



Background

RSS stands for “Really Simple Syndication” and is used to describe the technology used in creating feeds. An RSS feed allows you to receive free updates by subscribing (or clicking on buttons labeled “RSS” or “XML”) to information from websites that publish and frequently update content (e.g. news outlets or bloggers). Publishers of information may make information available to users in this format to save time required to visit multiple web sites individually.

How this applies to users of the Jo Daviess County website

Do you frequently check the website for updates to the minutes just to find that nothing new has been posted? You can now subscribe to an RSS feed that will tell you when the minutes have been updated.

Software or special tools needed

Internet Explorer 7.0 has an RSS feed catcher (also called “reader”) software built-in. MyYahoo or YahooMail also has feed catcher software, as well as Google or GMail. For Yahoo or Google you need to set up a free account. If you don’t utilize any of the above, you might check with your Internet service provider to ask if they support RSS feeds. Generally there is no additional software to purchase or download.

Where you will find the RSS feed on the Jo Daviess County website

The feed icons shown at the top of this page are the industry standard for an RSS feed. You will see this icon  at the top of any page on our website that offers a feed. Not all of our pages are compatible with offering feeds at this time, but the Minutes page is compatible and is probably the most frequently updated page of our site. As more types of pages, such as the Calendar, become compatible we will add feeds to them. The icon has the necessary code embedded in it to work with your feed catcher.

To use Internet Explorer 7.0 as your feed catcher:

View the webpage using Internet Explorer 7.0 <http://www.jodaviess.org>

Click on **Minutes** in the left-hand menu bar

Welcome to Jo Daviess County, Illinois

Home ★
County Board ★
Board Members
Committees
Meeting Schedule
Minutes
County Budget
County Departments ★
Upcoming Meetings ★
Minutes ★
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Court Records ★
Job Postings ★

Minutes for Meetings of the County Board, County Board Committees, and Other Boards and Commissions 

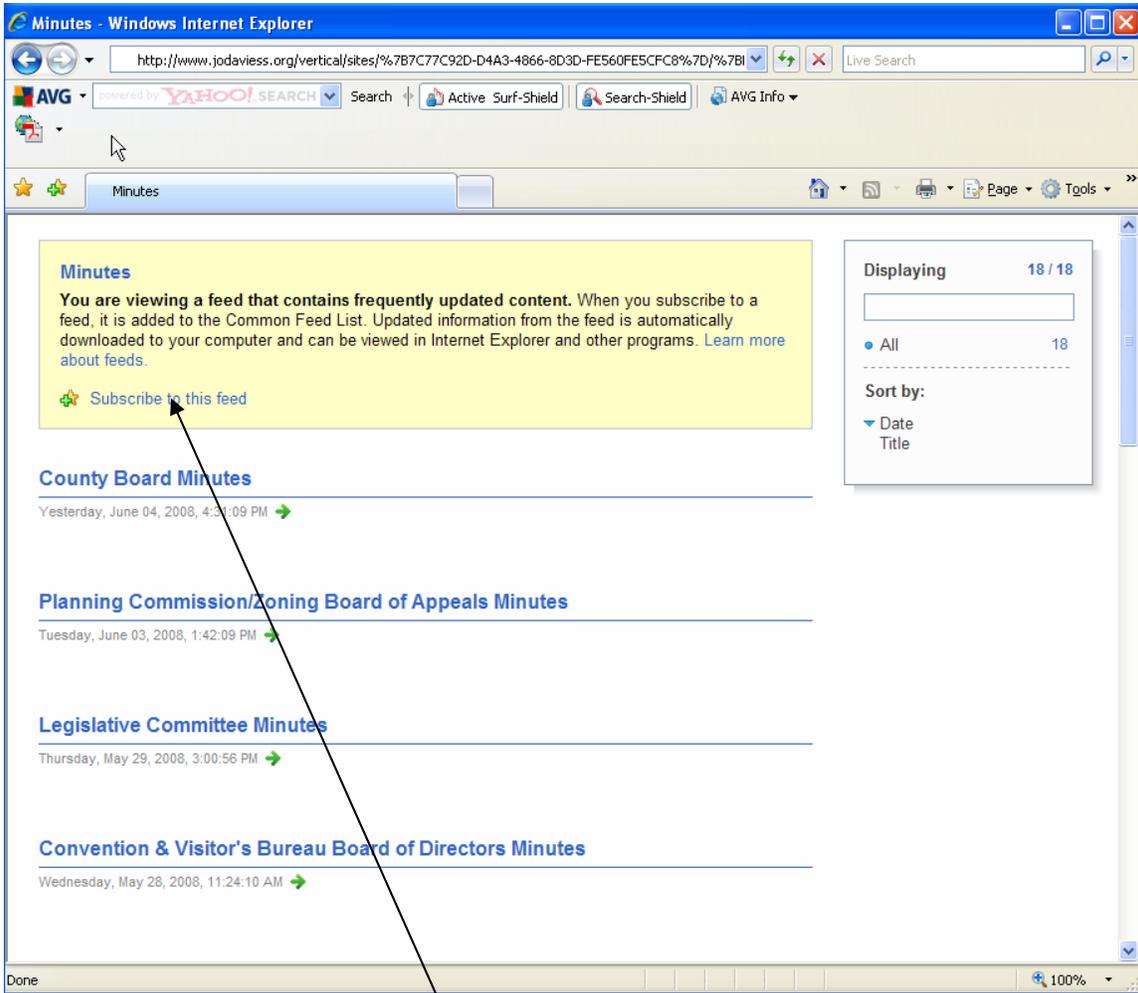
 Use the links below to view minutes with Adobe Acrobat Reader for meetings of the County Board, County Board Committees and other Boards and Commissions . If you do not have this software on your computer, click on the logo to the left to download and install the viewing software.

