JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 1995

Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board Judith Gratton called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 1995 at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Present: 15. Absent-Lynn Sisler and James Slaats. Absent: 2.

REPORTS were available for the board members from Treasurer Carol Soat, Sheriff Steven Allendorf and County Clerk and Recorder Pam Miller.

INVOCATION and thought for the day were given by Hylene Anderson.

MINUTES of the December 13, 1994 meeting were approved following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by Hylene Anderson.
Motion carried by voice vote.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES were approved following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by John Rutherford.
Motion carried by voice vote.

UNITED COUNTIES COUNCIL of Illinois provided a copy of State Actions Affecting Cities and Counties, 1990-1993.

A COPY of The Nature of Illinois, fall 1994 issue, was available for board members' review.

THE CENTURY COUNCIL provided the board with a video and a copy of DWI Repeat Offenders: An Alternative.

THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE sales tax report was available for board members' review.

RICK CARSON was appointed as a trustee for the Hanover Fire Protection District following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by William McFadden.
Motion carried by voice vote.

ELEVEN ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSES were to be issued after State's Attorney Charles Roddick gives an opinion on whether the county should accept applications with copied signatures and copied notary seals following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Vincent Hasken.
Motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE was filed following a motion made by Clifford Carroll, seconded by Ronald Buening.
Motion carried by voice vote.

A PLAT for Longhollow Point was approved following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by Richard Runde.

Motion carried by voice vote. John Rutherford and Lynn Sisler asked that their "Nay" votes be recorded.

A PLAT was approved for Galena Bluffs Estate following a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by Larry Lyons.

Motion carried by voice vote.

STEVE BONNET was re-appointed as a member of the Special Service Area Three board following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by voice vote.

BOARD MEMBERS learned that riverboat assistance applications will be addressed at the 7 p.m., January 30, meeting of the County Planning and Development Committee.

TWO Chevrolet Caprices will be purchased from Miles Chevrolet, Decatur, at a cost of $12,022.10 each (less trade-in), to be used as squad cars for the Sheriff's Department following a motion made by Larry Lyons, seconded by Jack Zillig.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Absent-James Slaats. Absent: 1.

BOARD MEMBER WILLIAM MERCER will continue as the county's Building Inspector, at the same per diem, for another 30 days at Paul Hansen's discretion during the transition period following a motion made by Larry Lyons, seconded by William McFadden.

Motion carried by voice vote.

MARK ELDER and Gordon Coursen will attend a Private Sewage Disposal Conference January 19 and 20 at Decatur, room rate for one night $62; Peg Murphy will attend the General Membership meeting of the Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators on Jan. 27 at Champaign, room rate for one night $60, and Ida Wade and Fran Rosenthal will attend the Illinois Home Care Winter Institute and Exposition Meeting at St. Louis, Mo., on Feb. 2 and 3, room rate for two nights $158 and registration fees $420, following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

Motion carried by voice vote.

ELAINE SCHULTING of East Dubuque was appointed as a member of the county's Public Health Board for a three-year term following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by Larry Lyons.

Motion carried by voice vote.

WILLIAM MERCER will become a member of the Public Works Committee following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Robert Dittmar.

Motion carried by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES are to be reviewed by Executive

Committee members following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

Motion carried by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS will work with Paul Hansen in the hiring of his assistant in the Zoning office following a motion made by William Mercer, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

BOARD MEMBERS received a list of DARE graduation dates at schools and were invited by Sheriff Steven Allendorf to attend them.

A RESOLUTION was approved transferring $11,000 from the Circuit Clerk's Automation Fund to the Circuit Clerk's Storage Fund following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Clifford Carroll.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Absent-James Slaats. Absent: 1.

CLAIMS totaling $432,468.92 were approved as printed following a motion made by Clifford Carroll, seconded by William McFadden.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Absent-James Slaats. Absent: 1.

QUESTIONS about the county's inventory list were brought before the board. Insurance coverage now requires that values and dates of purchase be included with the current information.

Each department head is to be aware of this and include this information when requesting a tag for a newly-purchased item.

A RESOLUTION was approved for $45,000 to be appropriated from Motor Fuel Tax monies for the salary of the County Engineer following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Absent-James Slaats. Absent: 1.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Engineer to post the county's bituminous and bituminous-surfaced highways as follows: Vehicles with wheel rims less than 20 inches diameter-4,000 pounds per axle for single tires and 6,000 pounds per axle for dual tires; and Vehicles with wheel rims 20 inches or greater in diameter-8,000 pounds per axle for single tires and 12,000 pounds per axle for dual tires, following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith

Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Absent-James Slaats. Absent: 1.

AN AMENDMENT to the county's "County Roads Ordinance," Section 3-19A was approved following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by William McFadden.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Absent-Larry Lyons and James Slaats. Absent: 2.

ATTORNEY ROGER KELLY, representing Tom Bruun and the Council Hill Station General Store, addressed the board concerning its denial to renew the store's Class D liquor license at the Dec. 13, 1994 county board meeting.

