

## **JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2000**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman of the Jo Daviess County Board, William McFadden, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL** was answered as follows: Present-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Domer Schubert, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Present: 14. Absent-Judith Gratton, John Rutherford and Lynn Sisler. Absent: 3.

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Chairman McFadden. Hylene Anderson gave the invocation and thought for the day.

#### **AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda was approved as attached following a motion made by Jack Zillig, seconded by Domer Schubert.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Domer Schubert, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays: 0. Absent-Judith Gratton, John Rutherford and Lynn Sisler. Absent: 3.

#### **AGENDA ITEM II – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to come before the board.

#### **AGENDA ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

The Public Works Committee had nothing to bring before the board.

##### **COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

A resolution approving the transfer of Cable Television Franchise from Rapid Communications Partners, LP to Mediacom LLC and its affiliates was approved following a committee motion made by Vincent Hasken.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution adopting the 1999 Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the Blackhawk Hills Economic Development District (CEDSD) was approved following a committee motion made by Vincent Hasken.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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An amendment to the County's Hotel/Motel Operator's Tax Ordinance regarding CVB Advisory Board members serving without compensation but receiving reimbursement for actual expenses was approved following a committee motion made by Vincent Hasken.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Domer Schubert, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays: 0. Absent-Judith Gratton, John Rutherford and Lynn Sisler. Absent: 3.

**SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:**

Social and Environmental Committee Chairman, Merri Berlage, reported the next meeting would be held on February 17.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURT:**

Joanne Bielenda reported the 911 meeting held at the Galena Territory to discuss the house numbering signage went well and the process of erecting the signs will begin in the spring.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

The Planning Commission's recommendation for re-zoning 7.8 acres on South Willow Road, approximately three miles east of Stockton, from AG-1 General Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential for Joseph Borsdorf was approved following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by Joanne Bielenda.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Domer Schubert, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays: 0. Absent-Judith Gratton, John Rutherford and Lynn Sisler. Absent: 3.

A motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation for re-zoning and subdivision approval of 30.62 acres on North High Ridge Road from AG-1 General Agricultural to R-2 Single Family for Duane and Debra Wienen was made by Francis Powers, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

Merri Berlage asked how this could be approved when recently another subdivision was sent back to the Planning Commission with similar conditions.

Duane Olivier, Zoning Administrator, said he did suggest to the Planning Commission that there could have been an alternative design presented more in keeping with the Comprehensive Plan.

Larry Lyons was concerned about the number of accesses within a short distance.

The motion to approve the Wienen re-zoning and subdivision failed by roll call vote: Ayes-William McFadden, Margie Montelius and Francis Powers. Ayes: 3. Nays-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Domer Schubert, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Nays: 11. Abstain-Lynn Sisler. Abstain: 1. Absent-Judith Gratton and John Rutherford. Absent: 2.

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**EXECUTIVE:**

Hylene Anderson announced that the next Executive meeting would be held February 14 at 7 p.m.

**FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:**

The Finance, Tax and Budget Committee needed no action at this time.

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION:**

Chairman Lynn Sisler had nothing to report at this time.

Chairman McFadden reminded board members of the United Counties Council of Illinois Annual Conference scheduled in Springfield on February 28 and 29. He invited all board members to attend.

Merri Berlage inquired about the status of the new Employee Handbook and asked if the Health Department could be invited to the meetings. Lynn Sisler reported that the handbook is an ongoing process.

With the consensus of the board, Citizens' Comments were heard before entering Executive Session.

**AGENDA ITEM V - CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Dorte Breckenridge Kent of the Galena Territory said she attended the Planning and Zoning meeting where the Wienen Subdivision was discussed. She congratulated the board on denying the approval of the subdivision and voting for what's best for the County.

Dave Jansen, manager of the Galena Territory Association, noted that after meeting with the 911 board, the association accepted what was proposed and thanked the County Board and 911 Committee for their work and cooperation.

**AGENDA ITEM IV - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board entered Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss labor relations matters following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Judith Gratton and John Rutherford. Absent: 2.

The board exited Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Margie Montelius reported on DMATS. She informed the board the last meeting consisted of preparing a 20-year plan that the Federal Government requires to be filed every five years. She said the plan included the southwest arterial, completing the northwest arterial and the Dubuque Julian Bridge. The Federal Historical Society registered the bridge as a historic landmark. This probably will add one year to the bridge

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completion date. Montelius also informed members the State of Iowa anticipates the bridge completion by 2010.

Yerda Potter reported the cost of the October clean-up day held in October in Elizabeth was \$2,000.

Chairman McFadden reported a LRA meeting would be held at the Depot February 9. Representatives from utility companies, the Sheriff's Department, fire protection services, and others, will discuss roads, sewer and water, police and fire protection, snowplowing, hazardous materials and other items that will help bring closure to some outstanding issues at the Depot.

Hylene Anderson informed board members they would receive invitations for an open house at the newly renovated Council Hill Church to be held on March 30 at 6:30 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM VI-ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Francis Powers.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman McFadden adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

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Jean Dimke, Jo Daviess County Clerk

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED  
FEBRUARY 8, 2000**

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

1. Regular County Board meeting minutes of January 11, 2000

**APPINTEMENTS**

1. Re-appointment of Dr. William Tonne to the Jo Daviess County Planning Commission for a 5-year term
2. Appointment of a Tourism Planning Committee consisting of Judy Gratton, Vince Hasken, Joanne Bielenda and Terry Stoffregen representing the County Board and Betty Buol, Pat Goldthorpe, Paul Connor and John Osmanski representing the CVB Marketing Committee. Joanne Bielenda will serve as chairman.

**RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

1. Hanover Township Library-February 14, 2000 through March 17, 2000

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Approval of Rawlins precinct polling place change from the Palace Campground to the Galena Bible Church

**CLAIMS**

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$295,201.43