and RJ Winkelhake. Nays: 2. Absent-Robert Heuerman and Dan Hughes. Absent: 2.

**AGENDA ITEM IV- CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM V - 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 8:09 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.