

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Merri Berlage, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 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, Alan Kent, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Tim Petitgout, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen and Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Present: 16. Absent-Jody Carroll. Absent: 1.

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 Bill Cooper and seconded by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Beth Baranski, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Alan Kent, Ron Mapes, Margie Montelius, Tim Petitgout, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen and Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Jody Carroll. Absent: 1.

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

Bill Hooten and Dave Ylinen will update the board on the Foreign Trade Zone application and the LRA at a future meeting.

Mike Hastings, President and CEO of Jo-Carroll Energy addressed the board and answered questions in regards to Jo-Carroll Energy's acquisition of portions of Alliant Energy territory in parts of Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside Counties.

Leon Heires of Lindgren, Callihan and Van Osdol reviewed the FY2004 Certified Annual Financial Report of Jo Daviess County.

Bill McFadden, a member of the LRA board, spoke on current activities and future possibilities at the former Savanna Army Depot.

EXECUTIVE:

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

FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:

A direct deposit system for payroll checks will be instituted in FY 2006 with software purchased from Civic Systems and employees will have the option of using direct deposit or receiving paper checks following a committee motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution transferring various line item transfers in the Tourism Promotion Fund was approved following a committee motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution transferring \$16,000 from Economic Development and Planning Salaries (001-45162-401) to Professional Services (001-45162-702) was approved following a committee motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

A modification to a three year contract with Internet Express for SDSL service to include 5 IP addresses at an additional cost of \$15 per month, to be paid from line items 001-40110-704, 001-41123-704 and 058-47189-704 was approved following a committee motion made by Vince Hasken.

The motion carried by voice vote.

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

A motion for Jo Daviess County to pursue a campus approach for the Scenic Byways Visitor Center, contact potential partners, set up a staff team and add a Finance Committee member to the Scenic Byways Committee, and create renderings, images of campus concepts/satellites was made by Ron Mapes.

An amendment to the motion to exclude setting up the staff team was made by Ron Mapes and seconded by Margie Montelius.

The amendment carried by voice vote.

The original motion including the amendment to pursue a campus approach for the Scenic Byways Visitor Center, contact potential partners, and add a Finance Committee member to the Scenic Byways Committee, and create renderings, images of campus concepts/satellites carried by voice vote.

The County will begin looking at sites between Galena and Elizabeth for the campus of the Scenic Byways Visitor Center following approval of a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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A design proposal for the CVB's 2006 Visitor Guide from Christina Eisbach of Big Head Design at a cost not to exceed \$17,000 to be paid from line item 027-45161-706-10 was approved following a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The issue of funding for the Foreign Trade Zone in the estimated amount of \$5,000 will be sent back to the Development and Planning Committee for review following a motion made by Sally Toepfer, seconded by Tim Petitgout.

The motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC WORKS:

A fuel agreement between the County and the Elizabeth Fire District was approved following a committee motion made by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by voice vote.

LAW AND COURTS:

This committee had no business to bring before the board.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:

This committee needed no action by the board at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit to Gordon and Beverly Glasgow, owners, and Blackhawk Internet (Paul Brown), petitioner to allow for the construction and maintenance of a High Speed Internet Tower located adjacent to 530 Clark Ave., Scales Mound, will be continued so that the legal description can be reviewed following a motion made by Ron Mapes and seconded by Beth Baranski.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Supplemental Special Use Permit to Eagle Ridge Inn LLC, owner, to allow for the expansion of the existing Eagle Ridge Inn with the addition of condo units and pool area located at 444 Eagle Ridge Drive, Galena Territory was approved following a motion made by Marvin Schultz, seconded by Tim Petitgout.

The motion carried by voice vote with an abstention recorded for Bill Cooper.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the 33-lot final plat for Thumser's Addition to Dunleith Township located at 1635 Illinois Highway 35 North, East Dubuque, for Dale Thumser, owner was approved following a motion made by Vince Hasken, seconded by Dane Jackson

The motion carried by voice vote.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the 54-lot preliminary subdivision plat for Wiene View 3rd Subdivision consisting of 91.9 acres located at North High Ridge Road, Galena for Duane and Deb Wiene, owners was approved following a motion made by Ron Mapes, seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Beth Baranski.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the 29-lot final subdivision plat of the first phase of Wiene View 3rd Subdivision consisting of 53.55 acres located on North High Ridge Road, Galena for Duane and Deb Wiene, owners was approved following a motion made by Ron Mapes, seconded by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Beth Baranski.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to approve an application from Jamie and Casey Richardson, owners, requesting rezoning of a 3-acre parcel located on West Cross Road, Galena, for a single home site from AG-1 Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential was approved following a motion made by Tim Petitgout, seconded by Joanne Bielenda.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a Special Use Permit under Article III, Section 3.3, C Special Uses (16) Garages for the storage, repair and servicing of motor vehicles for Robert and Maria Kuntz, owners, located at 9010 Illinois Route 84 South, Hanover was approved following a motion made by Yerda Potter, seconded by Alan Kent.

The motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM V - ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

Jo Daviess County, along with the City of East Dubuque and any other entity within the County that would like to participate, will send a letter to the Illinois Gaming Board asking that the riverboat license be returned and if not then financial reimbursement be made to the County in the amount of 3.2 million dollars following a motion made by Sally Toepfer, seconded by Vince Hasken.

The motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM VI – OTHER COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

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

AGENDA ITEM VII – BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Alan Kent asked if there was movement on the repair of the courthouse roof. Chairperson Berlage explained that the Law and Courts Committee has been working on the issue and will be addressing the subject at a meeting on Friday.

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Ron Mapes asked if anyone knew why the zoning ordinance was being restructured. He was assigned to the committee after it was originated and wanted to know the objective of the committee. Chairperson Berlage said she would review prior committee minutes to find the purpose and goals of the committee.

AGENDA ITEM VIII - CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Dave Jansen of Galena stated he felt that if reimbursement money was received from the Illinois Gaming Board, then the property tax money collected from the Special Service Area 3 taxpayers should be returned.

Bill McFadden of Apple River urged the board to take whatever action is necessary in order to regain the Riverboat license or monetary reimbursement.

AGENDA ITEM IX – EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered Executive Session at 9:07 p.m. to discuss personnel, collective bargaining, and litigation following approval of a motion made by Bill Cooper, seconded by Margie Montelius.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board exited Executive Session at 9:31 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM X – ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Tim Petitgout, seconded by Vince Hasken.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Berlage adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke, Jo Daviess County Clerk

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED
AUGUST 9, 2005**

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Regular County Board meeting minutes of July 12, 2005

APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Patrick Ohms to complete the term of Cleland Hickman as trustee of the Scales Mound Fire Protection District through April 30, 2007

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

1. Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Association-September 4, 2005

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter of resignation by Catherine Cunnings from the CVB Advisory Board

CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$482,767.71