

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 9, 2000

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman of the Jo Daviess County Board, William McFadden, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 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, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Present: 16. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

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 Judith Gratton, seconded by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

LAW ENFORCEMENTS AND COURTS:

With the consensus of the board, the agenda was changed to allow the Law Enforcement and Courts committee report to be heard at this time.

A motion to approve a Criminal Justice Authority Grant for radar and video equipment for squad cars for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$23,389 with the County's portion being \$5,848 and the Federal portion amounting to \$17,541 was made by Jack Zillig, seconded by John Rutherford.

The issue of the grant was tabled to allow for committee review following approval of the tabled motion made by Judith Gratton, seconded by Margie Montelius.

The motion to table carried by voice vote.

The Law Enforcement and Courts Committee was empowered to act on the Criminal Justice Grant if a deadline did not allow for the issue to be brought back to next month's meeting following approval of a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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A grant of \$33,000 for the purchase of a squad car for the Sheriff's Department under the Illinois First Fund was accepted following approval of a committee motion made by Jack Zillig.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

Joanne Bielenda reported that installation of signage for 911 numbering in the county will begin June 1st with Routes 20, 78 and 84, with the rest of the county to follow.

She also noted all bills for wireless phones in the county will see an additional charge of .75 per month with .25 going to 911 effective July 1, 2000.

AGENDA ITEM II – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the board.

AGENDA ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

DR. RUTH SMITH and Frank Walker representing Highland Community College addressed the board telling them what and how the community college is doing. They explained the college's mission statement including the vision, philosophy and goals of the college.

REPRESENTATIVE I. RONALD LAWFER spoke as a Jo Daviess County citizen and former board member, while Ron Lawfer, Jr. represented the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau. They presented to the board points of view why the farmland assessment method used in the County should be the weighted tract method and not the individual soil weighting method the county has implemented. They feel the weighted tract method is more concise and fair and does not discriminate against agriculture and farmers paying taxes in overlapping taxing districts. Lawfer also feels the intent of the farmland assessment legislation is better represented using the weighted tract method. He asked the board to reconsider the possibility of using this method in Jo Daviess County.

EXECUTIVE:

A committee motion to create an Economic Development position for Jo Daviess County was made by Hylene Anderson.

Domer Schubert asked if there was any more thought to where this person would be located if the position were filled and asked if the expansion of the Highway garage was still being considered as part of this matter. He also questioned if there were projections of total costs of the Economic Development position including the possibility of a vehicle and site location along with salary.

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Duane Olivier, County Administrator explained that any expansion to the Highway Department would be dealt with through that committee. If room were not available at the Highway Department then a suitable location would be found elsewhere. He said the present budget had \$59,000 allocated for Economic Development which includes the \$34,000 previously allocated for JDDI

Judith Gratton stressed the need for an Economic Development position stating that if there is no individual to assist with these situations, Jo Daviess County will lose many opportunities that could prove to be priceless to the County. She asked the board to be visionary and not shortsighted when considering this motion.

Domer Schubert stated it is not a question of being visionary and much of the job description of the Economic Development position is redundant to what the area Chambers of Commerce and Villages are or should be doing.

Charlice Offenheiser remarked that in the last few years many residents seemed concerned with creating job opportunities that would keep the youth of Jo Daviess County in the County. She hopes the board would not jeopardize any proceedings that would help create those possible positions.

Vincent Hasken raised the issue of having an individual that was knowledgeable of all aspects of Economic Development. He feels that villages and chambers of commerce would have limited information and that a central county office could offer facts, data and direction to pursue a complete assessment of the entire county.

Merri Berlage urged members to consider this question carefully before they vote. She expressed her concern with board members supporting this person once the position was filled.

Yerda Potter questioned if the financial institutions were still going to help support Economic Development, why wouldn't it be possible for them to organize and support this development issue.

Bill McFadden believes area chambers and banks have their own interests in their own communities and sometimes they work against each other. He said the board should look at this situation from a county aspect.

The motion to create a County Economic Development position failed by a roll call vote: Ayes-John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Francis Powers and Terry Stoffregen. Ayes: 8. Nays-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Yerda Potter, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler and Jack Zillig. Nays: 8. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:

A resolution was adopted opposing federal extension or expansion of the tax moratorium on Internet, mail order and telephone retail sales following a committee motion made by Vincent Hasken.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert,

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Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nay-John Creighton. Nays: 1. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION:

An amendment to the agreement with Durrant Architects to include the additional work needed to design and develop specifications for a new re-roofing system for the Public Safety Building at an additional charge of \$1,200 was approved following a committee motion made by Lynn Sisler.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

Durrant Architects will complete a thorough analysis of the Courthouse heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at a cost of \$3,800 following a committee motion made by Lynn Sisler.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Joanne Bielenda, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 10. Nays-Merri Berlage, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Charlice Offenheiser, Nays: 6. Absent-Larry Lyons, Absent: 1.

