

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 10, 1998

Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Judith Gratton, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Present: 16. Absent-Don Crawford. Absent: 1.

INVOCATION AND THOUGHT OF THE DAY were given by Hylene Anderson. Judith Gratton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE CONSENT AGENDA was approved as per attached following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Richard Runde.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Don Crawford. Absent: 1.

A LETTER OF NON-SUPPORT for House Bill 2610, dealing with Title 10 funds and other grants Health Departments receive for programs, will be sent to Representative Cal Skinner, Jr. following approval of a motion made by Hylene Anderson.

Motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Larry Lyons.

HYLENE ANDERSON will be the County Board Representative to the IPLAN Committee for the Jo Daviess County Health Department upon the recommendation of County Board Chair Judith Gratton.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the State's Attorney to employ an Assistant State's Attorney, on a part-time basis to provide legal representation to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau was approved following a motion made by Hylene Anderson .

Motion carried by voice vote.

A MOTION to allow committees flexibility to meet at times when it is convenient to the committee was made by Hylene Anderson.

Hylene explained that after last month's vote to have committee meetings in the evening it was found that it was not convenient for some committees to meet at that time. She felt that the issue needed to be revisited and have committees meet when it was convenient for them.

Larry Lyons noted that it was stated last month that if citizens wanted to have input into what happens at County Board level it would not do them much good to come to a night time board meeting

because decisions are mainly made at committee level. He feels that citizens would not have as good an opportunity for input if committee meetings were held during the day.

Hylene stated that certain county employees are a very important part of some committees and that it was almost impossible for them to attend another night meeting.

Vincent Hasken agreed with Larry Lyons. He pointed out that the evening committee meeting were intended to be more accessible to the public. Hasken said he cannot support the idea and he wonders if a sufficient effort has been made to try and work this out.

The motion to allow committees flexibility to meet at times when it is convenient to the committee carried by a show of hands Ayes: 11. Nays: 5.

A RESOLUTION transferring funds in the amount of \$509.09 from the Special Service District #3 Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund was approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Don Crawford. Absent: 1.

A RESOLUTION transferring funds in the amount of \$5,000 from the Special Service District #3 Fund to the Working Cash Fund was approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Don Crawford. Absent: 1.

THE IMRF MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM will not be adopted for Jo Daviess County employees following failure of a motion to approve made by Clifford Carroll, seconded by James Slaats.

The motion failed by a show of hands. Ayes: 7. Nays: 9. Absent: 1.

A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION and re-zoning for a 33 acre parcel of land on the Southwesterly side of Walnut Street in East Dubuque owned by Ralph Tranel was approved as recommended by the Planning Commission following a motion made by Richard Runde, seconded by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Hylene Anderson.

A SPECIAL USE PERMIT for Donna Jansen for the construction of a rental storage facility north of Donna's Drive in East Dubuque was approved following a motion made by James Slaats, seconded by Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by voice vote.

PAUL HANSEN, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, informed the board that the Subdivision Ordinance needed some changes in regards to the allowance of a five acre minimum division as provided by State Statutes along with some other minor issues now that the county has zoning.

Chairperson Gratton referred the matter to the County Development and Planning Committee for review.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will not be empowered to make the final decision on the zoning and subdivision request on the Burgmeier property in the Frentress Lake area in East Dubuque following failure of a motion to empower made by William McFadden, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion failed by a show of hands. Ayes: 8. Nays: 8. Absent: 1.

A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING to deal with the Burgmeier request for re-zoning and subdivision will be held, if needed, on Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m. following approval of a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Larry Lyons.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CHAIRPERSON GRATTON reported that there have been 13 new bills introduced dealing with the Livestock Management Facilities Act and asked board members if the Ad-hoc committee would like to meet to further discuss them.

There was no motion made in regards to committee meeting.

DR. CHERYL FULLER, a criminologist from the University of Wisconsin, Platteville will address the board at 6 p.m. on April 14 before the regular County Board meeting in regards to the prison issue. Chairperson Gratton asked that anyone who has reports that need to be copied should get them to the Administrator's office so they can be sent out prior to the meeting.

THE BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:30 to discuss a labor relations and personnel issue following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Jack Zillig. Motion carried by voice vote.

The board exited executive session at 8:45 p.m.

A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING implementing the amendment to the agreement between Jo Daviess County, the Sheriff of Jo Daviess County and the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee for Jo Daviess County Sheriff's employees regarding the cost sharing of employee health insurance for the period of February 1, 1998 through November 30, 1999 was approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by voice vote.

THE COST SHARING of the health insurance premiums agreed to with the Sheriff's deputies will be extended to all other full-time County employees eligible for group health insurance coverage to be implemented on April 1, 1998 and the County Administrator will prepare a letter informing them of this benefit following approval of a motion made by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by voice vote.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by Richard Runde.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson, Judith Gratton, adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 1998 at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke, County Clerk