

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2002

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Merri Berlage, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Present: 17. Absent: 0.

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 Domer Schubert, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

A motion to approve a resolution requesting state funding of residential treatment for selected juvenile offenders was made by Jack Zillig and seconded by Joanne Bielenda.

By general consensus of the board the motion was laid on the table until copies were presented to the entire board for review.

Discussion was held on a raffle application by Robert Johnson Builders. Lynn Sisler stated that even though Robert Johnson Builders was not a non-profit organization, all proceeds from the raffle go to the Kurt Carter Benefit Fund.

Larry Lyons questioned if the board could legally approve an application if it doesn't qualify as not for profit. State's Attorney Glen Weber stated that the application should be resubmitted under a different name.

Vincent Hasken moved to approve the application pending changing of the applicant to a non-profit organization. Larry Lyons seconded the motion.

The motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM II – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business brought before the board.

AGENDA ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Matt Rosenthal asking that the board authorize the Board Chairperson to send a letter of support to Governor George Ryan in regards to the proposed Grant Interpretive Center in Galena. Dorte Breckenridge seconded the motion.

Since the issue was not on the current agenda no action could be taken at this time. The issue was sent to the County Development and Planning Committee for further review and a recommendation at next month's meeting following a motion made by Matt Rosenthal, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion to send the issue to the County Development and Planning Committee carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC WORKS:

There was no business brought before the board by this committee.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:

Committee chairperson Margie Montelius referred to the committee minutes for information regarding this committee.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:

Jack Zillig asked board members to look at the handout in their board packet from the American Red Cross Northwest Illinois Chapter regarding the Adopt-A-Cot program.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit to Sandra Wolfram to allow for a Bed and Breakfast with meeting rooms located at 5443 E. Stagecoach Trail, Apple River subject to the conditions set forth in the findings of fact and recommendation was approved following a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by Francis Powers.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Margie Montelius, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays-Yerda Potter. Nays: 1.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit to Sandra Wolfram to allow for an existing church to be used for wedding ceremonies, baptism, etc. located at 5443 E. Stagecoach Trail, Apple River subject to the conditions set forth in the findings of fact and recommendation was approved following a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by Sally Toepfer.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Margie Montelius, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays-Yerda Potter. Nays: 1.

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The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit to Victoria Fonseca and Michael Weyna to allow a single-family home located at 16 Bitter Root Court, Galena Territory to be used for transient rental subject to the conditions set forth in the findings of fact and recommendation was approved following a motion made by Sally Toepfer, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Margie Montelius, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays- Joanne Bielenda, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert and Lynn Sisler. Nays: 4.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a supplemental Special Use Permit to Fritz Fuchs to allow for an existing outbuilding located at 2752 W. Cording Road, Galena to operate as a school for the arts and provide public meeting areas subject to the conditions set forth in the findings of fact and recommendation was approved following a motion made by Joanne Bielenda, seconded by Sally Toepfer.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Margie Montelius, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays-Yerda Potter. Nays: 1.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a supplemental Special Use Permit to Patricia and James Goldthorpe to allow for the expansion of an existing guest accommodation located at 9001 Sand Hill Road, Galena subject to the conditions set forth in the findings of fact and recommendation was approved following a motion made by Dutch Powers, seconded by Joanne Bielenda.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays-John Creighton. Nays: 1. Abstain-Sally Toepfer. Abstain: 1.

EXECUTIVE:

In an effort to improve awareness of County Government, the County will sponsor a high school essay contest on a topic to be determined and a \$100 savings bond will be awarded for first prize and two \$50 savings bonds will be awarded for the next two winning essays following a committee motion made by Vincent Hasken.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

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Vincent Hasken made a committee motion to change the secretary positions in the State's Attorney's office and Probation's office from a salary grade three to a salary grade five.

An amendment to the motion to raise the State's Attorney's office secretary to a salary grade six was made by Jack Zillig and seconded by John Rutherford.

The amendment was approved by a show of hands. Ayes: 11. Nays: 6.