PUBLIC WORKS:

A resolution appropriating Motor Fuel Funds for the 2000 general maintenance program was approved following a committee motion made by John Creighton.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

An ordinance altering the speed limit on Buckhill Road to 35 mph with two short 45 mph zones on each end was approved following a committee motion made by John Creighton.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

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A resolution lowering the county's engineering fees charged to townships for design and inspection for resurfacing jobs from 4% to 2% was approved following a committee motion made by John Creighton.

The motion carried by voice vote.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

The CVB's schedule of advertisement placement for the period of July through October 2000 in the amount of \$34,405 was approved following a committee motion made by Judith Gratton.

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

The CVB's schedule of advertisement placement for the period of May through June 2000 in the amount of \$7,800 was approved following a committee motion made by Judith Gratton.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:

A resolution amending the FY2000 application for a Public Transportation Grant for Jo Daviess County Transit increasing the amount by \$2,400 was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

A resolution for the intent to apply for next year's Public Transportation Grant money for 2001 in the amount of \$127,767 was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

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Merri Berlage reminded members of a tire pick-up at the Highway Department on June 19, 20 and 21.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A motion to return the matter of issuing a special use permit to Roger and Jenny Stoddard for the operation of a golf course, restaurant/supper club and related uses in Woodbine Township back to the Planning Commission for further review of the sewer easement along Brown Road was made by John Rutherford, seconded by Judith Gratton.

A motion to table the issue until next month was made by Judith Gratton, seconded by Hylene Anderson.

The motion to table carried by a show of hands. Ayes: 13. Nays: 3. Absent: 1.

The Planning Commission's recommendation for a two-lot subdivision for Raymond and Katherine Erner located at 7253 West Heller Lane was approved following a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by Joanne Bielenda.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

The Planning Commission's recommendation for a nine-lot subdivision and re-zoning of a 31.25 acre parcel of land from R-1 Rural Residential to R-2 Single Family Residential located at the southwest corner of Stagecoach Trail and Ford Road for Ed and Elizabeth Morgan was approved following a motion made by Hylene Anderson, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

The Planning Commission's recommendation for a 2-lot subdivision and re-zoning a 7.26 acre parcel of land from AG-1 Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential on the West side of Elizabeth-Scales Mound Road between North Snipe Hollow Road and West Morley Road for Old Kent Bank Trust #3725 was approved following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Domer Schubert.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Joanne Bielenda, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays-Merri Berlage, John Creighton and Judith Gratton. Nays: 3. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

Margie Montelius reported on the DMATS meeting she attended last month. She informed the board that the Iowa DOT had some reorganization and the information she had previously reported on will be offset approximately one year, which includes the Dodge Street project.

Yerda Potter reported good response to the Haz Mat material pick-up in April.

Lynn Sisler attended a meeting stemming from the Rotary Roundtable topic of Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities. The presentation focused on surveying the community assets to help lower the at-risk status of the students.

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

AGENDA ITEM V – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Barbara Mehl of Stockton expressed her disappointment that the county position of Economic Developer was voted down.

AGENDA ITEM IV – EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters following a motion made by Domer Schubert, seconded by Terry Stoffregen

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

The board exited Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

The GIS Mapper Specialist position was upgraded to GIS Coordinator with a pay scale of level C at a starting salary of \$32,968 following approval of a committee motion made by Hylene Anderson.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Hylene Anderson, Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, John Creighton, Judith Gratton, Vincent Hasken, William McFadden, Margie Montelius, Charlice Offenheiser, Yerda Potter, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nay-Francis Powers. Nays: 1. Absent-Larry Lyons. Absent: 1.

AGENDA ITEM VI – ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Joanne Bielenda.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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Chairman McFadden adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2000 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke, Jo Daviess County Clerk

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CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED
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MINUTES APPROVAL

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

APPOINTMENTS

1. Approval of certified list of candidates for Election Judges for two-year terms as provided by the Chairmen of the County Central Committees of the Republican and Democratic parties
2. Appointment of Mary Vincent of Warren to replace Helen Stadel on the 708 Board

RESOLUTIONS, LETTERS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Approval of a resolution allowing the Treasurer's Office to maintain a small "over/under petty cash fund" to be used for over/under tax payments within a \$2.00 amount.

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

1. Elizabeth Lions Club-May 15, 2000 through June 30, 2000
2. Galena Territory Association-May 9, 2000 through September 2, 2000

CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$345,921.75