

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 13, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Merri Berlage, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL** was answered as follows: Present-Beth Baranski, Merri Berlage, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Matt Kluesner, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Present: 14. Absent-Jody Carroll, Alan Kent and Tim Petitgout. Absent: 3.

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

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

**AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Beth Baranski, Merri Berlage, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Matt Kluesner, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays: 0. Absent-Jody Carroll, Alan Kent and Tim Petitgout. Absent: 3.

**AGENDA ITEM II – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

John Cox, attorney, speaking on behalf of Eagle Ridge Realty, asked that the board reconsider the Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a supplemental Special Use Permit to Galena State Bank and Trust Company as trustee under Trust 586, to allow for the expansion of Eagle Ridge Realty at 5148 US Highway 20 West, Galena, that was denied at the May meeting by bringing it back for approval or by sending it back to the Planning Commission for further review.

**AGENDA ITEM III – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A motion to rescind the denial from last month of the Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a supplemental Special Use Permit to Galena State Bank and Trust Company as trustee under Trust 586, to allow for the substantial expansion of Eagle Ridge Realty at 5148 US Highway 20 West, Galena and have the matter placed on the July agenda for further review was made by Terry Stoffregen and seconded by Jack Zillig.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Beth Baranski, Vince Hasken, Dane Jackson, Ron Mapes, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen, and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 7. Nays-Merri Berlage, Matt Kluesner, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert and Sally Toepfer. Nays: 6. Abstain-Bill Cooper. Abstain: 1. Absent-Jody Carroll, Alan Kent and Tim Petitgout. Absent: 3.

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

John Diesch, President of Rentech Energy Midwest, addressed the board about the plan to switch the East Dubuque fertilizer plant from natural gas to coal gasification. He gave an overview of the project, explained the benefits of shifting to coal and gave a timeframe of the construction and conversion project.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

The Planning Commission's recommendation for final plat approval for Wienen Estates Third Addition containing approximately 12.53 acres with 10 lots located on Red Gates Drive, Galena for Chains & Links Inc., Tom and Connie Wienen, owners, was approved following a motion made by Margie Montelius and seconded by Matt Kluesner.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Beth Baranski, Merri Berlage, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Matt Kluesner, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays: 0. Absent-Jody Carroll, Alan Kent and Tim Petitgout. Absent: 3.

The Planning Commission's recommendation for preliminary/final plat approval for Rickett's Subdivision containing approximately 15.34 acres with three lots located on Walnut Street, East Dubuque, for Karl and Joan Ricketts, owners, was approved following a motion made by Jack Zillig and seconded by Vince Hasken.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Beth Baranski, Merri Berlage, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Matt Kluesner, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays: 0. Absent-Jody Carroll, Alan Kent and Tim Petitgout. Absent: 3.

**LEGISLATIVE:**

Chairperson Berlage informed this committee that a meeting would be scheduled to review ongoing legislation.

**EXECUTIVE:**

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

**FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:**

Claims for over-budget line items in the amount of \$80,742.82 as follows were approved following a motion made by Yerda Potter and seconded by Bill Cooper.

- a) County Aid to Bridges for \$24,484.79 to be paid from 010-43144-990 Interfund Transfer.
- b) Flint Hills Resources for \$2,886.10 to be paid from 021-43146-601 Maintenance Supplies.
- c) Jo Daviess County Highway Department for \$39,859.06 to be paid from 021-43146-990 Interfund Transfer.
- d) Contech Construction Products for \$2,912.90 to be paid from 021-43146-601 Maintenance Supplies.
- e) Fischer Excavating for \$10,599.97 to be paid from 021-43146-601 Maintenance Supplies.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Beth Baranski, Merri Berlage, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Matt Kluesner, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays: 0. Absent-Jody Carroll, Alan Kent and Tim Petitgout. Absent: 3.

The following line item transfers and their associated claims totaling \$4,157.00 were approved following a motion made by Yerda Potter and seconded by Bill Cooper.

- a) Transfer \$5.00 from 003-44151-905 Miscellaneous Expense to 003-44151-503-90 Dues for Public Health for membership dues.
    - Claim of NACCHO for \$55.00 to be paid from 003-44151-503-90 Dues.
  - b) Transfer \$2,346.40 from 002-43141-901 Contingency to 002-43141-702 Professional Services for Highway for legal work for union negotiations.
    - Claim of Andrews Koehler & Passarelli for \$2,482.00 to be paid from 002-43141-702 Professional Services.
  - c) Transfer \$425.00 from 001-45163-605 Office Supplies to 001-45163-606 Minor equipment and small tools for printer purchase.
    - No claim submitted at this time.
  - d) Transfer \$255.00 from 002-43141-901 Contingency to 002-43141-702 Professional Services for legal work for union negotiations.
    - Claim of Andrews Koehler & Passarelli for \$255.00 to be paid from 002-43141-702 Professional Services.
  - e) Transfer \$1,365.00 from 006-43142-601 Maintenance Services to 006-43142-990 Interfund Transfer for reimbursement of product paid from wrong fund.
    - Claim of Township Motor Fuel Fund for \$1,365.00 to be paid from 006-43142-990 Interfund Transfer.
- The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Marvin Schultz.

