JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 13, 1996

Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Judith Gratton, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 1996 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, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Present: 16. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent : 1.

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

MINUTES of the July 9, 1996 meeting were approved following a motion made by Richard Runde, seconded by Ronald Buening.
Motion carried by voice vote.

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

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS for the Galena Territory Volunteer Fire Department and the Menominee-Dunleith Fire District were approved following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by Richard Runde.
Motion carried by voice vote.

KRAFT GENERAL FOODS provided a Material Safety Data Sheet for board members, inspection.

COUNTY NEWS: July 8 and July 29 issues; County to County: June/July issue and Audacity: Fall 1996 issue were made available for board members' review.

A THANK YOU NOTE from the family of Tom Cullen, former board chairman, was read.

CORRESPONDENCE was filed following a motion made by Charlice Offenheiser, seconded by Lynn Sisler.
Motion carried by voice vote.

JOHN LOFSTEDT of PC Consultants was hired to do a needs assessment concerning the computer upgrade at a cost not exceed $1,200 and to be paid from line item #011307, contractual services following a motion made by Lynn Sisler.
Motion carried by roll call: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser,

Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

LYNN SISLER thanked all county personnel for the cooperation in using St. Mary's parking lot in regards to the Courthouse renovation. A letter from the County will be sent to St. Mary's Church in appreciation for the use of the lot.

TRIPS for Gordon Coursen to attend a FDA Effective Enforcement #190B workshop in Peoria on September 24-26 and Peg Murphy and Rose Imbus to attend the 56th Annual Illinois Public Health Association meeting in St. Charles on September 30, October 1 and 2 were approved following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by John Rutherford.
Motion carried by voice vote.

HYLENE ANDERSON announced that the seminar for gambling addiction was rescheduled for Monday, October 7 at the DeSoto Hotel with registration being handled at Jane Addams. There is a registration fee of $40.00 per person and the County will fund 30 scholarships for Jo Daviess County residents only.

KERSTEN KRIPPNER, executive director of Jo Daviess Development, Inc. conveyed the gratitude of the JDDI board to the Jo Daviess County Board for the county's continued support of JDDI and to present the official certificate of membership. Two copies of the book "Small Town Survival Guide" and the new JDDI brochure were made available to county board members to let them know what JDDI is all about. Kersten also invited board members to the annual JDDI membership meeting on September 25 at Chestnut Mountain Resort.

PETER MALIN of Galena addressed the board concerning the rising property taxes in Jo Daviess County and to ask for help in regaining our voice in government.

DON CRAWFORD announced that the low bid for the Rice Township Bridge project was awarded to Curnyn Construction of Geneseo.

A PETITION FOR AID from Rawlins Township for culvert replacement on Buckhill Road, estimated cost of $12,000 (50% Township; 50% County) was approved following a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Robert Dittmar.
Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons and Lynn Sisler. Absent: 2.

A PETITION FOR AID from Wards Grove Township for culvert replacement on Krise Road, estimated cost of $10,000 (50% Township; 50% County) was approved 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, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons and Lynn Sisler. Absent: 2.

COPIES OF SOIL SURVEYS of the County were made available to board members.

THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE for the Apple River Fort Foundation project was waived following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Robert Dittmar.

A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION and re-zoning for Tom and Dan Wienen for a 30 lot subdivision on North Cross Road as proposed by the Planning Commission was approved following a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by voice vote with Domer Schubert asking for his nay vote to be recorded.

A REQUEST OF RE-ZONING by Richard Broshous on a one acre parcel on Route 20 near Elizabeth from AG-1 Agriculture Special Use to CP-Planned Commercial, to allow for the inclusion of a retail sales outlet with the existing nursery sales was approved following a motion made by Robert Dittmar, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

DON CRAWFORD announced that regular scheduled meetings with the department heads is working out well and is beneficial to both the board members and department heads.

PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION LAW was the main discussion at the Executive meeting on August 2.

A motion to place the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law on the November ballot was made by Don Crawford.

John Rutherford felt the issue should be delayed until the April election because nothing would be gained by rushing into it. He felt since it doesn't take effect until 1997, this would give the county time to hold public meetings and get some public input.

Don Crawford felt that the board was voting on an issue that will affect every taxing body in Jo Daviess County and those bodies will not have any input into the decision.

Don Taufmann explained that the board would not be voting on PTELL itself but voting on giving the public the right to vote on PTELL.

