

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Marvin Schultz, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present-Beth Baranski, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Bernece Hill, Dane Jackson, Alan Kent, Michael Lorig, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Marvin Schultz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Present: 15. Absent: Merri Berlage and Matt Kluesner. Absent: 2.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Chairperson Schultz.

THE INVOCATION and thought for the day were given by Chairperson Schultz.

Merri Berlage entered the meeting at this time.

AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA

Items B7 through B14, committee appointments, were removed from the Consent Agenda to be addressed later in the meeting. Item B6, a Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals appointment, was removed from the consent agenda to be discussed in closed session.

The consent agenda was approved as presented excepting B6 through B14 following a motion made by Bill Cooper and seconded by Margie Montelius.

The consent agenda carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Beth Baranski, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Bernece Hill, Alan Kent, Michael Lorig, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Marvin Schultz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Abstain-Merri Berlage, Dane Jackson and Yerda Potter. Abstain: 3. Absent-Matt Kluesner. Absent: 1.

AGENDA ITEM II – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jody Calvert and Peter Vincent addressed the board with their concerns with changing the name of a portion of North Cross Road in West Galena Township, where they reside. They said they would like to be included in the discussion and decision of the name change.

AGENDA ITEM III – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sally Toepfer made a motion to rescind the previous approval of Brian Melton's graduate funding until there is a comprehensive county employee education program in place and bring the issue back to the County Board for further review. Margie Montelius seconded the motion.

An amendment to the motion to return the issue to the Law and Courts Committee for further review was made by Bill Cooper, seconded by Merri Berlage.

The amended motion to rescind the previous approval of Brian Melton's graduate funding until there is a comprehensive county employee education program in place and to return the issue to the Law and Courts Committee for further review was approved by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Ron Mapes and Yerda Potter.

Chairperson Schultz asked board members if they felt the County Board structure was in need of changes.

After much discussion a motion was made by Ron Mapes and seconded by Yerda Potter to keep the same structure as present, in which the legislative committee is not considered a standing committee.

The motion failed by a show of hands.

A motion to keep the current structure and to make the legislative committee a standing committee to meet every other month, plus also add four informational meeting per year was made by Beth Baranski and seconded by Jack Zillig.

An amendment to the motion to eliminate the four informational meetings per year was made by Bill Cooper and seconded by Sally Toepfer.

The amended motion to keep the current structure and to make the legislative committee a standing committee to meet every other month was approved by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Terry Stoffregen.

Chairperson Schultz thanked Merri Berlage for her dedication and service as former County Board Chairperson from December 2000 through November 2006 and presented her with a plaque of recognition.

The board approved items B7 through B14 of the presented consent agenda following a motion made by Ron Mapes and seconded by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:

The rate for mileage reimbursement will increase to \$0.485 effective January 1, 2007 following a committee motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The 30-year amortization option for Sheriff's Law Enforcement Personnel (SLEP) Plan for 2008 was approved and a letter will be forwarded to IMRF following a committee motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution allowing the execution of a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel number 22-101-199-10 purchased on the County's behalf by tax agent Joseph Meyer was approved following a committee motion made by Yerda potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution to establish and fund a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for the Sheriff's union employees in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement and the following associated claims in the amount of \$5,224 was approved following a motion made by Yerda Potter and seconded by Merri Berlage.

- a) Claims from HMS Preferred Health Choices, LLC for \$5,224.00 to be paid from the following line items: Sheriff 001-41121-411 for \$2,498.82, Public Safety Building 001-41122-411 for \$499.12, Communications 001-41123-411 for \$1,978.94 and Court Security 001-41124-411 for \$247.12

The motion carried by voice vote.

The following line item transfers and their associated claims totaling \$69,487.00 were approved following a motion made by Yerda Potter and seconded by Ron Mapes.

- a) Transfer \$56,000.00 from 001-49197-905 Misc. Expense to 001-49197-990 Interfund Transfer.

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- Claim from Jo Daviess County IMRF Fund for \$60,000.00 to be paid from 001-49197-990 Interfund Transfer.
- b) Transfer \$16,271.72 from 026-44152-403 Salaries-P/T to 026-44152-702 Professional Services.
 - Claim from Occupational Therapy for \$1,537.00, Galena-Stauss PT for \$2,438.00, Freeport Rehab for \$1,272.00, and Freeport Rehab for \$4,240.00 to be paid from 026-44152-702 Professional Services.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A claim for an over-budget line item not provided for in the consent agenda in the amount of \$6,355.93 as follows was approved following a motion made by Yerda Potter and seconded by Merri Berlage.