Mr. Kelly pointed out that the board denied renewing the license, constituting a revocation. A revocation entitles the license holder to a public hearing which he was not given.

Also, Mr. Bruun has agreed to post three large signs prohibiting consumption of alcohol in the store and will do everything in his power to enforce this law.

Council Hill residents and neighbors to the store have written letters and signed petitions expressing their desires for the store to remain open and to continue selling package goods (beer and wine only).

Mr. Kelly also reminded board members that, at a recent election, residents of the township voted that they did not want the township to be "dry."

Mr. Kelly asked that the board release the Liquor Commissioner (Chairperson of the Board Judith Gratton) from their vote in December to deny the renewal since she and she alone may legally make the decision. Sheriff Steven Allendorf told board members that he had recently talked with Mr. Bruun about this situation. He told Mr. Bruun that he felt consumption of alcohol inside his store or on his property was Mr. Bruun's responsibility since it reflected on his business. He suggested Mr. Bruun tell anyone consuming alcohol in these locations to leave or to call the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Kelly noted that owners of stores where beer or wine is purchased at other locations, as well as Mr. Bruun's, cannot be held responsible for what the customers do after leaving the stores (re: drinking in their cars in the parking lots).

A motion was made by William McFadden, seconded by Ronald Buening, that the Liquor Commissioner be authorized to meet with Mr. Kelly, Mr. Bruun and State's Attorney Charles Roddick to, hopefully, work out the situation.

Motion carried by voice vote.

THE BOARD entered executive session at 10:39 a.m. to discuss personnel reasons, specifically the Convention and Visitors Bureau director following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith

Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Absent-James Slaats. Absent: 1.

THE MEETING was called to order at 11:55 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS voted to support the Convention and Visitors Bureau members' recommendation to hire a new director, with the present director relieved of duties on Feb. 28, 1995, following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Absent-James Slaats. Absent: 1.

BOARD MEMBERS voted to support the Convention and Visitors Bureau members' recommendation to offer a contract to Rebecca McIntyre as an independent contractor to perform the duties of "Group Sales Director" on a month-to-month basis at $2,109 per month, effective Jan. 3, 1995, following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Charlice Offenheiser.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Absent-James Slaats. Absent: 1.

THE CONVENTION and Visitors Bureau members' recommendation to promote Nancy Breed to "Events Coordinator" at a salary of $19,000 with union approval and to redefine Ann Steinke's position to "Group Sales Assistant" at a salary of $17,700 with union approval was sent to members of the County Planning and Development Committee who will look at job descriptions to determine where the responsibilities fit into the county's wage scale plan following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Clifford Carroll.

Motion carried by voice vote.

THE BOARD voted to support the Convention and Visitors Bureau members' recommendation to hire a "Clerical Assistant" from a temporary employment service, effective Jan. 3, 1995, to be paid according to the county's wage scale, following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by William McFadden.

Motion carried by voice vote.

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, totaling $2,315, will be purchased for the Treasurer's office following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Absent-William McFadden and James

Slaats. Absent: 2.

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, totaling $8,715, will be purchased for use with the file server following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Richard Runde.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Absent-William McFadden and James Slaats. Absent: 2.

OFFICE FURNITURE and equipment, totaling $2,843.75, will be purchased for the Probation Department following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Absent-Robert Dittmar and James Slaats. Absent: 2.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION Committee members were given the authority to act on the purchases of a cellular phone and pager for Paul Hansen following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by Larry Lyons.

Motion carried by voice vote.

FOUR SMOKE DETECTORS will be installed at the courthouse by Electra Alarm Systems, to comply with the Life Safety Code, at a cost of $544 following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Larry Lyons.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Absent-James Slaats. Absent: 1.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION Committee members were given authority to put out bids for finishing work at the courthouse following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Jack Zillig.

Motion carried by voice vote.

BOARD MEMBER RICHARD RUNDE will represent the county on its Safety Committee, replacing Don Crawford.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION Committee members were asked to research the electrical wiring problems in the front, first-floor, area of the courthouse.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS John Rutherford and Hylene Anderson will serve on the Jo Daviess Transit Committee following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Don Crawford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

A RESOLUTION was approved authorizing the negotiating committee to conduct a series of meetings, as needed, a portion or portions of which may be closed to the public, for the express purpose of negotiating an employment contract(s) as between the county and the various employees of the Jo Daviess County Highway Department and courthouse personnel, being represented by Teamsters Local 722; and shall not extend to any such meeting scheduled after April 10, 1995, following a motion made by Larry Lyons, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Absent-James Slaats. Absent: 1.

1995 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES were announced as follows:

Law Enforcement and Courts, first Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., Courthouse.

Social and Environmental, first Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m., Courthouse.

Executive Committee, first Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Courthouse.

Finance, Tax and Budget, 2nd Monday of each month, 9 a.m., Courthouse.

Government Administration, last Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Board of Review Room, Courthouse.

THE MEETING RECESSED following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by Richard Runde.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board Judith Gratton recessed the meeting at 12:30 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 1995 at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Pam Miller
County Clerk