

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 13, 1997

Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Judith Gratton, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 1997 at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

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

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

MINUTES of the April 8, 1997 board meeting were approved as printed following a motion made by Richard Runde, seconded by Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by voice vote.

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS for the Village of Scales Mound and Catholic Charities of Jo Daviess County were approved following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

MARVIN SHULTZ was re-appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Scales Mound Fire Protection District for a three year term to begin April 30, 1997 following approval of a motion made by Charlice Offenheiser, seconded by Merri Berlage.

Motion carried by voice vote.

LEO OLDENBURG was re-appointed as commissioner of the Housing Authority of Jo Daviess County for a five year term beginning June 14, 1997 and ending June 14, 2002 following approval of a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by Clifford Carroll.

Motion carried by voice vote.

BUD BONAR AND EDNA PENTICOFF were re-appointed to the Jo Daviess County Board of Review for two year terms starting June 1, 1997 following a motion made by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by voice vote.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY APPOINTMENTS to the Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority of Don Crawford: 3 year term, Jim Rachuy: 2 year term, Robert Wehrle: 2 year term, John Rutherford: 1 year term and Donald Schaible: 1 year term were approved following a motion made by Richard Runde, seconded by Charlice Offenheiser.

Motion carried by voice vote with Don Crawford abstaining on all appointments and John Rutherford abstaining on his own appointment.

CHAIRPERSON GRATTON read a letter of response from the Illinois Gaming Board Administrator in regards to a letter sent from the Jo Daviess County Board last month explaining their stand on the license that exists in Frenress Lake at this time. The response letter was made available for board members' review.

DAVID PEEK of Stockton was appointed to the 708 Board for a four year term beginning June 1997 to June 2001 following approval of a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

JAMES NACK of Galena was re-appointed to the 708 Board for a four year term beginning June 1997 to June 2001 following approval of a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

Motion carried by voice vote.

EUGENE GRAY of Hanover was appointed to the Solid Waste Agency for a three year term starting immediately following approval of a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by Larry Lyons.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE was filed following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Clifford Carroll.

Motion carried by voice vote.

KERSTIN KRIPPNER, Executive Director of JDDI discussed the Vision Project survey and that the next plan of action was to draft the visioning statement itself.

Kerstin pointed out to the board that it was the consensus of the Visioning Project Committee to keep the meetings closed to the media. Kerstin, as facilitator of the committee felt she needs to uphold their decisions. She feels her job is to organize the group, to keep the project on track and to refrain from evaluating or criticizing their decisions and the content of their discussions.

John Rutherford stated that he felt that the committee was presenting a behind closed doors operation by keeping the meetings closed to the media and may be violating the open meetings act. He felt that was not the perception they wanted to present.

Kerstin thanked John for his comments and said she would take them back to the Committee.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES were approved following a motion made by Clifford Carroll, seconded by Domer Schubert.

Motion carried by voice vote.

A MOTION to accept the Mutual Aid agreement with Grant County for Natural Disasters and Hazardous Materials was made by Jack Zillig.

A motion to split the question to vote on the Mutual Aid for Natural Disasters separately from the Mutual Aid agreement for Hazardous Materials was made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by William McFadden.

The motion to split the question carried by voice vote.

THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT with Grant County for Natural Disasters carried by voice vote.

THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT with Grant County for Hazardous Materials carried by a show of hands by a vote of 10 ayes and 6 nays.

SUBDIVISIONS on Snipe Hollow Road called Blue Sky Acres and Raccoon Hollow for Pinnacle Bank and Land Trust was granted a 60 day extension on the recording requirement period following a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by William McFadden.

Motion carried by voice vote.

A SUBDIVISION for Harlan and Beulah Townsend of a 13.21 acre parcel of land on East Townline Road and South Canyon Park Road was approved following a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

Motion carried by voice vote.

SUBDIVISION AND RE-ZONING of a 2.24 acre parcel of land for Darrell and Shirley Hulscher on Pilot Knob Road was approved following a motion made by Clifford Carroll, seconded by Richard Runde.

Motion carried by voice vote.

SUBDIVISION AND RE-ZONING of a 6.84 acre parcel of land for Terry and Carolyn Fisher on Menzemer Road was approved following a motion made by Richard Runde, seconded by Larry Lyons.

Motion carried by voice vote.

HYLENE ANDERSON, chairman of the Social and Environmental Committee reported that Mark Elder gave a presentation on the Illinois Geological Survey and that the same presentation would be presented at the next Board of Health meeting if any board members were interested.

Hylene also reported that Longhollow Point's sewage tank holding permit runs out in October and there have been no violations since the first one.

Hylene informed the board that the "Meals on Wheels" program is now available for Scales Mound residents.

Monitoring buttons that call for help for medical emergencies and also that are activated if the home temperature drops below 50 degrees or goes over 100 degrees are available through NIAA and Ameritech for 25.00 per month as reported by Hylene. Also if the button is ordered by the person's physician it is classified a medical expense.

JAN PAYNE KILGARD from the CVB informed the board that May was National Tourism month.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, DUANE OLIVIER will receive new furnishings for his office for an amount of \$6,500 plus shipping following approval of a motion made by Don Crawford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays-Merri Berlage. Nays: 1. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

AUTHORIZATION was given to the Executive Committee to employ an administrative assistant following approval of a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Clifford Carroll.

