

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 9, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Marvin Schultz, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 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, Bernece Hill, Dane Jackson, Michael Lorig, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer, and Jack Zillig. Present: 13. Absent-Jody Carroll, Alan Kent, Matt Kluesner and Ron Smith. Absent: 4.

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

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

**AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Beth Baranski, Merri Berlage, William Cooper, Bernece Hill, Dane Jackson, Michael Lorig, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer, and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent-Jody Carroll, Alan Kent, Matt Kluesner and Ron Smith. Absent: 4.

**AGENDA ITEM II – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Martin Hippie spoke in opposition of the Rentech project and asked that the board not make a formal decision to support it until after the public hearings.

**AGENDA ITEM III – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business brought before the board at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
**FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:**

The County's vendor list will be condensed and purged of any vendor that has not been active since 2004 following a committee motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The County will enter into a 60-month lease with Advanced Business Systems for the Hasler WJ150 WJDWP at a cost of \$196.30 per month and the meter rental at \$65.00 per month to be paid from line item 001-40110-703 following a committee motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The following FY2007 line item transfers and their associated claims totaling \$12,533.86 were approved following a motion made by Yerda Potter and seconded by Ron Mapes.

1. Transfer \$1,200 from 001-40104-401 Salaries Full-time to 001-40104-403 Salaries Part-time
2. Transfer of \$2,000 from 001-41121-611 Auto Fuel/Oil to 001-41121-441 Uniform Allowance
  - Claim from various vendors in the amount \$626.74 to be paid from 001-41121-441

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3. Transfer of \$400.00 from 002-43141-901 Contingency to 002-43141-604 Computer Supplies
  - Claim from Clifton Gunderson in the amount of \$180.00 to be paid from 0002-43141-604
4. Transfer of \$100.00 from 002-43141-901 Contingency to 002-43141-702 Professional Services
  - Claim from FHN in the amount of \$54.00 to be paid from 002-43141-702
5. Transfer of \$250.00 from 001-43141-901 Contingency to 002-43141-724 Rentals
  - Claim from Pitney Bowes in the amount of \$62.00 to be paid from 002-43141-724
6. Transfer of \$1,828.40 from 003-44151-905 Misc. Expense to 003-44151-810 Equipment
  - Claim from Dell Marketing in the amount of \$1,828.40 to be paid from 003-44151-810
7. Transfer of \$6,200.00 from 011-43145-890 Other Improvements to 011-43145-702 Professional Service
  - Claim from Fehr-Graham & Associates in the amount of \$6,200.00 to be paid from 011-43145-702
8. Transfer of \$1,320.44 from 018-46177-908 Loans to 018-46177-719 Other Service Charges
  - Claim from Blackhawk Hills RC&D in the amount of \$2,441.22 to be paid from 018-46177-719
9. Transfer of \$1,500.00 from 058-47189-501 Education & Training to 058-47189-604 Computer Supplies
10. Transfer of \$4,500.00 from 058-47189-901 Contingency to 058-47189-810 Equipment

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

The following FY2007 line item over-budget claims not provided for in the consent agenda and totaling \$435.53 were approved following a motion made by Beth Baranski and seconded by Dane Jackson.

- Claims from various vendors in the amount of \$435.53 to be paid from line item 001-40102-451 Mileage

The motion carried by voice vote with abstain votes recorded for Merri Berlage, William Cooper, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig.

The following FY2007 line item over-budget claims not provided for in the consent agenda and totaling \$713.44 were approved following a motion made by Ron Mapes and seconded by Merri Berlage.

- Claims from various vendors in the amount of \$713.44 to be paid from line item 001-40102-451 Mileage

The motion carried by voice vote with abstain votes recorded for Bernece Hill, Dane Jackson, Mike Lorig, Ron Mapes, Marvin Schultz and Sally Toepfer.

The following FY2007 line item over-budget claims not provided for in the consent agenda and totaling \$27,559.41 were approved following a motion made by Yerda Potter and seconded by Bill Cooper.