Charlice Offenheiser said she was in favor of letting the public vote on PTELL but felt that the time span between August 13 and November 5 was not enough time to educate the voting population on this issue.

Ronald Buening stated for the record that Larry Lyons has taught him something, and that was not to be in a hurry. He feels that by putting this off there will be a chance to educate the people.

William McFadden thought that PTELL should go out for a vote and that they were selling the general public short by not giving the public a chance to vote on it.

Vincent Hasken noted that for a matter of record that the dollar per capita on property tax receipts in 1991 was $58.00 and in 1995 they were $108.00. He feels that the taxpayer has to have some chance to defend themselves. He also stated that he realizes that this is just a control mechanism and doesn't stop taxes but feels the taxpayer in entitled to it. He also stated that there should be publicized information on PTELL so that everyone has a chance to read about it.

Since there is no repeal provision in the PTELL bill, Hylene Anderson pointed out that rather than rush into this now, the board members should take their time and wait until April to put it on the ballot.

Don Kussmaul, East Dubuque Superintendent of Schools, spoke on behalf of all the County Schools. Mr. Kussmaul asked that all taxing bodies be given the chance to become more informed and aware of how PTELL will affect them. He stated that a vote in April would have the same effect as a vote in November plus give the taxing bodies time to gain a better knowledge of what PTELL is all about.

The motion made by Don Crawford to have the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law put on the November ballot failed by a show of hands. Ayes: 4. Nays: 11.

A MOTION to place the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law on the April 1, 1997 ballot was approved following a motion made by Robert Dittmar, seconded by Jack Zillig.

Motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for John Rutherford and Don Crawford.

CHAIRPERSON JUDITH GRATTON reminded board members of a Legislative Round-up sponsored by the RC&D on September 6. She asked board members, office holders and citizens to provide her with any issues that they think should be addressed by August 23rd.

AN EARLY RETIREMENT PROGRAM through IMRF will not be participated in by the County at this time after approval of a motion made by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by voice vote.

SISCO, our present health insurance carrier will process the COBRA application for any eligible employee who elects to participate in that coverage at a one time fee of $15.00 per person which includes setting up a payment schedule and collecting premiums. SISCO also will continue to monitor and process claims of any eligible employee who elects to participate in COBRA at a fee of $7.00 per month per person in addition to the cost of the insurance which will be paid by the participant after approval of a motion made by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by voice vote.

AT & T will become the 800 service and long distance carrier for Jo Daviess County for one year with the promise that

the rates do reduce over this period of time from what they initially quoted following a motion made by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons and Lynn Sisler. Absent: 2.

THE PAY PHONE existing in the lobby of the Courthouse will be replaced by a lobby line following a motion made by Vincent Hasken.
Motion carried by voice vote.

VINCENT HASKEN announced that the Finance Committee will be holding a preliminary meeting for all Department Administrators regarding the 1997 budget on Monday, August 19, 1996 at 9 a.m. in the County Board Room.

CLAIMS were approved following a motion made by Clifford Carroll.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons and Lynn Sisler. Absent: 2.

JAN PAYNE KILGARD, the new executive director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, was introduced to the board. Jan thanked the board for their vote of confidence and said she was looking forward to working with them.

A REQUEST for assistance from Stockton Park District for grant writing for the Stockton pool in an amount not to exceed $5,000 was approved 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, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons, Lynn Sisler and James Slaats. Absent: 3.

WILLIAM McFADDEN presented an update on the assessment survey and the meeting with the Illinois Press Association.

THE CREATION and development of the Jo Daviess County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan was approved following a motion made by Jack Zillig.

Motion carried by voice vote.

DON CRAWFORD invited the board to a LRA meeting, Wednesday August 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Army Depot, in Savanna, in regards to the prospect of it becoming a prison site.

Don also announced that Medical Associates would be having a ground breaking ceremony August 22 at 5:30 for their new facilities at Hanover.

A MOTION to enter Executive Session at 11:11 a.m. for discussion of union negotiations was approved following a motion made by Clifford Carroll, seconded by Richard Runde.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Robert Dittmar, Judith Gratton, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, James Slaats, Donald Taufmann and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays: 0. Absent-Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons and Lynn Sisler. Absent: 3.

THE BOARD exited Executive Session at 11:27 a.m.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson, Judith Gratton, adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 1996 at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke

Jean Dimke, County Clerk