

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Marvin Schultz, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present-Merri Berlage, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Bernece Hill, Alan Kent, Michael Lorig, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Marvin Schultz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Present: 15. Absent-Beth Baranski and Dane Jackson. Absent: 2.

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 Bernece Hill.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Bernece Hill, Alan Kent, Michael Lorig, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays-Merri Berlage. Nays: 1. Abstain-Ron Smith. Abstain: 1. Absent-Beth Baranski and Dane Jackson. Absent: 2.

AGENDA ITEM II – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Several citizens spoke in opposition of the proposed construction of the livestock facilities in the Warren/Nora area. They all asked board members to request the state to conduct a public hearing on the issue.

AGENDA ITEM III – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board had no unfinished business to address at this time.

AGENDA ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGISLATIVE:

A form for the website to collect information about proposing legislative issues was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee recommendation to re-apply for public act 05-0175 regarding local annexation for Jo Daviess County was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE:

The unapproved, draft minutes of the County Board and committee meetings will continue to be published on the Jo Daviess County website with the following disclaimer: These minutes are not the official record until final approval at the next County Board or committee meeting and all minutes may be changed until officially approved. The committee motion to approve the recommendation was made by Ron Mapes.

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The motion carried by voice vote.

The board established a policy of not distributing audio CD recordings of County Board and committee meetings following approval of a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee recommendation to establish a policy that 60 days after approval of County Board or committee minutes recordings of said meeting shall be destroyed, effective December 2007 was approved following a motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The merit increase pay scale for FY2008 was approved following a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A recommendation to open the following closed session minutes: Executive Committee meeting of October 2, 2006; Health, Environment and Law Committee meeting of December 16, 2003, Health, Environment and Law Committee meeting of June 16, 2003; County Board meeting of March 9, 2004 was approved following a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:

A motion to approve the certificate of insurance policy and to monitor its implementation was approved following a committee recommendation made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The committee made a recommendation to approve and move forward the annual township assessor instructions, and create a policy as follows: If the township assessor's work is not completed by June 1, then per state statute the Chief County Assessment Office will do the work. The township will be billed at \$4.00 per parcel. This policy will be effective with the 2008 assessment year.

The policy was approved following a committee motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A letter of engagement with McGladery & Pullen, LLC for the FY2007 audit with a not-to-exceed amount of \$49,105 and including a completion date of May 1 was approved following committee motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution adopting the published IRS mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.505, effective January 1, 2008 was approved by the board following a motion made by Yerda Potter., seconded by Alan Kent.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution to transfer \$3,675.00 from the Contingency Fund to the General Fund for the computer network study approved by the County Board on October 9, 2007 was approved following a motion made by Yerda Potter and seconded by Ron Smith.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The following FY2007 line item transfers and their associated claims totaling \$36,230.54 were approved following a motion made by Yerda Potter and seconded by Bill Cooper.

- a) Transfer of \$1,023.00 from 001-41121-611 Fuel/Oil to 001-41121-501 Education & Training.
 - (i) Claim from University of IL GAR in the amount of \$1,023.00 to be paid from 001-41121-501.
- b) Transfer of \$1,078.90 from 001-41121-611 Fuel/Oil to 001-41121-701-043 Maintenance service.
 - (i) Claim from various vendors in the amount of \$1,078.90 to be paid from 001-41121-701-043.
- c) Transfer of \$5,476.86 from 002-43141-711 Utilities to 002-43141-611 Fuel/Oil.
 - (i) Claim from Pearl City Elevator in the amount of \$11,541.50 to be paid from 002-43141-611-341.
- d) Transfer of \$21,328.48 from 011-43145-890 Other improvements to 011-43145-702 Professional services.
 - (i) Claim from Fehr-Graham & Associates in the amount of \$21,328.48 to be paid from 011-43145-702-348.
- e) Transfer of \$1,639.00 from 018-46177-706 Printing to 018-46177-719 Other service charges.
 - (i) Claim from various vendors in the amount of \$1,258.66 to be paid from 018-46177-719.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The following FY2007 line item over-budget claims not provided for in the consent agenda and totaling \$942.84 were approved following a motion made by Sally Toepfer and seconded by Ron Mapes.

- Claims from various vendors in the amount of \$942.84 to be paid from line item 001-40102-451 Mileage; over budget by \$942.84

The motion carried by voice vote with abstain votes recorded for William Cooper, Bernece Hill, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter and Jack Zillig.

The following FY2007 line item over-budget claims not provided for in the consent agenda and totaling \$1,081.57 were approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Mike Lorig.

- Claims from various vendors in the amount of \$1,081.57 to be paid from line item 001-40102-451 Mileage; over budget by \$1,081.57

The motion carried by voice vote with abstain votes recorded for Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, Alan Kent, Mike Lorig, Ron Mapes, Marvin Schultz, Ron Smith and Sally Toepfer.

The following FY2007 line item over-budget claims not provided for in the consent agenda and totaling \$38,539.41 were approved following a motion made by Yerda Potter and seconded by Margie Montelius.

- Claim from various vendors in the amount of \$2,597.47 to be paid from line item 001-40101-711 Utilities; over budget by \$2,597.47.