This brings the total claims amount paid for June 2006 to \$1,591,864.53.

The County will use a broker to service health insurance for the County following a committee motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The Prevailing Wage Ordinance, Wages of Employees on Public Works was adopted following a committee motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution transferring line items within the Miscellaneous budget in the amount of \$1,114.00 from 001-40112-901 Contingency and \$636.00 from 001-40112-702 Professional Services to 001-40112-604 Computer Supplies to pay for server licenses in the amount of \$1,750.00 was approved following a committee motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

#### **INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:**

A resolution to re-designate reserve funds in the amount of \$4,760.00 within the Capital Equipment Fund (048) from the Information & Communications server reserve (activity code 402) to the Sheriff's computer system reserve (activity code 392) for the use of a computer server for the courthouse was approved following a committee motion made by Vincent Hasken.

The motion carried by voice vote.

#### **DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

The CVB will enter into a one-year agreement with Sedona Staffing Services of Dubuque, Iowa for staffing services following approval of a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

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The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Matt Kluesner and Domer Schubert.

The board viewed a promotional video that the CVB had been working on for more than one year. It is the newest sales tool for Jo Daviess County that sells the destination to prospective visitors to the County.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

A committee recommendation to approve a 50/50 project with Vinegar Hill Township for a culvert repair project on Meridian Road at an estimated cost of \$10,000 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.

A committee recommendation to approve a 50/50 project with Elizabeth Township for a bridge repair project on Longhollow Road at an estimated cost of \$5,000 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.

A committee recommendation to approve a 50/50 project with Pleasant Valley Township for a culvert repair project on Groezinger Road at an estimated cost of \$5,000 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.

A committee recommendation to approve a 50/50 project with Derinda Township for a culvert replacement project on Liebert Road at an estimated cost of \$5,000 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.

A committee recommendation to approve a 50/50 project with Woodbine Township for a bridge repair project on Apple River Road at an estimated cost of \$5,000 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.

A committee recommendation to approve a 50/50 project with Woodbine Township for a culvert extension project on Becker Road at an estimated cost of \$3,000 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.

An engineering agreement from Willet Hoffman and Associates for engineering services for a culvert project on Route 5 in Menominee Township at a cost of \$4,500 to be paid from line item 011-43145-702 was approved following a committee motion made by Domer Schubert.

The motion carried by voice vote with an abstain vote recorded for Dane Jackson.

A petition from Warren Township for county aid to replace two bridges on Twin Bridges Road at an estimated cost of \$300,000 with 80% of the construction cost to be paid with TBP funds and the county and township each sharing half of the remaining costs; 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 ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:**

This committee had no business to bring before the board at this time.

**SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:**

A committee recommendation to institute a \$0.05/mile fuel surcharge for medical transportation transit was approved following a committee motion made by Marvin Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Merri Berlage.

**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**

Chairperson Berlage read a letter from Mike Montag thanking the board for the opportunity to interview for the County Administrator position.

Bill Cooper said he would like to see the County move forward with the dog barking ordinance. Dane Jackson said it is on the agenda for the Law and Courts Committee to review.

Marvin Schultz asked that the Legislative Committee address the Prevailing Wage Ordinance. He would like to look into the possibility of getting the law repealed. He asked that the committee involve the United County Councils and our legislative representatives.

**AGENDA ITEM VII – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Sheriff Brian Melton updated the board on the parking lot lighting project that is almost completed and the expansion tank project that will begin in July.

**AGENDA ITEM VIII – CLOSED SESSION**

The board entered Closed Session at 9:15 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 Bill Cooper and seconded by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board exited Closed Session at 9:28 p.m.

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

The board needed no action as a result of closed session

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**AGENDA ITEM X - ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Jack Zillig and seconded by Bill Cooper.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Berlage adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

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Jean Dimke, Jo Daviess County Clerk

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**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD**  
**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED**  
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#### MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Regular County Board meeting minutes of May 9, 2006
2. Special County Board meeting minutes of May 23, 2006

#### APPOINTMENTS

1. Re-appointment of Leonard Ricke to serve as trustee on the Dunleith-Menominee Fire Protection Board for a 3-year term through June 30, 2009

#### CLAIMS

1. Claims in the amount of \$1,506,964.71