

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 11, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Merri Berlage, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL** was answered as follows: Present-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-Alan Kent and Jody Carroll. Absent: 2.

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

**THE INVOCATION** and thought for the day were given by Tim Petitgout.

**AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda was approved as attached following a motion made by Yerda Potter and seconded by Tim Petitgout.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-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. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Alan Kent and Jody Carroll. Absent: 2.

**AGENDA ITEM II – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM III – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business brought before the board.

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

**SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:**

Jo Daviess County will participate in the Small Rental Property Program for FY2006 following a committee motion made by Marvin Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

There were no recommendations by the Planning Commission at this time.

**EXECUTIVE:**

The agenda item of discussion and possible action regarding the County Administrator's contract was moved into Executive Session.

Chairperson Berlage asked that board members interested in serving on the Legislative Committee contact her.

**FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:**

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

**INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:**

East Dubuque Register will print 1,500 copies of the County Address Atlas at a cost not to exceed \$5,200 following a motion made by Bill Cooper, seconded by Jack Zillig.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

A resolution and Ordinance amending the boundaries of the joint City of Freeport-County of Stephenson Certified Enterprise Zone to include 803 acres for the Royster-Clark Nitrogen Corporation located in Menominee Township in Jo Daviess County and a five-acre tract located adjacent to the area known as "Mill Race Crossing" in Stephenson County were approved following a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The CVB 2005 Local Promotion Grant Round #4 funding for new product development and events, to be paid from line item 027-45161-906 was approved as recommended following a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The FY2006 CVB Grant Guidelines under funding limitations for the number of years to allow funding support for "new product" to become established was changed to five years following approval of a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

An event management agreement with Lakeshore Athletic Services for the 2006 Triathlon was approved following a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to approve the proposed scoring systems for Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) and to forward it to the Illinois Department of Agriculture for review and approval was made by Ron Mapes.

The committee motion carried by voice vote.

A proposal by Monica Notheis for the transitioning of the Zoning Ordinance Revision to Dave Akemann for an amount not to exceed \$1,755 was approved following a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

A petition for aid from Nora Township for the installation and repair of a culvert guardrail on Canyon Road and a bridge on Howardsville Road at a cost of \$10,000 (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 Domer Schubert.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**LAW AND COURTS:**

An amendment to the Code of Ordinances regarding Public Health (Chapter 10) adding article 8 (Offenses) was approved following a committee motion made by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by voice vote.

An amendment to the Emergency Telephone System Board Ordinance increasing board members by two was approved following a committee motion made by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Rudy Pascoe and Jeff Frye were appointed to the Emergency Telephone System Board to serve two-year terms beginning November 1, 2005 following a motion made by Dane Jackson and seconded by Tim Petitgout.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A previously approved squad car purchase for the Sheriff's Department, from the June Board meeting, was not actually purchased since the dealership had sold all the Crown Victorias. A motion to purchase a 2006 Crown Victoria from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. in Greenfield, Illinois for \$20,865 to be paid from line item 048-46172-810-404 was made by Dane Jackson and seconded by Bill Cooper.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Merri Berlage updated the board on the appointment of an interim Sheriff. She said letters were sent to the County Central Chairmen of both political parties according to law.

The board entered into a discussion on County Board goals and planning. Suggestions were made to get a list of priorities, including goals from the Comprehensive Plan, review the space study, create a plan for long-term maintenance for all county facilities, and review written and unwritten policies of the board.

**AGENDA ITEM V - OTHER COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

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

Pat Leitzen Fye, who was hired to work directly with Jo Daviess County to provide Economic Development services reported on her activities of the past several months.

**AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

Tim Petitgout asked about the status of the riverboat license. State's Attorney Terry Kurt stated that the Supreme Court of Illinois is still reviewing it.

Marvin Schultz asked board members and department heads to review the revised employee handbook and to contact him with any concerns.

Tim Petitgout asked if mileage reimbursement was set according to the IRS rate or if the County set its own rate. Chairperson Berlage said the county sets a rate and that rate is reviewed on a yearly basis.

**AGENDA ITEM VII – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM VIII – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board entered Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss personnel, collective bargaining, purchase/lease of property and litigation following approval of a motion made by Tim Petitgout, seconded by Bill Cooper.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board exited Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

The County Administrator's contract will not be renewed and he will not be employed by the County effective immediately following a motion made by Jack Zillig, seconded by Joanne Bielenda.

The motion carried by voice vote with an abstain vote recorded for Yerda Potter.

**AGENDA ITEM IX – ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Bill Cooper, seconded by Tim Petitgout.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Berlage adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED  
OCTOBER 11, 2005**

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Regular County Board meeting minutes of September 13, 2005
2. Special County Board meeting minutes of September 22, 2005

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

1. Galena/Jo Daviess County Historical Society – October 5 through December 3, 2005

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Report of Sales Tax Receipts for the liability period of January 1, 2005 through March 1, 2005, which were collected February 1, 2005 through April 30, 2005
2. Thank you note from the family of Bill Mercer

CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$609,020.33