- a) Andrews Koehler & Passarelli for \$6,355.93 to be paid from 001-40102-702 Professional Services.

The motion carried by voice vote.

This brings the total claims amount paid for December 2006 to \$688,984.42.

The merit pay scale for employee evaluation in FY2007 was approved following a motion made by Yerda Potter, seconded by Jack Zillig.

The motion carried by voice vote.

An engagement letter with McGladrey & Pullen, LLC for FY2006 audit services in the amount of \$48,250 to be paid from line item 001-40111-702 was approved following a motion made by Yerda Potter, seconded by Jody Carroll.

The motion carried by voice vote.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

A media plan schedule and budget for CVB marketing up to \$181,526 for six months through May 2007, to be paid from line item 027-45161-702 was approved following a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

An agreement with Freeport Area Economic Development Foundation for economic development services in FY2007 was approved following a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

An amendment to the Special Flood Hazard Areas Ordinance was approved following a motion made by Ron Mapes and seconded by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The issue of renaming a portion of North Cross Road in West Galena Township was sent back to the Public Works Committee for further review following a committee motion made by Jody Carroll and seconded by Bill Cooper

The motion carried by voice vote.

A petition for aid from Guilford Township for culvert replacement in the Furnace Creek watershed in the southeastern portion of the Galena Territory and on Longhollow Road, with an estimated cost of \$30,000 (50% County; 50% Township) with the County portion to be paid from line item 011-43145-890, was approved following a committee motion made by Jody Carroll.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The 2007 fuel bid was awarded to Pearl City Elevator at cost of \$246,174.80 with the Highway Department's cost being paid from line item 002-43141-611 following approval of a motion made by Jody Carroll, seconded by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by voice vote.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:

A resolution supporting the operation of the Office of the State Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor for the sum of \$7,000 to be paid from line item 001-42134-702 was approved following a committee motion made by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by voice vote.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

The Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a request for plat vacation and new plat approval for a subdivision at Highway 35 North, East Dubuque for JKW Development, Inc., Karl and Joyce Williams, owners, was approved following a motion made by Dane Jackson, seconded by Margie Montelius.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Beth Baranski, Merri Berlage, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Bernece Hill, Dane Jackson, Alan Kent, Michael Lorig, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Marvin Schultz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Matt Kluesner. Absent: 1.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a request for rezoning an 8.92-acre parcel from Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential located at the Northeast corner of Airport and Curtiss Roads for Jeff Johnson and John Hagedorn, contract purchasers, was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage, seconded by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Beth Baranski, Merri Berlage, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Bernece Hill, Dane Jackson, Alan Kent, Michael Lorig, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Marvin Schultz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Matt Kluesner. Absent: 1.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a request for a special use permit to allow for borrow pit at 2271 Longhollow Road, Elizabeth for David and Chrystal Hueneke, owners, was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage, seconded by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Beth Baranski, Merri Berlage, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Bernece Hill, Dane Jackson, Alan Kent, Michael Lorig, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Marvin Schultz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nay-Bill Cooper. Nay: 1. Abstain-Ron Smith. Abstain: 1. Absent: Matt Kluesner. Absent: 1.

LEGISLATIVE:

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

EXECUTIVE:

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

AGENDA ITEM V - OTHER COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Board members appointed to other special committees updated the board with actions involving those committees.

AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Margie Montelius asked about having vice-chairpersons on committees. Chairperson Schultz said he thought it was a good idea. He suggested that each committee appoint a vice chairperson.

Yerda Potter asked at what point in progress was the proposed Special Service Area for the Hanover Ambulance. Merri Berlage said that there would need to be a joint meeting with Carroll County since part of the district extended into Carroll County.

AGENDA ITEM VII – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jody Calvert thanked the board for listening to her and responding to her request to be involved with the renaming of the portion of North Cross Road.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – CLOSED SESSION

The board entered Closed Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss personnel section 2(c)1, collective bargaining section 2(c)2, property section 2(c)5 and litigation section 2(c)11 following approval of a motion made by Dane Jackson and seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board returned from closed session at 9:07 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM IX -POSSIBLE ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

Agenda item B6, the appointment of Mel Gratton to the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5-year term through December 1, 2011 and to serve as chairperson was referred back to the Chairperson for consideration and will be addressed at the next board meeting following a approval of a motion made by Bill Cooper and seconded by Ron Smith.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Beth Baranski.

