

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 8, 1998

County Clerk Jean Dimke called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 1998 at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

OATHS OF OFFICE were administered by County Clerk Jean Dimke to newly elected board members of the County Board.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Present: 15 Absent-Judith Gratton. Absent: 1.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by County Clerk Jean Dimke. Hylene Anderson gave the invocation and thought for the day.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Nominations for Chairman of the County Board were asked for by County Clerk Jean Dimke.

Judith Gratton was nominated as Chairman of the County Board by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Ronald Buening. William McFadden was nominated Chairman of the County Board by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Charlice Offenheiser.

Nominations for Chairman were closed following a motion made by Domer Schubert, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion to close nominations carried by voice vote.

William McFadden was elected as Chairman of the County Board following a roll call vote: McFadden-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter and Jack Zillig. McFadden: 10. Gratton-Ronald Buening, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler and Terry Stoffregen. Gratton: 5. Absent Judith Gratton. Absent: 1.

William McFadden was seated as Chairman of the Jo Daviess County Board.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Nominations for Vice Chairman of the County Board were asked for by Chairman William McFadden.

Hylene Anderson was nominated as Vice Chairman of the County Board by Charlice Offenheiser, seconded by Lynn Sisler. Merri Berlage was nominated for Vice Chairman of the County Board by Larry Lyons, seconded by John Creighton.

Nominations for Vice Chairman were closed following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion to close nominations carried by voice vote.

Hylene Anderson was elected Vice Chairman of the County Board following a roll call vote: Anderson-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry

Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Anderson: 10. Berlage-Merri Berlage, John Creighton, Larry Lyons, Yerda Potter and John Rutherford. Berlage: 5. Absent-Judith Gratton. Absent: 1.

THE CONSENT AGENDA was approved as per attached following a motion made by Merri Berlage, seconded by Jack Zillig.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Judith Gratton. Absent: 1.

PAUL KINDIG gave a presentation on the Apple River Fort. He stated that four years ago the board took action and approved a \$30,000 contribution. That was a major factor in getting the Apple River Fort started. The total cost of the Fort was \$400,000 and all but approximately \$25,000 has been raised. Since then the land had been bought and the Fort and the Interpretive Center were built.

Mr. Kindig thanked the board for their support and invited members to visit the Fort. He presented the County with the archeological report of the Fort. Also, in appreciation Mr. Kindig presented the board with a Carl Johnson print of the Fort and each board member was given an Apple River Fort pin.

Chairman McFadden thanked Mr. Kindig on behalf of the board.

EXECUTIVE: An interim committee consisting of the County Administrator and the former Chairperson of an appropriate committee was authorized to review and make recommendations on matters requiring action by the Board at its January meeting following a motion made by Hylene Anderson.

Motion carried by voice vote.

An ad hoc committee consisting of Board Chair William McFadden, Vincent Hasken, Jack Zillig and the County Administrator was appointed to meet with the Sheriff's Deputies' union for the purpose of negotiating a Deputies' wage increase for FY1999 following a motion made by Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by voice vote.

FINANCE TAX AND BUDGET: Authorization was given for the County Administrator to solicit proposals from qualified accounting firms to perform the FY 1998 annual audit and for the former members of the Finance Committee still on the Board (Buening, Hasken, Rutherford and Schubert) to review and recommend action on such proposals at the January 1999 meeting following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by voice vote.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION: No action was needed at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS: County Engineer Steve Keeffer reported that the annual fuel contract for the County was awarded to Warren Coop.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING: The following CVB Board slate of candidates of Betty Buol, representing East Dubuque; Cindy Pepple, representing Galena; Erin Murphy, representing Hanover; Carrie Stier, representing Scales Mound; Deb Tillis, representing Stockton (with Judy VenHuizen as authorized substitute); John Osmanski, representing hotels/motels; and Dan Reimer, representing Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Association was accepted by the County Board following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

Motion carried by voice vote.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS: The Sheriff's Department will replace three squad cars at a cost of \$49,149 plus trade-ins following a motion made by Jack Zillig.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Judith Gratton. Absent: 1.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL: No action was needed at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Board Chairman Bill McFadden reminded board members to hand in their committee reorganization forms so committees may be appointed at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The application for continuation on the matter of a special use permit for the development of a golf course by Roger and Jenny Stoddard on U.S. Route 20 adjoining the community of Woodbine was granted following a motion for approval made by Larry Lyons, seconded by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by a show of hands: Ayes: 10. Nays: 5. Absent: 1.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone a 5.5 acre parcel of property on West Heller Lane owned by Harvey Pranian from AG-1 General Agricultural to A-1 Rural Residential was approved following a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

Motion carried by voice vote.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to grant a three-lot subdivision but to deny the rezoning of a 9.46-acre parcel of land on West Powderhouse Hill Road owned by Jeanette Rigdon was approved following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Bob Johnson, Democratic County Chairman, asked the board when they intended to act on the recommendation for the vacant board seat for district #4. Chairman McFadden stated that the recommendation will be acted on at the January meeting.

ADJOURNEMNT: The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman William McFadden adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 1999 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke, County Clerk