

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 1998

Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Judith Gratton, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 1998, 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, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Present: 16. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

INVOCATION AND THOUGHT OF THE DAY were given by Hylene Anderson while the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Judith Gratton.

MINUTES of the December 9, 1997 board meeting were approved as printed following a motion made by Domer Schubert, seconded by Clifford Carroll.

Motion carried by voice vote.

COMMITTEE MINUTES were approved as printed with a correction to the spelling of the name of Diane Erner on the December 23, 1997 Finance Committee minutes and an addition to the Livestock Management Facilities Act, Ad-Hoc Committee minutes stating; Tourism Revenue: Bob Force stated that he spoke to county officials in regard to the amount of revenue the county received from Tourism and the figure he quoted was \$2,200,000., following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by Richard Runde.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CLAIMS in the amount of \$300,246.96 were approved following a motion made by Clifford Carroll.

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

VINCENT HASKEN, Chairman of the Finance, Tax and Budget Committee, informed the board that a proposal from Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust was accepted at the December 23, 1997 Finance Meeting.

A CONTRACT with AssetLink Inc. to complete an inventory and valuation of all County fixed assets at a cost not to exceed \$3,290 was approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken.

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

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE also reviewed the Court Security Fund. The County Administrator and the Sheriff will develop and present to the Finance Committee and the Law Enforcement and Courts Committee a plan for consolidating all court security costs under the Court Security Fund.

A USED DISTRIBUTOR TRUCK for the County Highway Department was purchased from Etnyre Co. of Oregon, Illinois at a cost of \$14,000 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, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

A RESOLUTION appropriating \$44,100 from the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund for the salary of the County Engineer for the period of January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 was approved following a motion made by Don Crawford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE, which included the Annual Report from the Office of the Regional Superintendent of Schools, is available for board members' review in the Administrator's office, and was filed following approval of a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

Motion carried by voice vote.

A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION and re-zoning for the Galena Trading Corporation for a 12 lot subdivision adjacent to the southwesterly corner of Galena Territory between Vista Ridge Drive and U.S. Route 20 West was approved with the condition of the submission of a final plat showing the reduced number of lots and the recording of a document showing responsibility for maintenance and right of use of the community septic system, proposed for six of the lots as well as satisfying the requirements of the Recorder's Office following a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by voice vote.

FLOOR MATS for the interior and exterior of the Courthouse will be purchased at a cost of \$641.05 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, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

A COUNTY LAW LIBRARY FUND will be established for the operation and maintenance of the law library and the fee for the use of the library will be increased from \$6 to \$10 and such fee should be deposited in the County Law Library Fund following approval of a motion made by Lynn Sisler.

Motion carried by voice vote.

LYNN SISLER, Chairperson of the Government Administration Committee reported

that the County received a \$3,000 rebate from Interstate Power for new, energy efficient lighting installed in the courthouse as a part of the recently completed remodeling project.

JAN PAYNE KILGARD, Executive Director of the CVB, was authorized to establish a line of credit at the Galena State Bank up to \$100,000 for the CVB following approval of a motion made by James Slaats.

Motion carried by voice vote.

A CVB MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION from the Eagle Nature Foundation, Ltd. for transportation and driver for the February/March Bald Eagle Tours in the amount of \$937.50 was approved following a motion made by James Slaats.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

A CVB MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION from the Galena Downtown Business Association for a Saturday evening triathlon party in the amount of \$2,625 was approved following a motion made by James Slaats.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

A CVB MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION from Benjamin's Community Foundation for Irish Heritage Days and parade in the amount of \$2,682.50 was approved following a motion made by James Slaats.

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

THE CVB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SALARY will be increased by 3% retroactive to July 1, 1997 following approval of a motion made by William McFadden.

Motion carried by voice vote.

THE COUNTY WILL SUPPORT the LRA's EDA application to obtain a grant of \$1,500,000 with no local match following approval of a motion made by William McFadden.

Motion carried by voice vote.

THE COUNTY SUPPORTS THE CVB in encouraging them to work with the Galena Area Chamber of Commerce to facilitate the maintenance and publication of The Galenian as a Galena/Jo Daviess County area tourism promotion publication following a motion made by William McFadden.

Motion carried by voice vote.

A BID FOR A 1998 CROWN VICTORIA from Landmark Ford for the Sheriff's

Department for \$15,409 was accepted following approval of a motion made by Jack Zillig.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

COURT SECURITY FEES were raised to the maximum of \$15 following approval of a motion made by Jack Zillig.

Motion carried by voice vote.

A CONTRACT was approved to provide law enforcement services at the Mississippi River Project, Blanding Landing Recreation Area, following a motion made by Jack Zillig, seconded by Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by voice vote.

HYLENE ANDERSON, Chairperson of the Social And Environmental Committee, reported on the situation where a family of four was overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning while renting a cabin at the Early American Settlement on Hart John Road in Galena. The committee will work with Paul Hansen on an addition to the County's Building Inspection Ordinance and bring a recommendation to the board for approval. Hylene complimented Gordon Coursen on his handling and follow through of the carbon monoxide poisoning accident in the County.

John Rutherford thanked the nurse from the hospital, from which the family sought help, for contacting the County Health Department and alerting them to the situation.

HYLENE ANDERSON also reported that Gordon Coursen of the Health Department is recommending both the Galena Territory and Apple Canyon Lake go to 1,500 gallon septic tanks on all new installations.

It was reported that the November waste tires collection program was a success with 4,139 tires being collected and shredded at the site.

DON CRAWFORD, Chairman of the Executive Committee updated the board on the review of salaries for management and administrative employees. He reported that a survey has been sent to over thirty counties in Illinois requesting salary and other information concerning their county. Once the survey information has been received and analyzed, the most comparable to Jo Daviess County will be selected for comparison purposes.

THE LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT FACILITES ACT Ad-hoc Committee Recommendation Report will be forwarded to the state following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Ronald Buening.

Motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote being recorded for John Rutherford.

THE ISSUE OF A MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON at the Savanna Army Depot will be referred to the County Development and Planning Committee following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS were heard from Richard Bauer asking for a written

response for his letter that had been sent to the board and from Daniel Downey stating his displeasure with a highway project on Blackjack Road near his residence.

THE BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION at 10:50 a.m. to discuss union issues following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

The board exited executive session at 11:05 a.m.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE was empowered to act on the health insurance issue on behalf of the County following a motion made by Richard Runde, seconded by James Slaats.

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson, Judith Gratton, adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 1998 at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke, County Clerk