The original motion including the amendment to raise the secretary position of the State's Attorney's office from a salary grade three to a salary grade 6 and raise the secretary position of the Probation office from a salary grade three to a salary grade five was approved by a show of hands. Ayes: 11. Nays: 6.

Chairperson Merri Berlage will appoint a special planning retreat committee consisting of County Board members, elected office holders and department heads to plan a retreat to improve communications and understanding among County decision makers, provide a clearer understanding of the current operation of County government and to create a shared "vision" of County Government and organizational goals, objectives, policies and procedures. Merri will share information on this subject at the next meeting.

FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:

A committee motion was made by Vincent Hasken to reappoint Nancy Miller as Chief County Assessment Officer for a four-year term beginning March 15, 2002.

A motion to discuss this in executive session at the end of the meeting was made by John Creighton and seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion to hold off discussion of this issue until executive session carried by voice vote.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

Lynn Sisler informed board members that the fly-over for the orthophotography project will be taking place within the next month or so.

Sisler also reported that the County GIS department has been helping to develop a trial website for the County provided by GovOffice, Inc.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

A memorandum of understanding supplied by Highland Community College to support their grant application for their Small Business Development Center in conjunction with Sauk Valley College was approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

By general consensus of the board the issue of the resolution requesting state funding of residential treatment for selected juvenile offenders was taken from the table and discussion was resumed.

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A motion to approve a resolution requesting state funding of residential treatment for selected juvenile offenders was made by Dorte Breckenridge and seconded by Sally Toepfer.

The motion to approve carried by voice vote.

John Rutherford reported that the RC&D is helping Jo Daviess County with their education of the investigation by the Illinois EPA of the livestock facilities.

John said that Stephenson County is also getting involved with the Peoria and Galena Trail. This trail was a Native American trail which turned into a coach trail which we know as Stagecoach Trail.

Joanne Bielenda reported that there will be a meeting with vendors to work out a contract to finish the project.

Margie Montelius informed board members that the Iowa DOT said there possibly might be money available for the Southwest Arterial. She will gather more information at the March 14th meeting and report back to the board.

Chairperson Berlage told board members about a Regional Promotional Leadership Conference at Rock Falls on March 20 and 21. Merri will be attending and if other board members are interested they should contact Merri.

Vincent Hasken reported on the meeting of the Foreign Trade Zone with the LRA.

AGENDA ITEM IV – CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

Vicki Simone of the Galena Territory asked about a Special Use Ordinance that approved an assembly structure at last month’s meeting. She said when she observed a draft of the ordinance it read for an airport hanger. Chairperson Berlage said that was an error and a corrected ordinance was being drafted for signage.

Greg Beranek from Galena said he had three Freedom of Information requests to submit to the County. State’s Attorney Glen Weber said he may either file the requests with his office tomorrow or give them to him after the meeting.

By general consensus, the Board entered Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss personal issues.

The board exited Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

Nancy Miller was reappointed Chief County Assessment Officer for a four-year term beginning March 15, 2002 following a committee motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM V- ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Francis Powers, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Berlage adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2002 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke, Jo Daviess County Clerk

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CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED
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MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Regular County Board meeting minutes of February 12, 2002.

APPOINTMENTS

1. The following persons were appointed to the CEDS Committee (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy): Don Schweihs-Galena, Paula Fulton-Stockton, Terry Heim-Galena and Doug Riedl-Apple Canyon/Warren.
2. Hylene Anderson of Scales Mound was appointed to the 708 Board.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND PETITIONS

1. 2002 Galena Triathlon and Duathlon timing bids to Lakeshore Athletic Services for the low bid of \$3.60 per registered participant, plus \$0.25 per race finisher.
2. Printing bid for the 2002 Calendar of Events to Winona Printing Company for the low bid of \$2,626.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. 2001 Comprehensive Economic Strategy Update.
2. Resolution authorizing application for Public Transportation Financial Assistance.
3. Litigation Assistance Agreement.

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

1. Relay for Life – March 13, 2002 through June 8, 2002.
2. Riverview, Inc. – April 1, 2002 through July 29, 2002.

CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$328,174.75.