The term of Mel Gratton for the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals was continued until the January 2007 County Board meeting following approval of a motion made by Beth Baranski and seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM X - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Jack Zillig and seconded by Merri Berlage.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

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Chairperson Schultz adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. until 7 p.m. January 9, 2007 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke, Jo Daviess County Clerk

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED
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MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Regular County Board meeting minutes of November 14, 2006
2. Truth In Taxation Hearing minutes of November 14, 2006
3. County Board budget hearing of November 21, 2006
4. County Board organization meeting of December 4, 2006

APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Ben Anderson to the 708 Mental Health Board to complete the term of Kristine Jackson through July 1, 2010.
2. Appointment of Marvin Schultz, Merri Berlage and Jack Zillig to the Liquor Commission.
3. Appointment of Peggy Harmston, Kenny LeGrand, Annette McLane and Howard Raber to 3-year terms on the CVB Advisory Board from December 1, 2006 through November 30, 2009.
4. Appointment of Emily Stoddard as Chairperson of the CVB Advisory Board.
5. Appointment of Ron Mapes, Beth Baranski, Merri Berlage, Matt Kluesner, Ron Smith and Sally Toepfer to serve on the Development & Planning Committee and Ron Mapes to serve as chairperson.
6. Appointment of Yerda Potter, Beth Baranski, Jody Carroll, Alan Kent and Ron Mapes to serve on the Finance, Tax & Budgets Committee and Yerda Potter to serve as chairperson.
7. Appointment of Bill Cooper, Margie Montelius, Matt Kluesner, Ron Smith and Terry Stoffregen to serve on the Information & Communications Technology Committee and Bill Cooper to serve as chairperson.
8. Appointment of Dane Jackson, Bill Cooper, Bernece Hill, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig to serve on the Law Enforcement & Courts Committee and Dane Jackson to serve as chairperson.
9. Appointment of Merri Berlage, Bill Cooper, Margie Montelius, Terry Stoffregen and Sally Toepfer to serve on the Legislative Committee and Merri Berlage to serve as chairperson.
10. Appointment of Jody Carroll, Merri Berlage, Dane Jackson, Alan Kent and Mike Lorig to serve on the Public Works Committee and Jody Carroll to serve as chairperson.
11. Appointment of Jack Zillig, Bernece Hill, Mike Lorig, Margie Montelius and Yerda Potter to serve on the Social & Environmental Committee and Jack Zillig to serve as chairperson.
12. Appointment of Ron Mapes, Merri Berlage, Jody Carroll, Bill Cooper, Dane Jackson, Yerda Potter and Jack Zillig to serve on the Executive Committee and Ron Mapes to serve as chairperson.
13. Appointment of Bernece Hill as County Board liaison to the 708 Mental Health Board.
14. Appointment of Terry Stoffregen as County Board liaison to the Alcohol Prevention Committee.
15. Appointment of Beth Baranski as County Board liaison to the Blackhawk Hills RC&D.
16. Appointment of Margie Montelius as County Board liaison to the Board of Health.
17. Appointment of Sally Toepfer as County Board liaison to the CVB Advisory Board.
18. Appointment of Margie Montelius as County Board liaison to the Dubuque Metro Area Transportation (DMATS) committee.

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19. Appointment of Dane Jackson as County Board liaison to the Emergency Telephone Systems Board (ETSB-911).
20. Appointment of Ron Mapes as County Board liaison to the Freeport/Stephenson Enterprise Zone.
21. Appointment of Ron Smith and Yerda Potter as County Board liaisons to the Enterprise Zone and the Foreign Trade Zone at the LRA.
22. Appointment of Mike Lorig as County Board liaison to the Extension Education Council.
23. Appointment of Bernece Hill as County Board liaison to the Jo-Carroll Solid Waste Agency.
24. Appointment of Jack Zillig as County Board liaison to the LEPC.
25. Appointment of Ron Mapes as County Board liaison to the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals.
26. Appointment of Bill Cooper as County Board liaison to the Juvenile Justice Council.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & PETITIONS

1. County/City Stray dog pickup contracts for City of Galena and the Villages of Apple River, Elizabeth, Hanover, Stockton and Warren.

RAFFLES

1. Nativity BVM Parish and School-December 13, 2006 through February 10, 2007
2. Friends of the Galena Public Library, Inc.-January 1 through February 4, 2007
3. Galena Rotary Club-December 13, 2006 through April 22, 2007

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you note for flowers from the family of Helen Boron

CLAIMS

1. Claims in the amount of \$607,917.49
2. Emergency Telephone Systems Board claims in the amount of \$6,149.77
3. Drug Enforcement & Education claims in the amount of \$3,050.37