

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 10, 1998

Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Judith Gratton, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 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, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Present: 17. Absent: 0.

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

MINUTES of the January 13, 1998 board meeting were approved as printed following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Richard Runde.
Motion carried by voice vote.

COMMITTEE MINUTES were approved as read following a motion made by Hylene Anderson seconded by Jack Zillig.
Motion carried by voice vote.

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS were approved for Hanover Township Library, Hospice of Northwest Illinois, Inc., Wahlert High School, Jo Daviess Workshop, Inc. and Elizabeth Lions Club following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by James Slaats.
Motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE included a letter was from the Office of the Governor in regards to school funding. Also included were responses from Senator Seiben and Representative Lawfer along with a white paper from the Lieutenant Governor's office in response to the Livestock Management Facilities Act ad-hoc committee report that was submitted to them.

United Counties Council of Illinois sent booklets about their annual conference on March 2 and 3. Chairperson Gratton will attend and invited board members interested in attending to review the booklet that gives the conference schedule and agenda.

Letters from Congressman Manzullo and John Robb concerning the American Heritage Rivers Initiative were made available for board members' review.

Other correspondence included a letter from the LRA regarding annexing part of the depot into Carroll County, the 708 Board annual report, the 1997 work loss report from Ron Gaulke, Probation Department's 1997 annual report, the Illinois Department of Corrections Inspection of the County Jail, a letter from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources regarding a new grant program for financial assistance and the Circuit Clerk's annual financial report.

All correspondence is available for review in the County Administrator's office.

RICHARD DICK from Stockton was appointed to an unexpired term to the 708 Mental Health Board that expires in the year 2001 following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE was filed following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

DON CRAWFORD, chairman of the Executive Committee reported that the salaries of the appointed department heads will be reviewed at the next Executive Committee meeting on March 4.

CLAIMS in the amount of \$219,019.47 were approved following a motion made by Clifford Carroll.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, 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: 16. Nays: 0. Abstain-Merri Berlage. Abstain: 1.

A RESOLUTION establishing a Maintenance and Child Support Collection Fund, a Court Automation Fund and a Court Document Storage Fee Fund as separate funds was approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by William McFadden.

Motion carried by voice vote.

VINCENT HASKEN, chairman of the Finance Committee, informed the board that the employee health insurance program was converted from the self-insured program to the Medical Associates HMO effective February 1, 1998.

AN AGREEMENT with Cottingham and Butler, Inc. to manage the run out of the remaining medical claims for our SISCO Insurance was approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Ronald Buening, 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: 16. Nays: 0. Abstain-Clifford Carroll. Abstain: 1.

SALARIES for the County Clerk and Recorder and the County Treasurer effective December 1, 1998 was set at \$30,500 and that each position will receive a salary increase of \$1,500 on December 1, 1999, 2000 and 2001 following approval of a motion made by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by voice vote.

THE COUNTY SHERIFF SALARY effective December 1, 1998 was set at \$45,000 with an annual increase of \$1,000 on December 1, 1999, 2000 and 2001 following approval of a motion made by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by voice vote.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS elected in November, 1998, beginning terms December 1, 1998 will receive a per diem of \$50 per regular County Board meeting and \$30 per committee meeting following approval of motion made Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by voice vote.

A RESOLUTION establishing a separate court security budget in the general fund was approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken.

Motion carried by voice vote.

A SUBDIVISION AND REZONING for Neal Ehrler of a 10 acre parcel of land on the easterly side of Northwest Miner Road was approved following a motion made by Clifford Carroll, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

BOARD MEMBER MERRI BERLAGE will attend a conference at Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa on February 10 and 11 on “Managing Manure” and her per diem, mileage and meals expenses will be paid following approval of a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

Motion carried by voice vote.

JAN PAYNE KILGERD, Executive Director of the CVB announced that at the Illinois Governor’s Conference, Jo Daviess County was awarded the Northwest Heritage Tourism Project as 1 of 7 sites in the state.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Engineer to post all County roads with a restricted weight limit for a total of not more than 90 days was approved following a motion made by Don Crawford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

STEVE KEEFFER, COUNTY ENGINEER, informed the board that he anticipates the start date for the Burton’s Bridge project to be within the next month.

