

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 10, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Merri Berlage, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2004 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL** was answered as follows: Present-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Tim Petitgout, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Present: 16. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Chairperson Berlage.

**THE INVOCATION** and thought for the day were given by Joanne Bielenda.

**AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda was approved as attached following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Bill Cooper

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Tim Petitgout, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

**AGENDA ITEM II – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business brought before the board.

**AGENDA ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

A bid was accepted from Trucks Incorporated for a chassis at a cost of \$40,460 and a stainless steel dump body from Tri State Truck Equipment at a cost of \$41,308 to be paid from line item 010-43144-890 following approval of a committee motion made by Jody Carroll.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Dane Jackson, Ron Mapes, Tim Petitgout, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays-Vincent Hasken and Margie Montelius. Nays: 2. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

Moring Construction of McConnell, Illinois was awarded the bid for the Rush Township, Chelsea Road box culvert project at a cost of \$116,582.50 to be paid from line item 011-43145-890 following a motion made by Jody Carroll and seconded by Domer Schubert.

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The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Tim Petitgout, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

**HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND LAW:**

This committee needed no action at this time.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

The Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a preliminary plat of a 46-lot subdivision of Wiene Estates Second Subdivision located on Red Gates Road for Chains & Link, Inc., Tom and Connie Wiene, owners was approved following a motion made by Jack Zillig, seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Tim Petitgout, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit to James and Diane Cisek, owners, to allow a single-family home located at 110 Shenandoah Drive, Galena Territory to be used for transient rental was approved following a motion made Ron Mapes, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Tim Petitgout, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays-Yerda Potter. Nays: 1. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to deny a request for a Special Use Permit to allow for the placement of a temporary asphalt batch plant at 174 North Canyon Park Road, Stockton for Florence Propheet, owner and Bob Propheet Construction, LLC, petitioner was approved following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Tim Petitgout.

The motion to deny carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Tim Petitgout, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

**EXECUTIVE:**

Betsy Eaton was appointed interim Executive Director of the Jo Daviess County Convention and Visitors Bureau at a grade level 14 paying \$25.89 per hour following a approval of a motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Tim Petitgout, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays-Marvin Schultz. Nays: 1. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

**FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:**

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

**INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:**

An equipment disposal policy was approved following a committee motion made by Lynn Sisler.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

The design cost for the CVB Visitors' Planning Guide of \$11,250 to \$14,250 to be paid from line item 027-45161-706.10 was approved following a committee motion made by Vince Hasken.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Tim Petitgout, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

**AGENDA ITEM IV – OTHER COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

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

**AGENDA ITEM V– BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

Merri Berlage said she attended the last Galena City Council meeting and stated that they seemed interested in having an intergovernmental agreement with the County concerning the CVB. Merri said she would keep the board informed on this matter.

Yerda Potter stated that the County has gone through a lot this past year, such as illnesses, retirements and resignations and she thanked the department heads for lining up the qualified and well-respected staffs. She thanks them for an excellent job at keeping the daily operations of the County going through some difficult times.

Ron Mapes stated that he felt the board needed to review the CVB feasibility study that was provided a few years ago to help with future decisions dealing with the CVB.

Marvin Schultz said he has received phone calls concerning the polling place change of Thompson Township and thought that maybe there should be better communications such as prior notices if such a change is needed in the future.

Marvin was also concerned with the quarry on the Elizabeth Scales Mound Road. He said the quarry is close to the road and he was concerned that there are no barrier or safety rails next to considerable drop off. He said the fire and emergency services are also concerned with this. Merri Berlage asked if Steve Keeffer could look into this to see what options would be available.

Bill Cooper reminded board members that many property owners are concerned with rising property taxes. He reminded the board about the recently passed 7% solution law dealing with property assessments.

**AGENDA ITEM VI – CITIZENS’ COMMENTS**

There were no citizens’ comments.

**AGENDA ITEM VII – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board entered Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss personnel, property and litigation issues following approval of a motion made by Dane Jackson, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board exited Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.

Merri told board members that she received a letter of resignation from Tom Brusch from the CVB Advisory Board because of conflict of interest. Merri asked board members to contact her if they have a name to submit for the appointment to fill the position.

**AGENDA ITEM VIII – ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Jack Zillig, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Berlage adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

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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 July 13, 2004
2. Special County Board meeting minutes of July 19, 2004

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Appointment of Greg Millerschone to fill the unexpired term on the Emergency Telephone Systems Board resulting from the resignation of Deb Hayes

**RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

1. Warren Chamber of Commerce-August 11 through September 25, 2004
2. Galena Territory Association-August 11 through December 4, 2004
3. Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association-September 5, 2004

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Report of the Special Task Force on the Condition and Future of the Illinois Energy Infrastructure

**CLAIMS**

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$580,864.22