

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

NOVEMBER 23, 1998

Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Judith Gratton, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 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, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Present: 15. Absent-Lynn Sisler. Absent: 1.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Judith Gratton. Hylene Anderson gave the invocation and thought of the day.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, DUANE OLIVIER, reviewed the proposed fiscal year 1999 budget page by page, answering board members' questions. Duane explained that this budget was a modest reduction over last year.

THE PROPOSED BUDGET for Jo Daviess County, fiscal year 1999, was adopted as printed with a correction showing page 31 as a Home Health Care Revenue page following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by voice vote.

THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE as printed on page 1 and 2 and revised on November 23rd was adopted following a motion to approve made by William McFadden, seconded by Ronald Buening.

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

THE 1999 ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE was approved as printed on page 62 following a motion to adopt made by Don Crawford, seconded by John Rutherford.

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

HEALTH CHOICES INC. will administrator the Section 125 Flexible Spending Plan for FY1999 following a motion for contract approval made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by John Rutherford.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage Ron Buening, Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William

McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, James Slaats and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Lynn Sisler. Absent: 1.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairperson Gratton distributed committee reorganization sheets to board members and asked that they be returned by the December 8 reorganizational meeting. She asked members to indicate their preference in regards to committees in which they would prefer to serve. Judy stated that this would help the newly elected chairperson establish committees.

A COPY OF SAVE OUR LANDS, SAVE OUR TOWNS, a book that would be of interest to any member of the Comprehensive Planning Committee, was made available for board members' review.

CHAIRPERSON GRATTON reported that a draft environmental assessment of the proposed acquisition of the Canadian National and the Illinois Central railway companies prepared by the Surface Transportation Board Section of Environmental Analysis was made available for board members' review.

THREE BOARD MEMBERS, who chose not to run for another term, were presented plaques of recognition in appreciation of their years of service on the Jo Daviess County Board. Acknowledgments were extended on behalf of the board and the community at large to Clifford Carroll, Don Crawford and James Slaats.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED following a motion made by Ronald Buening, seconded by Clifford Carroll.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Judith Gratton adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 1998 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke, County Clerk