

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
OCTOBER 7, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Ron Smith, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 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, Randy Jobgen, John O'Boyle, Brad Petersburg, Steve Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Martin Werner, RJ Winkelhake and Don Zillig. Present: 13. Absent-Gerald Bennett, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes and Steve McIntyre. Absent: 4.

**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 brought before the board.

**AGENDA ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS**

The renewal of Property Casualty and Workers Compensation insurance for FY2016 with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) at a total premium cost of \$322,972 was approved following a motion made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Brandon Behlke.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A recommendation to provide TCEDA with administrative support with an in kind contract for services for a half-time position in the amount of \$14,641 for FY2016 and also a \$15,000 monetary contribution to TCEDA in FY2016 was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A recommendation to approve a request from Blackhawk Hills Regional Council for a letter of commitment to participate in a regional freight study and to contribute \$5,000 over a two year period, \$2,500 per year was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Merri Berlage and Randy Jobgen.

A resolution to dissolve the Dog Fund (fund 025) was approved following a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Brad Petersburg.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution to change the name of the Rabies Control Fund (fund 20) to the Animal Control Fund (fund 20) and to amend the fund description of the Animal Control Fund was approved following a motion made by Brad Petersburg and seconded by RJ Winkelhake.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to send a letter and a bill in the amount of \$12,473 to the County's labor attorney regarding the Sheriff's overtime budget, noting that it has taken away the administrative management and it has increased the cost to the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department was made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion failed by a show of hands. Ayes: 5. Nays: 8.

**AGENDA ITEM IV – FY2016 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

A motion to amend the previously adopted motion from the September 29, 2015 Budget Workshop that reallocated the tax levy distributions amounts by reducing the Public Health Fund by \$106,346 for 2015 (payable 2016) from \$323,258 to \$216,912 and increasing the General Corporate Fund for 2015 (payable 2016) by \$106,346 from \$2,158,381 to \$2,264,727 was made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Randy Jobgen. The amended motion is to reallocate the tax levy distributions amounts by increasing the Public Health Fund by \$106,346 for 2015 (payable 2016) from \$216,912 to \$323,258 and decreasing the General Corporate Fund for 2015 (payable 2016) by \$106,346 from \$2,264,727 to \$2,158,381

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, William Bingham, Randy Jobgen, John O'Boyle, Steve Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Martin Werner and Don Zillig. Ayes: 9 Nays-Merri Berlage, Richard Dittmar, Brad Petersburg and RJ Winkelhake. Nays: 4. Absent-Gerald Bennett, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes and Steve McIntyre. Absent: 4.

A motion to approve the Tourism Promotion Fund (027) with the associated minimum fiscal year-end fund balance policy, Tourism Capital Development Fund (032) and Tourism LTCB Grant Fund (056), their fund descriptions, and to forward them on to the FY2016 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document was made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to approve the Animal Control Fund (020), including the revised fund description, and to forward it on to the FY2016 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document was made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to approve the Dog Fund (025), the fund description, and to forward it on to the FY2016 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document was made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to approve the Insurance Fund (017), the fund description, with the associated minimum fiscal year-end fund balance policy, and to reduce line item 723 to \$330,000 and to forward it on to the FY2016 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document was made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to approve the Economic Development Fund (018), the fund description and to forward it on to the FY2016 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document was made by Merri Berlage and seconded by John O'Boyle.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to approve the Small Rental Properties Program Fund (040), the fund description and to forward it on to the FY2016 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document was made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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The General Fund Courthouse budget 40101 was approved as presented and forwarded on to the FY2016 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to approve the following General Fund budgets as presented and to forward them on to the FY2016 Jo Daviess County comprehensive budget document was made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Brandon Behlke:

- County Board 40102
- County Administrator 40103
- County Treasurer 40104
- Tax Extension 40105
- County Clerk & Recorder 40106
- Elections 40107
- Chief County Assessment Officer 40108
- Board of Review 40109
- Information & Communications 40110
- Miscellaneous 40112
- Sheriff 41121
- Safety Building 41122
- Communications 41123
- Court Security 41124
- Emergency Management 41125
- Merit Commission 41126
- County Coroner 41127
- Courts 42131
- Probation 42132
- Circuit Clerk 42133
- State's Attorney 42134
- Animal Control 44152
- Social & Environmental 44157
- Regional Superintendent of Schools 44159
- Economic Development/Planning 44162, recognizing the addition of \$14,641 in expenses
- Zoning & Building Coded Administration 45163

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to reduce the General Fund projected revenue estimate to \$7,559,219 was made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Merri Berlage, Rick Dittmar and RJ Winkelhake.

A motion to estimate the unreserved fund balance available to fund activities/requests/contingency at \$211,604 following approval of a motion made by Randy Jobgen and seconded by Don Zillig.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for RJ Winkelhake.

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A motion to move \$108,978 from Undesignated Fund Balance from General Capital Investment Fund to Designated Cash Balance under activity code Countywide Security Projects in the General Capital Investment was made by Merri Berlage and seconded by RJ Winkelhake.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board reviewed the five unfunded requests that were added to the list at the joint meetings totaling \$661,500. Four requests were received after the joint budget meeting totaling \$288,500.

A motion to add the four additional requests to the unfunded list for a total of nine requests at a total of \$950,000 was made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Brandon Behlke.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board discussed and asked questions for each request at this time.

A motion to remove request #3 by the Sheriff's Department for \$8,000 for a new copier, request #5 by Building and Zoning for \$3,500 for an Interfund transfer for building a reserve for vehicle replacement and request #6 by the Sheriff's Department for the purchase of tasers and send them back to each departmental budget was made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Bill Bingham.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**AGENDA ITEM V– CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM VI – ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Randy Jobgen and seconded by Brad Petersburg.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:25 p.m. until the next budget workshop at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, October 15, 2015, at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.