- Claim from Galena Gazette in the amount of \$187.20 to be paid from line item 001-40102-705 Publishing; over budget by \$187.20.
- Claim from Effective Networking LLC in the amount of \$3,675.00 to be paid from line item 001-40110-702 Professional services; over budget by \$1,048.12.
- Claim from various vendors in the amount of \$4,736.84 to be paid from line item 001-41122-702-047 Professional services; over budget by \$4,736.84.
- Claim from various vendors in the amount of \$3,615.28 to be paid from line item 001-41122-711 Utilities; over budget by \$3,615.28.
- Claim from various vendors in the amount of \$2,496.76 to be paid from line item 001-41122-719-048 Other service charges; over budget by \$1,832.91.
- Claim from Circuit Clerk Juror Account in the amount of \$880.80 to be paid from line item 001-42131-719 Other service charges; over budget by \$145.99.
- Claim from Jo Daviess County Highway in the amount of \$593.43 to be paid from line item 001-44153-611 Fuel/Oil; over budget by \$593.43.
- Claim from Jo Daviess County Highway in the amount of \$614.22 to be paid from line item 001-44153-703 Postage; over budget by \$614.22.
- Claim from Verizon Wireless in the amount of \$75.62 to be paid from line item 001-44153-704 Telephone; over budget by \$75.62.
- Claim from Dubuque Humane Society in the amount of \$2,024.00 to be paid from line item 001-44153-719 Other service charges; over budget by \$2,024.00.
- Claim from North American Salt in the amount of \$4,342.98 to be paid from line item 006-43142-601-340 Maintenance supplies; over budget by \$4,342.98.
- Claim from various vendors in the amount of \$2,424.99 to be paid from line item 026-44152-451 Mileage; over budget by \$2,424.99.
- Claim from various vendors in the amount of \$554.82 to be paid from line item 026-44152-502 Travel; over budget by \$554.82.
- Claim from various vendors in the amount of \$9,720.00 to be paid from line item 026-44152-702 Professional services; over budget by \$9,720.00.

The motion carried by voice vote

This brings the total claims amount paid for December 2007 to \$737,608.02.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

Connor Anderson of Effective Networking will give a presentation on the results of the computer network study at the January board meeting.

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

An amendment to Chapter 11, Article II Building Code, Building Regulations Ordinance regarding manufactured and modular homes was approved following a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A request will be made to the State of Illinois for a public hearing on the proposed construction of livestock facilities in Nora Township following approval of a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A position statement regarding Rentech Energy Midwest, LLC's continued operation of the East Dubuque plant will be sent to Rentech following approval of a motion made by Bill Cooper and seconded by Jack Zillig.

The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Dorte Breckenridge, Mike Lorig and Margie Montelius.

CVB ADVISORY BOARD:

There was no action needed by this committee at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS:

A resolution that will allow the County Engineer's salary to be paid from the Motor Fuel Tax Account, 006-43142-401 was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

An intergovernmental agreement between Jo Daviess and Carroll Counties for the winter maintenance (snow plowing) of 1.6 miles of Jo Daviess County highways in the former Savanna Army Depot, at a cost of \$2,000 to be paid from line item 002-43141-701 was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A \$292,500.30 fuel contract was awarded to Saunders Oil Company of Warren following approval of a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Bill Cooper.

The motion carried by voice vote.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

The Planning Commission's recommendation to approve rezoning a parcel of land from AG-1 Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential to allow for a non-agricultural residence at North Hayes Road, Apple River, Richard and Malcolm Anderberg, owners was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage, seconded by Ron Smith.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Bernece Hill, Alan Kent, Michael Lorig, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Marvin Schultz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Beth Baranski and Dane Jackson. Absent: 2.

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

Merri Berlage asked if there was an answer to her question regarding an AT&T bill submitted by the Sheriff's department a couple of months ago.

Bill Cooper stated that with a recently passed law that veteran are allowed to salute the U.S. flag if dressed in civilian attire.

Several board members stated their concerns over the proposed livestock facility in the Warren/Nora area.

Margie Montelius asked about the topic of the Rotary Roundtable to be presented in January. Chairperson Schultz stated that is was on County Government.

AGENDA ITEM VII – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were several more comments on the proposed livestock facility.

Andy Blankenbaker stated his desire to have the Scenic Tower reopened. He said he spoke with Representative Sacia about the subject.

AGENDA ITEM III – CLOSED SESSION

The board entered closed session at 8:45 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 Merri Berlage and seconded by Bill Cooper.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board returned from closed session at 9:01 p.m.

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

There was no action needed as a result of closed session.

Bill Cooper congratulated Diane Williams on her newly acquired position within the GIS Department and stated that her work with the County Board was appreciated.

AGENDA ITEM X - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Jack Zillig and seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Schultz adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. January 8, 2008 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

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MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Regular County Board meeting minutes of November 13, 2007
2. County Board Truth in Taxation hearing of November 27, 2007
3. County Board budget hearing of November 27, 2007

APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Larry Wiedenheft to the Board of Review to complete the remainder of the two-year term through June 1, 2009
2. Appointment of Mike Weede to fill the term of Patty Kurth as trustee for the Hanover Fire Protection District through May 1, 2008
3. Appointment of Ron Smith to complete the term of Ronald Unangst on the LRA board through July 31, 2008

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND PETITONS

1. Stray dog pickup contracts December 1, 2007 through November 30, 2008 with Elizabeth, Stockton, East Dubuque, Galena, Warren and Menominee

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

1. Trailblazers Relay for Life-January 19, 2008
2. St. Mary Home and School Association-December 12, 2007 through February 9, 2008

REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

1. Conference for siting and taxing wind farms in Illinois
2. Thank you from Bill Cooper for the flowers

CLAIMS

1. Claims in the amount of \$660,813.66
2. Emergency Telephone Systems Board claims in the amount of \$13,329.51
3. Sheriff's Forfeiture Fund claims in the amount of \$526.86