# JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

## FEBRUARY 13, 1996

Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Judith Gratton, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 1996 at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL** was answered as follows: Present-Hylene Anderson, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Present: 14. Absent-Ronald Buening, Vincent Hasken and James Slaats. Absent: 3.

**INVOCATION AND THOUGHT OF THE DAY** were given by Hylene Anderson.

**MINUTES** of the January 9 county board meeting were approved following a motion made by Richard Runde, seconded by John Rutherford.
Motion carried by voice vote.

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES** were approved following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by John Rutherford.
Motion carried by voice vote.

**A RAFFLE APPLICATION** was approved for Wahlert High School following a motion made by Richard Runde, seconded by Hylene Anderson.
Motion carried by voice vote.

**A RAFFLE APPLICATION** for East Dubuque Area Liquor Association, Inc. was denied following a motion made by Richard Runde, seconded by Clifford Carroll.
Motion failed by a show of hands.

**A RAFFLE APPLICATION** was approved for Dubuque Girls' Club, Inc. following a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded Richard Runde.
Motion carried by voice vote.

**A RAFFLE APPLICATION** was approved for Knights of Columbus of East Dubuque following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by John Rutherford.
Motion carried by voice vote.

**COUNTY NEWS**: 1996 issue, Consensus: January 1996 issue, County to County: January 1996 issue, Illinois Emergency Management Agency: 1995 Illinois Chemical Safety Report, Illinois State Board of Education: Carroll and Jo Daviess Counties Educational Service Financial Statements and the Illinois Department of Corrections inspection report for the Jo

Daviess County Jail were made available for board members review.

**A LETTER OF APPRECIATION** from Assistant State's Attorney, Charles Rose, for the board's approval of an interview and observation room was read by Chairperson, Judith Gratton.

**CORRESPONDENCE** was filed following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Lynn Sisler.
Motion carried by voice vote.

**SHERIFF STEVEN ALLENDORF** informed the board that the Sheriff's Conference held in the County last month was a huge success.

**TRIPS** for Peggy Murphy to attend the Rural Health Association Conference om March 20 and 21 in Effingham and for Sue Karberg to attend Clinical Genetics Training Course on March 17-22 in Arlington Heights were approved following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by John Rutherford.
Motion carried by voice vote.

**A REQUEST FOR FUNDING** from the 708 Board for the increasing problem of gambling addiction will be reviewed by the Social and Environmental Committee and be bought back to the board at a later date.

**DON CRAWFORD** reported on the Executive Committee meeting with the Department Heads and informed the board that it went well and the first employees meeting would take place in March.

**CLAIMS** were approved for payment including $14,018.32 for the Durrant Group following a motion made by Clifford Carroll, seconded by John Rutherford.
Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Absent-Ronald Buening, Vincent Hasken and James Slaats. Absent: 3.

**A RESOLUTION** transferring $27,000 from the Tourism Promotion Fund to the Tourism Capital Development Fund was approved following a motion made by Donald Taufmann.
Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Absent-Ronald Buening, Vincent Hasken and James Slaats. Absent: 3.

**A RESOLUTION** transferring $25,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the COPS MORE Fund was approved following a motion made by Donald Taufmann.
Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice

Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Absent-Ronald Buening, Vincent Hasken and Jack Zillig. Absent-Ronald Buening, Vincent Hasken and James Slaats. Absent: 3.

**A MOTION** for the purpose of group health insurance that retirees who are 55 years of age and have worked 10 consecutive years for the county, including elected officials and their spouses, be eligible to be a part of the group health insurance at the cost to be born by the individual was approved following a motion made Donald Taufmann.
Motion carried by voice vote.

**A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION** of (1) five acre lot for Ray Erner on Heller Lane was approved following a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by Hylene Anderson.
Motion carried by voice vote.

**STEVE HARING**, Savanna Army Depot LRA director and Arlan Dahlman, Base Coordinator gave a presentation on the Depot Drawdown as it currently stands and an update on the LRA's position on the redevelopment plan for the depot.

**A MOTION** to send the request from the LRA for a commitment of $10,000 per year for 4 years to the County Development and Planning Committee was approved following a motion made Lynn Sisler, seconded by Hylene Anderson,.
Motion carried by voice vote.

**A RESOLUTION** vacating a portion of highway right-of-way on Derinda Road for the sum of $300 plus the legal cost of the preparation to be born by Mr. Zink, adjacent landowner was approved following a motion made by Don Crawford.
Motion carried by voice vote.