Please note that minutes are not the official record until final approval at the next board or committee meeting and all minutes may be changed until officially approved.

[County Board Minutes](#)
[Development & Planning Committee Minutes](#)
[Executive Committee Minutes](#)
[Finance, Tax & Budgets Committee Minutes](#)
[Information & Communication Technology Committee Minutes](#)

Click once on the feed icon at the top of the page

This will give you a list of items and when they were last updated, sorted with the most recent on top.



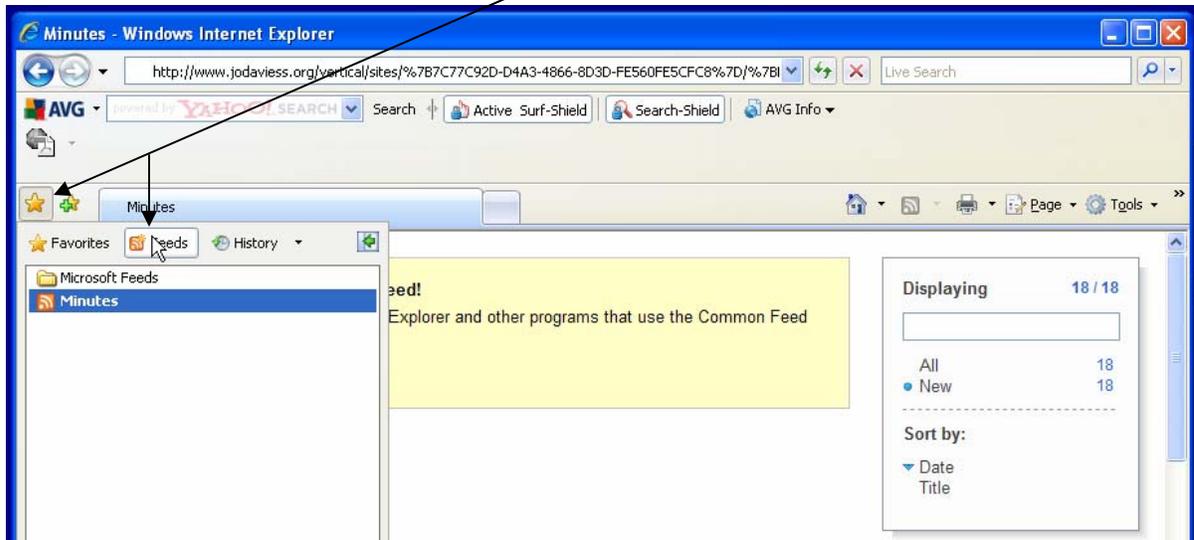
Click here to subscribe to the feed

You will see the following box:



Click on **Subscribe** and you will get a message that you have successfully subscribed.

The feed is now stored under your Favorites



Any time you open your Internet Explorer browser you can go to Favorites/Feeds and click on Minutes to see the screen showing the most recent updates to the Minutes page. Or if you are already on the website, you can see the page by clicking on the **RSS** icon. This saves you from looking at each individual committee and board to see what has been posted since your last visit.

To use Mozilla Firefox as your feed catcher:

