

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
BUDGET REVIEW AND WORKSHOP SESSION  
OCTOBER 12, 2005**

Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Merri Berlage, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2005 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Present were Beth Baranski, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Tim Petitgout, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Present: 15. Absent-Jody Carroll and Alan Kent. Absent: 2.

County Clerk Jean Dimke explained the PTELL (Property Tax Extension Limitation Law) process in relation to the tax levy.

Chairperson Berlage informed the board that since the proposed County levy would increase over 5% from last year's extension the County would need to initiate a Truth and Taxation Hearing, which is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2005.

After discussion of the proposed levy, a motion was made by Dane Jackson and seconded by Terry Stoffregen to keep the levy distribution as presented in the draft and move to incorporate into the final budget document.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

At this time, the board allowed an opportunity for input from concerned parties. There were no comments at this time.

Discussion by the board resulted in no changes to the presented Property Tax distribution, the revenue estimates or the present ratio of distribution of the County Sales Tax.

A motion was made by Vince Hasken, seconded by Dane Jackson to approve the revenue estimates as presented and forward them on to the final budget document.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board will follow a general fund balance policy as presented in the draft, which is consistent with the auditor's recommendation and the GFOA standards that designate \$1,380,000 as reserved fund balance on the basis of providing for an estimated 3-month's operating expenses following approval of a motion made by Bill Cooper, seconded by Tim Petitgout.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board reviewed the inter-fund transfers policy/schedule document and forwarded it on to the final budget document following approval of a motion made by Marvin Schultz and seconded by Joanne Bielenda.

The motion carried by voice vote.

At this time, the board allowed an opportunity for input from concerned parties. There were no comments at this time.

The board reviewed all Special Funds revenues and expenses as presented. A motion to move all Special Funds revenues and expenses on to the final budget document with the exception that the auditor will review the Tourism LTCB Matching Grant Fund before moving that fund forward was made by Tim Petitgout and seconded by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Vince Hasken, seconded by Bill Cooper.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Berlage adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, October 20, 2005 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.