

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 12, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Scott Toot, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL** was answered as follows: Present - Steve Allendorf, Brandon Behlke, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Robert Heuerman, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Present: 16.

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

**THE INVOCATION** and thought for the day were given by William Bingham.

**AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA**

Item A1 - County Board Minutes from the February 13, 2019 meeting will be removed for the requested addition of a board member comment. It will be added to the April 2019 consent agenda.

The consent agenda was approved as attached following a motion made by John Schultz and seconded by Robert Heuerman.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Steve Allendorf, Brandon Behlke, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Robert Heuerman, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0.

**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 at this time.

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

A motion to appoint Lucas Bourquin as the Chairman of the Information Communication & Technology Committee was made by John Lang and seconded by William Bingham.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:**

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

A committee motion to approve a *Resolution to Approve the Purchase of a Used Tractor Backhoe from the Highway Capital Investment Fund* to be paid from line item 059-46174-810 was made by LaDon Trost.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Steve Allendorf, Brandon Behlke, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Robert Heuerman, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0.

A committee motion to approve a *Resolution Reappointing the Incumbent County Engineer* contingent on the IDOT approval with the salary to be discussed later was made by LaDon Trost.

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The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Steve Allendorf, Brandon Behlke, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Robert Heuerman, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O’Connor, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0.

A committee motion to approve the 2019 Township Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Maintenance Bids as presented to be paid from line item 021-43146-601 was made by LaDon Trost.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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The motion carried by voice vote.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT & COURTS:**

A motion to approve the annual inmate medical insurance renewal was made by Steve Allendorf and seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$22,443.27 from ComElec Services for the foundation of the EMA Radio Communication Tower Project in Hanover, IL, contingent that the Jo Daviess County ETSB will assist in funding one-third of the project was made by William Bingham.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Brandon Behlke, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays - Robert Heuerman and Robert O’Connor. Nays: 2. Abstain – Steve Allendorf. Abstention: 1.

**SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL:**

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

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

A motion to approve an amended Special Use Permit for a portion of the property (10.5 acres) to be used as a wedding venue and to host receptions and gatherings for Oak Hill Weddings, 8048 Gabel Lane, Apple River was made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Ron Smith.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Steve Allendorf, Brandon Behlke, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Robert Heuerman, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O’Connor, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0.

**LEGISLATIVE:**

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

**EXECUTIVE:**

A committee motion to amend the Jo Daviess County Performance Management Performance Evaluations/Employee Merit Pay Policy was made by Brandon Behlke.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with other counties in the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council to share expenses to retain a lobbyist to assist member counties with representation of capital projects for inclusion in the State of Illinois Capital Bill was made by Brandon Behlke.

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After discussion, a motion to postpone until next month was made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by William Bingham.

The motion to postpone carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Scott Toot and an abstention recorded for Ron Smith.

A committee motion to create Special Service Area Commissions for each Special Service Area to manage a particular Special Service Area was made by Brandon Behlke.

Attorney John Hay spoke to the board and explained the statutory requirements for Special Service Areas and his belief that there should be separate commissions for each Special Service Area.

A motion to amend to include the additional information: to create *a five member* Special Service Area Commission for each Special Service Area, *which are Special Service Areas 1, 2&4, 5, and 6*, to manage a particular Special Service Area was made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by LaDon Trost

The motion to amend carried by voice vote.

The amended motion carried by voice vote.

**INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:**

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

**FINANCE, TAX, & BUDGETS:**

A motion to approve the following FY2018 over budget request(s) and associated claim in the amount of \$3,599.75 was made by John Schultz and seconded by Staci Duerr:

- a. Claim from Galena Clinic in the amount of \$3,599.75 to be paid from Safety Building budget line item 001-21100 Professional Services in the amount of \$3,599.75, over budget by \$3,599.75 The motion carried by voice vote.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Brandon Behlke, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Robert Heuerman, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays – Steve Allendorf, Robert O’Connor, and John Schultz. Nays: 3.

The total adjusted claims paid for March, 2019 will be \$834,955.18.

The balance for the Contingency Fund as of January 31, 2019 is \$316,033.01.

A committee motion that per past practice, the County Treasurer provide financial information to Greater Galena Marketing, Inc. (GGMI) in PDF format was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**OTHER COMMITTEES & BOARDS:**

Ron Smith reported on the Jo Daviess-Stephenson Enterprise Zone applications status, which is in the initial phases with decisions expected later in the year.

**AGENDA ITEM V – BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

Hendrica Regez reported that the Earth Day Fest will be held on April 23, 2019 at the Crossroads Community Church and encouraged members to attend. She would like to see the County have a table at the function to educate the community on county government.

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John Hay took this opportunity to remind members of Open Meetings Act regulations in regards to emailing and replying to emails.

Don Zillig commended John Lang's work in drafting two house bills that are being sponsored by State Representative Andrew Chesney.

**AGENDA ITEM VI – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM VII – CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to enter closed session at 8:01 p.m. was made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Hendrica Regez to discuss:

B. Collective bargaining section 2(c)2

*"Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees."* Topic of discussion: Union negotiations – FOP.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board reconvened to open session at 8:13 p.m. following a motion by Brandon Behlke and seconded by William Bingham.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Steve Allendorf, Brandon Behlke, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Robert Heuerman, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0.

**AGENDA ITEM VIII – POSSIBLE ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Jo Daviess and the Sheriff of Jo Daviess County and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council for Jo Daviess County Sheriff Sergeants with a term of December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2022 was made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by William Bingham.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Steve Allendorf, Brandon Behlke, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Robert Heuerman, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0.

**AGENDA ITEM IX - ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Don Hill and seconded by John Korth.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Toot adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 8, 2019 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

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**MINUTES APPROVAL**

1. County Board meeting minutes from the February 13, 2019 Meeting.

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Appointment of Scott Brener to the Apple River Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending April 30, 2022.
2. Appointment of Alan Roberts to the Elizabeth Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending April 30, 2022.
3. Appointment of Patrick Ohms to the Scales Mound Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending April 30, 2022.
4. Appointment of Rodney Rogers to the Warren Area Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending April 30, 2022.
5. Appointment of Tracy Bauer to the Ad-hoc Committee on Jo Daviess County EMS Sustainability.

**CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, & PETITIONS**

**ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, & PROCLAMATIONS**

**BONDS**

**REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Thank you note from the Glasgow family

**CLAIMS**

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$831,355.43 as follows:
  - i. \$742,427.48 (Regular Claims)
  - ii. \$31,115.61 (Utilities)
  - iii. \$57,812.34 (GGMI Hotel/Motel Tax Reimbursement)
  - iv. \$0.00 (Travel Reimbursements)
2. Emergency Telephone Systems Board Fund claims in the amount of \$4,204.23