

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Merri Berlage, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 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, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Alan Kent, Ron Mapes, Tim Petitgout, Yerda Potter, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Present: 15. Absent-Margie Montelius and Domer Schubert. 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**

Margie Montelius entered the meeting at this time

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

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Beth Baranski, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Jody Carroll, William Cooper, Vincent Hasken, Dane Jackson, Alan Kent, Ron Mapes, Tim Petitgout, Yerda Potter, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Abstain-Margie Montelius. Abstain: 1. Absent-Domer Schubert. Absent: 1.

**AGENDA ITEM II – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Sheriff Steven Allendorf reported that an employee was involved in the hurricane relief effort in Louisiana and approximately 15 firefighters from Jo Daviess County traveled to Louisiana to help with the disaster.

**AGENDA ITEM III – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business brought before the board.

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

Dave Ylinen of the LRA updated the board on the Foreign Trade Zone application. He said the application was finalized and waiting for approval. He asked for help from Jo Daviess County on the initial funding for the Foreign Trade Zone.

A \$5,000 contribution for initial funding for the Foreign Trade Zone to be paid from the Economic Development line item was approved following a motion made by Vince Hasken and seconded by Joanne Bielenda.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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Dave Ylinen gave an update on the LRA, the Enterprise Zone and new business ventures at the former Savanna Army Depot.

**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 was continued to next month following a motion made by Yerda Potter, seconded by Alan Kent.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Margie Montelius.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to deny a Special Use Permit for Mylenn Corporation (Mike and Linda Deschamp), owners, to allow a single-family home located at 21 Lake Ridge Road, Galena Territory to be used for transient rental was approved following a motion made by Bill Cooper, seconded by Tim Petitgout.

The motion to deny carried by voice vote.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a request for rezoning from Terry and Brenda Miller, owners, from AG-1 Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential to allow for a single-family homesite and approval of a two-lot subdivision located at 12301 E. Stockton Road was approved following a motion made by Margie Montelius seconded by Joanne Bielenda.

The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Beth Baranski and Marvin Schultz.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit to Mark Verhorevoort, owner, to allow for a gun repair shop under Article III, Section 3.3.C. Special Uses, (36) located at 8806 North Road, Scales Mound was approved following a motion made by Dane Jackson, seconded by Bill Cooper.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Joanne Bielenda.

**EXECUTIVE:**

A recommendation to open the following closed session minutes: Development and Planning February 28, 2005; Finance, Tax and Budgets December 30, 2004; Finance, Tax and Budgets February 24, 2005, and keep the remaining closed session minutes sealed at this time, was approved following a committee motion made by Marvin Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The County health insurance opt-out program will be available for employees for FY2006 following a committee motion made by Marvin Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Ron Mapes and Merri Berlage.

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County employees will receive their current statement of compensation now and annually at the time of their performance review following a committee motion made by Marvin Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:**

A resolution establishing a DUI Fund for the Sheriff's Department was approved following a committee motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution for a line item transfer in the Building and Zoning budget from line item (001-45163-910) to line item (001-45163-703) to cover postage expenses was approved following a committee motion made by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:**

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

**DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

The CVB will have 150,000 Visitors' Guides printed by ColorFX for \$80,325 to be paid from line item 027-45161-706-10 following approval of a committee motion made by Ron Mapes.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

The Highway Department will purchase a used Case 821C wheel loader from McCann Industries in Bollingbrook, Illinois at a cost of \$60,000 to be paid from line item 002-43140-810 following approval of a committee motion made by Jody Carroll.

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.

The board entered into a discussion on goals and planning. It was decided that board members would review the goals and plans that were presented from a County Board retreat held a few years ago and discuss them at the next board meeting.

Discussion regarding the Illinois Gaming Board will be discussed in closed session under litigation.

**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**

Jack Zillig asked if there had been any recent discussion on the Thompson prison. Chairperson Berlage was not aware of any recent pertinent information on the prison.

Bill Cooper asked if the board could get a report on Economic Development. Chairperson Berlage informed the board that reports do go to the Development and Planning Committee and that Pat Leitzen-Fye, who was hired to work directly with Jo Daviess County to provide Economic Development services, will be attending a future board meeting to report to the entire board.

Beth Baranski asked if she could get a copy of the policy that governs payments for board meetings.

**AGENDA ITEM VII – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Armando Villa, owner of a local Bed and Breakfast, addressed the board with concerns and suggestions of changes for the CVB Visitor's Guide.

**AGENDA ITEM IX – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board entered Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss personnel, collective bargaining, and litigation following approval of a motion made by Bill Cooper, seconded by Tim Petitgout.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board exited Executive Session at 9:40 p.m.

The board authorized State's Attorney, Terry Kurt to investigate up to five law firms in regards to qualifications and fees for attaching Jo Daviess County's name to a lawsuit for the return of the gaming license to the County or payment for damages for the loss of the license following approval of motion made by Marvin Schultz, seconded by Vince Hasken.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**AGENDA ITEM X – ADJOURNMENT**

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

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

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Chairperson Berlage adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 11, 2005 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  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2005**

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

1. Regular County Board meeting minutes of August 9, 2005

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Appointment of Ron Cadrette to fill the term of Catherine Cummings on the CVB Advisory Board through November 30, 2005
2. Appointment of Annette McLane to fill the term of Jessica Killburg on the CVB Advisory Board through November 30, 2005
3. Appointment of Peggy Marcure to fill the term of John Osmanski on the CVB Advisory Board through November 30, 2005
4. Appointment of Emily Stoddard as the Chairperson of the CVB Advisory Board
5. Appointment of Ron Cadrette, Nate Greiner, Donna Marcotte, Dane Jackson and Sally Toepfer to the CVB Task Force
6. Appointment of Patrick Keleher to fill the remainder of Charles McCabe's term as trustee of the Scales Mound Fire Protection District through April 30, 2006.

**RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

1. Warren Chamber of Commerce-August 11 through September 25, 2005
2. Friendship Quilters-September 12, 2005 through September 10, 2006
3. Galena Territory Association-October 1 through December 3, 2005
4. Northwest Illinois Audubon Society-September 30 through October 2, 2005
5. Galena Territory Foundation-October 1, 2005 through February 26, 2006

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter of resignation from Sheriff Steven Allendorf effective December 31, 2005
2. Thank you note from Jack Zillig

**CLAIMS**

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$1,232,298.50