- Claim from Andrew Koehler & Passarelli in the amount of \$4,151.00 to be paid from line item 011-40102-702 Professional Services; over budget by \$1,024.32
- Claim from various vendors in the amount of \$5,081.16 to be paid from line item 001-41122-702-047 Professional Services; over budget by \$5,081.16
- Claim from various vendors in the amount of \$4,098.76 to be paid from line item 001-42131-702 Professional Services; over budget by \$4,098.76
- Claim from Highway Department in the amount of \$336.76 to be paid from line item 001-44153-703 Postage; over budget by \$163.37
- Claim from various vendors in the amount of \$824.02 to be paid from line item 026-44152-451 Mileage; over budget by \$824.02
- Claim from various vendors in the amount of \$131.93 to be paid from line item 026-44152-502-123 Travel; over budget by \$125.88
- Claim from various vendors in the amount of \$12,839.00 to be paid from line item 026-44152-702 Professional Services; over budget by 12,839.00
- Claim from various vendors in the amount of \$96.78 to be paid from line item 026-44152-705 Publishing; over budget by \$96.78

This brings the total claims amount paid for October 2007 to \$628,306.13.

**INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:**

The proposal from Effective Networking, LLC to complete a computer network study for all County Departments to be billed on a per hour basis not to exceed \$9,000 with \$5,000 of the amount to be paid from the Information Technology Budget-Professional Services line item 001-40110-702 and the balance up to \$4,000 to be paid from the Contingency Fund was approved following a committee motion made by Bill Cooper.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

A resolution in support of the Rentech Energy Midwest Corp. conversion and expansion project in Jo Daviess County was approved following a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A position statement in support of the Rentech project from the entire County Board with that statement to be written for full County Board review was approved following a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

An established policy for the TIF districts whereby a member of the Development and Planning Committee shall be appointed to attend the advisory meeting of the TIF district and vote as directed by the County Board. All TIF information will come to the Development and Planning Committee for recommendation to the County Board, and the affected district will be notified and may attend as a non-voting representative. This policy was approved following a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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A resolution requesting that Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) immediately record the Highway 20 proposed alignment was approved following a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**CVB ADVISORY BOARD:**

CVB Local Promotional Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,617.50 from November/December to July/August/September/October in FY2007 will be reallocated following a recommendation from the Advisory Board and approval of a motion made by Merri Berlage, seconded by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

CVB Local Promotional Grant Round #4 in the amount of \$4,367.50 to be paid from line item 027-45161-906 was approved following a recommendation from the Advisory Board and approval of a motion made by Merri Berlage, seconded by Bill Cooper

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to approve the CVB Advisory Board bylaws was made by Beth Baranski and seconded by Jack Zillig.

An amendment to have the bylaws go into effect when they are amended and coincide with the ordinance was made by Beth Baranski.

The amendment failed for lack of a second.

An amendment to postpone the passage of the bylaws until next month until the bylaws can be reviewed and presented with the ordinance was made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Bill Cooper.

The amendment to postpone until next month carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

The bid for the Greenvale Road Bridge project in Rush Township was awarded to Curnyn Construction of Geneseo for \$378,666 following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The bid for the Rodden Road Bridge project in Elizabeth Township was awarded to Curnyn Construction of Geneseo for \$569,628 following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:**

A work change order with Giese Roofing Company resulting in a net addition of \$14,030 in the Courthouse roof project was approved following a committee motion made by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The bid from Dubuque Sash & Door of \$5,987.28 for an aluminum frame door for the main entrance to the courthouse with \$5,000 to be paid from 001-41124-810 and up to \$1,000 to be paid from 001-41124-901 was approved following a committee motion made by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A recommendation by the committee to count the number of people who enter the courthouse through the front door over a period of time was approved following a committee motion made by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:**