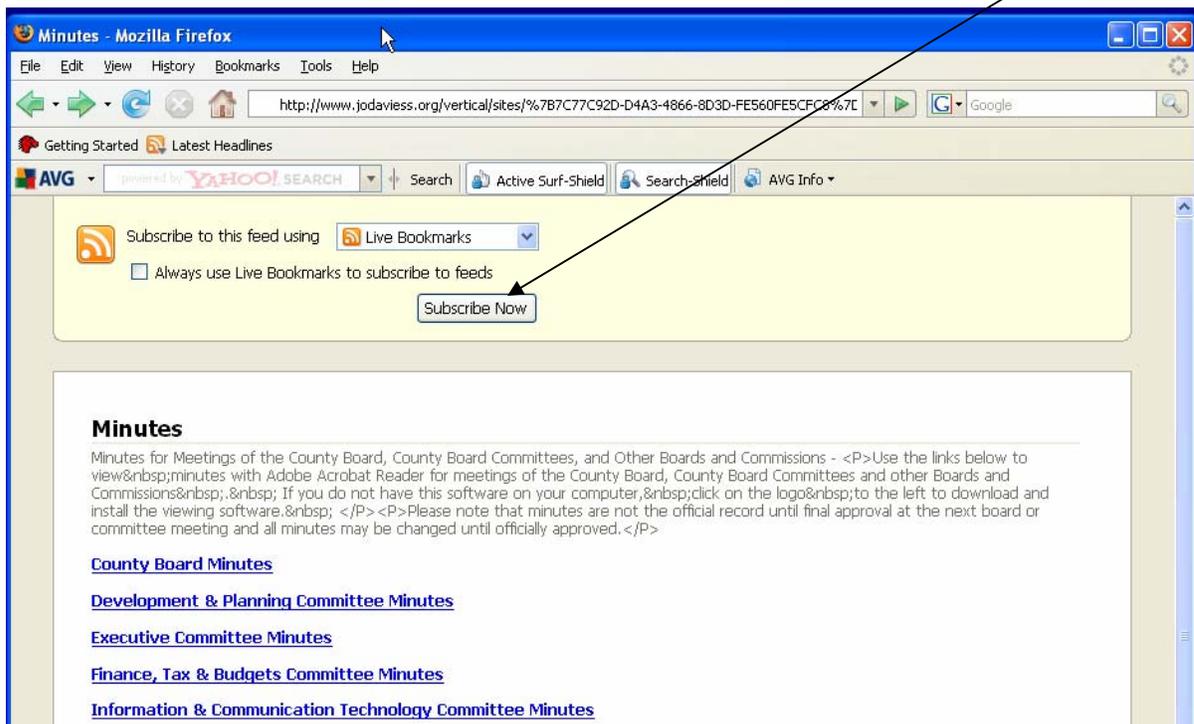
View the webpage using Mozilla Firefox <http://www.jodaviess.org>

Click on **Minutes** in the left-hand menu bar



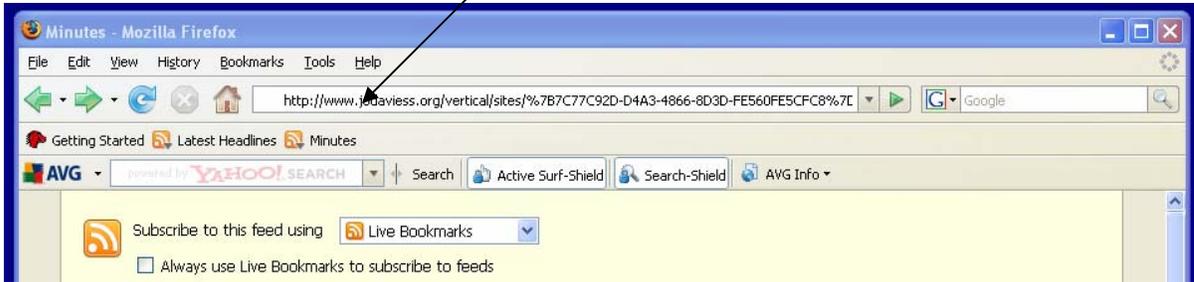
Click once on the feed icon at the top of the page

You will get a screen prompting you to “Subscribe”. Click on the “Subscribe Now”





Click OK — You will see that a bookmark now appears in your toolbar for “Minutes”.
Click on that bookmark any time your browser window is open to view the page.



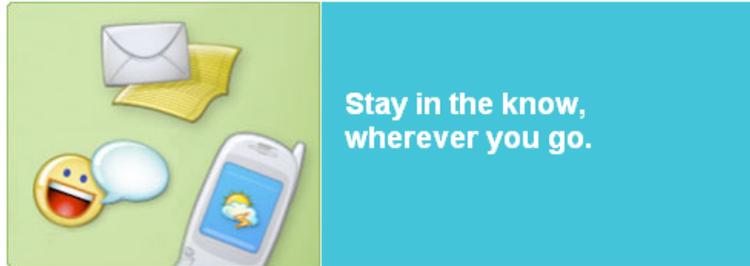
Mozilla Firefox displays the items differently than Internet Explorer; it doesn't show the last date the item was updated. Once you open and look at the item the first time, it will keep track of what you have viewed and only show items in the future that have changed since the last time you visited that page.

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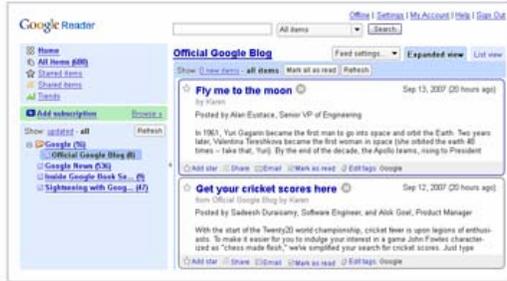
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