AN OPTICAL PRINT ENLARGER will be given to the Jo Daviess County Workshop following approval of a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by James Slaats.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CLAIMS were approved as printed plus an additional \$4,010.80 in late claims following a motion made by Clifford Carroll.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

A RESOLUTION transferring \$2,000 from the General County, Deputy Sheriff Salary fund to the Working Cash Fund to repay a loan for the COPS MORE program was approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Clifford Carroll.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

A FINANCE COMMITTEE recommendation in regards to the Brian Frank claim for a damaged vehicle on a county bridge to deny payment and send the issue back to the insurance carrier to review the situation one more time was approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by voice vote with nay votes recorded for Larry Lyons and William McFadden.

AN ORDINANCE for the establishment of an altered speed zone on Blackjack Road was approved following a motion made by Don Crawford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

LAND WAS PURCHASED from Greg Thoren in the amount of .83 acres at a cost of \$2,075 for the realignment of Loran Road following a motion made by Don Crawford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

A LOW BID was awarded to Civil Constructors for the resurfacing of Eagle Ridge Drive at a cost of \$207,543.52 with 50% to be paid by Guilford Township and 50% to be paid by the State of Illinois following approval of a motion made by Don Crawford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

THE COUNTY POSITION OF WEED COMMISSIONER will not be reinstated following disapproval of a motion made by Don Crawford.

Motion failed by voice vote.

THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT plate glass windows will be replaced at a cost of \$3,000 for materials following approval of a motion made by Don Crawford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays-Lynn Sisler. Nays: 1. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

A RAFFLE LICENSE for the Stockton Community Golf Course was approved following a motion made by Larry Lyons, seconded by Domer Schubert.

Motion carried by voice vote.

THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE was given the authority to award the contract on the architectural specifications for the roofing project for an amount not to exceed \$8,200 following approval of a motion made by Lynn Sisler.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays-Merri Berlage and Larry Lyons. Nays: 2. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

P.C. CONSULTANTS was hired for on call computer systems support and training for the balance of the 1997 budget year, at \$40 per hour for the first 15 hours and \$36 per hour thereafter, to be paid by the department using the service following approval of a motion made by Lynn Sisler.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

A ONE YEAR SERVICE CONTRACT from July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998 was entered into with Giese Sheet Metal Co. for systems maintenance at a cost of \$50 per hour following approval of a motion made by Lynn Sisler.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Abstain-Larry Lyons. Abstain: 1. Absent-John Creighton. Absent: 1.

THE COST OF ASBESTOS REMOVAL in the amount of \$5,240 that was done for the courthouse remodeling project will not be split between the County and Prism Construction following disapproval of a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion failed by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, John Rutherford and Lynn Sisler. Ayes: 3. Nays-Merri Berlage, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, Domer Schubert, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Nays: 11. Absent-Ronald Buening, John Creighton and Larry Lyons. Absent: 3.

CVB MATCHING GRANTS for Main Street Players Theatre Company in the amount of \$118.64 and for the Galena Artists Guild in the amount of \$506.88 were approved following a motion made by James Slaats.

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

CVB BOARD TERMS will run concurrent with the fiscal year following approval of amending the by-laws with a motion made by James Slaats.

Motion carried by voice vote.

JAN PAYNE KILGARD, Executive Director of the CVB was given authority to establish a line of credit with a Jo Daviess County bank for a maximum of \$75,000, payable within this fiscal year following approval of a motion made by James Slaats.

Motion carried by voice vote.

LYNDI HOUTARI was appointed to the CVB Board to represent small Lodgings following approval of a motion made by James Slaats.

Motion carried by voice vote.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS for the county at a cost of \$100,000 will be completed with a cost sharing of \$80,000 by the State, \$10,000 by the County and \$10,000 by the County Health Department following approval of a motion made by William McFadden.

Motion carried by voice vote.

THE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #3 sale of water rights issue that was tabled from last month's meeting was bought back for discussion following approval of a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Duane Olivier, County Administrator, reviewed with the board the purpose the County set up the Special Service Area and how and why it operates. Duane felt he was not at this point prepared to make a recommendation to sell the water rights since he is still gathering facts on the issue. It was the consensus of the board to send it back to the County Development and Planning Committee for further review.

CHAIRPERSON GRATTON asked that the County Development and Planning Committee review the Savanna Army Depot prison issue and to come back with a response at a later meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS included remarks from Tom Grey from Hanover asking the County Board to roll call a vote that was taken by voice vote from last month in regards to a letter that was sent to the Gaming Board discussing the future of the Silver Eagle.

DAN DOWNEY from Galena commented on the situation of the speed zone and repair that is needed for Blackjack Road to make it safer.

WILLIAM WHITE from Galena summarized his displeasure with the way the County handled the Blackjack Road project that included a portion of his land.

TIM WHITE from Galena commented that the County needs to look into how tax money is being spent on road projects. He felt that County officials needed to start using their eyes a little more instead of their ears.

THE BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION at 12:15 p.m. to discuss union contracts following approval of a motion made by James Slaats, seconded by Hylene Anderson. Motion carried by unanimous agreement.

The board exited executive session at 12:30 p.m.

THE SHERIFF'S UNION CONTRACT will be ratified on behalf of the County following approval of a motion made by Don Crawford, seconded by Vincent Hasken.

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

THE INA CONTRACT will be approved pending a ratification vote following approval of a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by John Rutherford.

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

THE MEETING ADJOURNED following a motion made by Richard Runde, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson, Judith Gratton, adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 1997 at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke, County Clerk