**AN ORDINANCE** for an altered speed limit in Guilford Township was approved following a motion made Don Crawford.
Motion carried by voice vote.

**A DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY** for the Jo Daviess County Highway Department was adopted following a motion made by Don Crawford.
Motion carried by voice vote.

**A BID** for a dump truck from Trucks Inc of Monroe at a cost of $38,175 was awarded following a motion made by Don Crawford.
Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Clifford Carroll, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 13. Absent-Ronald Buening, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons and James Slaats. Absent: 4.

**A MOTION** to enter into a contract with Ozyurt and Stone, Inc. for bridge design on a bridge over Irish Hollow Creek in Rice Township was approved following a motion made by Don Crawford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 13. Absent-Ronald Buening, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons and James Slaats. Absent: 4.

**A COPY MACHINE SERVICE AGREEMENT** for the Highway Department with Curt's Country Copiers for $80 a month was approved following a motion made by Don Crawford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 13. Abstain-Larry Lyons. Abstain: 1. Absent-Ronald Buening, Vincent Hasken and James Slaats. Absent: 3.

**TRIPS WERE APPROVED** for Steve Keeffer and John Schonhoff to attend bituminous proportioning courses in Schaumburg on February 26-28 following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Robert Dittmar.

Motion carried by voice vote.

**A TRIP** for Steve Keeffer to attend an ICC Hearing on Burton's Bridge in Springfield was approved following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

Motion carried by voice vote.

**LYNN SISLER** reported that the Galena Historic Advisory Board approved the Courthouse renovation project with just some very minor changes.

**A MOTION** to sign and enter into a contract with Durrant Group for their work with the courthouse addition/renovation project was approved following made by Lynn Sisler.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays-Larry Lyons. Nays: 1. Absent-Ronald Buening, Vincent Hasken and James Slaats. Absent: 3.

**A MOTION** that sprinklers and insulation in the attic area above the center portion of the courthouse be included in the construction documents as an alternate bid was approved following a motion made by Lynn Sisler.

Motion carried by voice vote.

**PATRICK KALER'S RESIGNATION** as Executive Director of the CVB was regretfully accepted following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Patrick told the board that a position was offered to him that was a very good opportunity for him professionally and that he enjoyed his time here with the county and the CVB.

**NANCY BREED** was appointed Acting Executive Director of the CVB for $30,000 a year up until one month after a new Executive Director is hired following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Don Crawford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Absent-Ronald Buening, Vincent Hasken and James Slaats. Absent: 3.

**MATCHING GRANTS** were approved for the Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce for $463.14 and Galena/Jo Daviess County Historical Society for $223.34 following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Larry Lyons.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Absent-Ronald Buening, Vincent Hasken and James Slaats. Absent: 3.

**SUSAN MICHNEVITZ** was hired as Director of Sales for the CVB at a salary of $25,500 following a motion made William McFadden, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

Motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 13. Absent-Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Vincent Hasken and James Slaats. Absent: 4.

**A MOTION** that the County Board be allowed to use up to $2,000 to conduct a survey of the assessment process was approved following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, William Mercer, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Lynn Sisler, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Absent-Ronald Buening, Vincent Hasken and James Slaats. Absent: 3.

**A MOTION** that an ad hoc committee be put together concerning the assessment process was approved following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

Motion carried by voice vote.

**CHAIRPERSON JUDITH GRATTON** strongly encouraged anyone interested in attending the UCCI Conference to feel free to do so and that money was in the budget to cover the expense.

**THE RECOMMENDATION** to use a three part form for writing out motions starting with the next county board meeting was made by Chairperson Judith Gratton.

**A MOTION** that the Chairperson appoint an ad hoc committee consisting of County Board members, office holders and others to study the job description and hiring of a county board administrator with the names being bought back to the next board meeting was approved following a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by William Mercer.

Motion carried by voice vote

**LARRY LYONS** was concerned with the Freeport Journal Standard reporting stinging rebuttals on issues from the county board meetings without bothering to cover the meetings in person. Larry felt they were getting second hand facts or information from other newspapers.

**THE BOARD ADJOURNED** following a motion made by Clifford Carroll, seconded by Richard Runde.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Judith Gratton adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 1996 at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke

Jean Dimke, County Clerk