

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 12, 1998

Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Judith Gratton, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 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.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Judith Gratton. Invocation and Thought of the Day were given by Hylene Anderson.

THE CONSENT AGENDA was approved as per attached with the two LRA appointments to be voted on separately and with corrections to the April 14 and April 20 Board Meeting Minutes following a motion made by Richard Runde, seconded 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-Larry Lyons. Nays: 1.

A MOTION to re-appoint Don Schaible to the LRA Board for a three-year term was made by Don Crawford, seconded by Clifford Carroll.

Procedure states that the Board Chair makes appointments to the LRA Board with the consent of the County Board. Don Schaible was not the appointment of the Board Chair, which made the motion invalid according to procedure. The motion was deemed improper and no vote was taken.

JOHN RUTHERFORD was not re-appointed to the LRA Board for a three-year term following failure of a motion to approve made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Domer Schubert. Motion failed by voice vote.

WILLIAM McFADDEN was appointed to the LRA Board for a three-year term beginning May 20 following approval of a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by James Slaats.

Motion carried by voice vote with an abstain vote recorded for William McFadden.

CHAIRPERSON GRATTON stated that there will be a vacancy on the LRA Board as of May 20 and she will bring another recommendation back to the Board in June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING: A contract with Argus Press Inc. for the printing of 50,000 copies of a 64-page Visitor's Guide for the CVB in the amount of \$43,390 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.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS: No action was taken.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL: Hylene Anderson reported that the Transfer Station is expected to open July 1st.

EXECUTIVE: Don Crawford announced that the annual meeting with Department Heads would be held Tuesday, May 19th at 9:00 a.m.

FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET: Vincent Hasken noted that a proposed purchasing ordinance was distributed to board members. He asked board members to review the proposed ordinance and submit any suggestions for changes to the County Administrator.

PUBLIC WORKS: No action was taken.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION: The low bid of \$22,300 to paint the exterior trim of the Courthouse and Public Safety Building was awarded to Bob's Painting 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, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

The low bid of \$2,950 to remove the gas tank located in the parking lot at the southeast corner of the Public Safety Building was awarded to AEIS 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, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Richard Runde, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Larry Lyons suggested that changes to the consent agenda should be highlighted in some way. Chairperson Gratton agreed and said this will be the procedure for future meetings.

The board thanked Gordon Coursen on his follow-up on the EPA testing of the Apple River.

Merri Berlage, the Blackhawk Hills RC&D County Board representative, informed board members that Blackhawk Hills will be hosting a state conference August 19 and 20 with location to be determined. Merri stated that she would make arrangements for any board members wishing to attend.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairperson Gratton told board members that Jennifer Tippet tendered her resignation as administrative secretary.

The Executive Committee along with the County Administrator was empowered to hire a replacement for the County Board Secretary position following a motion made by Jack Zillig, seconded by James Slaats.

Motion carried by voice vote.

A letter of recognition and thanks will be sent to Jennifer on behalf of the board following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by Richard Runde.

Motion carried by voice vote.

INFRASTRUCTURE DISCUSSION: County Administrator Duane Olivier addressed the board in regards to the financing of the infrastructure related to the proposed prison at the Savanna Army Depot.

He stated that the estimate for the new sewer and water system is \$8.67 million. The state is asking for a 25% local match. This would amount to approximately \$2.3 million that would have to be financed from local government entities with taxing authority.

Administrator Olivier presented an overview of the costs but said these were only estimates. He stated that there are many options to look at if the board so chooses. He felt that the board needs to talk with the Department of Corrections and look at what their support needs are and what they are willing to do as well as what needs to be done on the part of the County.

Chairperson Gratton stated that she needed to know the feelings of the board on this issue. She said that she did not want to enter into any other meeting until she knew the direction they wanted to take. She stated that the decision would need to be made quickly as the State wanted a commitment two weeks ago.

Don Crawford agreed that the whole picture needs to be looked at and reminded everyone that the match would more than likely involve both counties.

Vincent Hasken stated that he felt the issue needed to go to a committee for further study to provide them with information to help them make the decision.

William McFadden feels that if the board gives no local support, the prison could go elsewhere.

Charlice Offenheiser said she feels the situation does warrant further study to see if there is a possibility to negotiate the funding.

The issue of infrastructure funding for the proposed prison will be referred to the County Development and Planning Committee for further study following approval of a motion made by Larry Lyons, seconded by Charlice Offenheiser.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Daniel Downey and William White from Galena along with Jeff Brueggen from Hanover spoke in opposition of the prison issue.

ADJOURNMENT: 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 8:25 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 1998 at the County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke, County Clerk