THE PURCHASE of shelving, library tables, computer workstations and task chairs for the Law Library in the amount of \$3,871.93 was approved following 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, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

REVISED CVB BYLAWS were approved following a motion made by William McFadden.

Motion carried by voice vote.

AN ADDENDUM TO A CONTRACT with Notheis & Baranski Corp. for services to assist the County with its process of developing a Comprehensive Plan at a cost not to exceed \$1,750 was approved following a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by John Rutherford.

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.

CVB MATCHING GRANT APPLICATIONS for Jo Daviess Development, Inc. in the amount of \$250, Stagecoach Trail Association in the amount of \$142.50 and Galena/Jo Daviess County Historical Society in the amount of \$159.87 were 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.

WILLIAM McFADDEN, Chairman of the County Planning and Development Committee, reported that the committee felt more information was needed before a recommendation was made on whether to support a maximum security prison at the Savanna Army Depot.

CHAIRPERSON JUDITH GRATTON turned the meeting over to Vice-chairman Don Crawford in order to join the discussion of a proposed maximum security prison at the Savanna Army Depot.

A MOTION was made by Judith Gratton, seconded by Lynn Sisler that until such time as we are able to determine the financial, social, and environmental impacts of locating a maximum security prison in Jo Daviess County, the board will neither support nor oppose any efforts (including the annexation of part of Jo Daviess County into Carroll County) which would result in the siting of a maximum security prison in Jo Daviess County.

Judith Gratton informed the board that she contacted individuals to look into information on the impacts a maximum security prison would have on tourism. She stated that this takes time.

Lynn Sisler is getting information from the University of Wisconsin, Platteville.

John Rutherford suggested the board should take a studied view of the issue and be put on record as such.

Vince Hasken noted that the board should look at the standpoint of Economic Development for the County in terms of creating new jobs.

Don Crawford asked that any reports or information be given to County Administrator secretary, Jennifer Tippet.

Motion carried by voice vote.

STEVEN ALLENDORF, SHERIFF was authorized to solicit cost proposals on removing the underground gasoline tank near the southeast corner of the Public Safety Building; upgrading or replacing the underground diesel fuel tank behind the Safety Building; and installing a new gasoline fuel tank on the Highway Department property on Ferry Landing Road following a motion made by Don Crawford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

BOCKER MOTORS was awarded the bid for a 1998 Oldsmobile Intrigue as a replacement

vehicle for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$13,130.50 following 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.

THE USE AND FUNDING OF THE LAW LIBRARY was discussed. The board felt that this is an issue that needs to be addressed at budget time.

HYLENE ANDERSON, Chairperson of the Social and Environmental Committee, informed the board that a modification to the Bed and Breakfast Ordinance was written and will be presented at the next meeting.

JOHN RUTHERFORD reminded the board of the incident of carbon monoxide poisoning at the log home settlement on Blackjack Road. John said he is upset since this establishment cannot be inspected under the present Bed and Breakfast Ordinance. He told the board that the Social and Environmental Committee has worked on the Ordinance to cover the inspection gap in the present ordinance but has received no cooperation from the State's Attorney.

A motion to secure outside legal expertise in regards to the Bed and Breakfast Ordinance was made by John Rutherford.

The motion died for lack of a second.

JUDITH GRATTON, County Board Chairperson, will write a letter to State's Attorney, Charles Roddick, on behalf of the board delineating the areas in which help is needed following approval of a motion made by William McFadden, seconded by Richard Runde.

Motion carried by voice vote.

THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE was empowered to act on a grant writing proposal to the City of East Dubuque for Pioneer Acres following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CHAIRPERSON JUDITH GRATTON, informed the board that in order to facilitate meetings she is investigating a consent agenda for future County Board Meetings.

COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS will be moved to evenings following a motion made by Merri Berlage, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. effective March 10, 1998 following a motion made by John Creighton, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by a show of hands. Ayes: 10. Nays: 6. Abstain: 1.

REGULAR SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS of the County Board will be held in the evening at 7 p.m. following approval of a motion made by Larry Lyons, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS included statements from Judy Upmann and Joyce Beard in regards with their dissatisfaction with certain County government and employees.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson, Judith Gratton, adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 1998 at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke, County Clerk