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

The Planning Commission's recommendation to approve rezoning a 1.81 acre parcel from AG-1 Agricultural to R-2 Rural Residential and a 1-lot subdivision to allow for a non-agricultural residence at the intersection of South Brown and East Bough Roads in Woodbine Township, Michael and Kathleen Hart, owners, was approved following a motion made by Ron Mapes, seconded by Mike Lorig.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-William Cooper, Bernece Hill, Dane Jackson, Michael Lorig, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer, and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 10. Nays-Beth Baranski, Merri Berlage and Yerda Potter. Nays: 3. Absent-Jody Carroll, Alan Kent, Matt Kluesner and Ron Smith. Absent: 4.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to approve rezoning a parcel from AG-1 Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential to allow for a non-agricultural residence just east of 14812 E. Stockton Road, Leland and Hazel Pierce, owners, was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, William Cooper, Bernece Hill, Dane Jackson, Michael Lorig, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer, and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 12. Nays-Beth Baranski. Nays: 1. Absent-Jody Carroll, Alan Kent, Matt Kluesner and Ron Smith. Absent: 4.

**LEGISLATIVE:**

A resolution opposing legislation that would limit rights to keep and bear arms was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Beth Baranski and Mike Lorig.

A committee motion to place a resolution of mandatory federal funding for veteran health care on the ballot for the February election was made by Merri Berlage.

An amendment to add \$1,000 to the FY2008 election budget to cover the expense of the question on the February ballot was made by Yerda Potter and seconded by Bill Cooper.

The amendment carried by voice vote.

The original motion including the amendment carried by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE:**

A motion to offer \$2,500 for County Board Room furnishings was made by Jack Zillig and seconded by Beth Baranski.

An amendment designating that the \$2,500 be paid from the Capital Investment Fund sound system line item was made by Yerda Potter and seconded by Margie Montelius.

The amendment carried by voice vote.

The original motion including the amendment carried by voice vote.

**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**

Bill Cooper is concerned about the property taxes and the homes for sale in his district and feels his constituents need some relief from the State.

Merri Berlage asked the sheriff if there is a policy in which family members were contacted after an accident.

Sheriff Hefel stated that every accident was different and asked Merri to talk with him so that he could get more details of the issue.

Margie Montelius stated that she was informed that the Health Department has applied for Community Fund Grants in order to seal wells. Margie asked if that should be an unfunded budget request.

**AGENDA ITEM VII – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Juliette Schmidt addressed the board and asked how she could file a complaint against Sheriff Hefel. State's Attorney Terry Kurt said that she must file a more detailed written complaint with his office.

Nancy Siergiej said she has not been contacted by any board member since she appeared before the board last month and complained about low flying planes and helicopters over her residence. Ron Mapes said he would contact her.

**AGENDA ITEM VIII – CLOSED SESSION**

There was no need to enter closed session at this time.

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

There was no action needed since the board did not enter closed session.

**AGENDA ITEM X - ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Jack Zillig and seconded by Mike Lorig. The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Schultz adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. November 13, 2007 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  
OCTOBER 9, 2007**

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Regular County Board meeting minutes of September 11, 2007

APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Edna Penticoff to the Board of Review for a two-year term through June 1, 2009
2. Re-appointment of Doug Reidl and David Jansen to the CEDS Committee for three-year terms ending November 1, 2010
3. Re-appointment of Rudy Pascoe to the Emergency Telephone Systems Board for a two-year term through May 1, 2009
4. Re-appointment of Jeff Fry to the Emergency Telephone Systems Board for a three-year term through May 1, 2011

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND PETITIONS

1. Dubuque Humane Society contract for animal sheltering

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

1. Apple Canyon Lake Relay for Life Team-October 27, 2007 through June 6, 2008

Reports and Correspondence

1. Thank you from Yerda Potter for the flowers
2. Resignation of Patty Kurth as Hanover Fire District Trustee
3. Notice of Stockton's annual TIF joint Review Board meeting, October 12, 2007 at 3 p.m. at the Village Hall

CLAIMS

1. Claims in the amount of \$587,063.89
2. Emergency Telephone Systems Board claims in the amount of \$6,908.09
3. Sheriff's Forfeiture Fund claims in the amount of \$302.25