

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 8, 2001

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Merri Berlage, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2001 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present-Merri Berlage, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Present: 15. Absent-Joanne Bielenda and Larry Lyons. Absent: 2.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Chairperson Berlage.

AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as attached following a motion made by Dorte Breckenridge, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Joanne Bielenda and Larry Lyons. Absent: 2.

AGENDA ITEM II – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business brought before the board.

AGENDA ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:

Margie Montelius reported that Peg Murphy, Health Department Administrator, is prepared to deal with any problems with regards to the recent flooding. The next meeting of the Social and Environmental Committee is May 17.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:

Jack Zillig referred to his committee report in regards to a space shortage in the Courthouse. He has asked board members for their input on how they could correct this problem.

Larry Lyons entered the meeting at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission's recommendation to authorize a Special Use Permit for David Shoults to allow a single-family home located at 11 Taylor Way, Galena Territory to be used for transient rental was approved following a motion made by Sally Toepfer, seconded by John Rutherford.

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The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Margie Montelius, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays-Yerda Potter and Lynn Sisler. Nays: 2. Abstain-Larry Lyons. Abstain: 1. Absent-Joanne Bielenda Absent: 1.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone a 1-acre parcel of land at 10850 Route 20 West, Galena, from R-1 Rural Residential to Commercial for Don Schweih was approved following a motion made by Sally Toepfer, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Joanne Bielenda. Absent: 1.

EXECUTIVE:

Executive Chairman Vincent Hasken asked board members to review the two proposed reapportionment maps that were provided to each board member and submit any other considerations before the next Executive Committee meeting so that the new County Board District map could be approved at the regular June County Board meeting.

John Rutherford praised the GIS mapping department for their assistance in the productions of the proposed County Board District maps. He pointed out just how valuable a GIS system is and the many benefits it can provide to the county.

Vincent Hasken made a committee motion for the approval of the creation of position of Economic Development/Planning Coordinator.

Duane Olivier, County Administrator, presented the board with a review of the responsibilities that the Economic/Planning Coordinator position would include. He said he felt there was a need to diversify economy in Jo Daviess County. He told board members that the financial resources for this position were included in the budget.

John Rutherford stated that he feels the time has come for a County Economic Development/Planning position. He feels that Jo Daviess County is getting further behind neighboring counties in the Economic Development field and this position would help that situation. Rutherford also stated that DCCA and other organizations respond better to counties that have their own Economic Development person.

Matt Rosenthal feels that promoting businesses already within the county and helping small established businesses expand should be a consideration before pursuing large companies.

Vincent Hasken said that option has been discussed and he feels that this position of Economic Developer would foster small business growth.

Larry Lyons stated that he felt that small business expansion should be listed as the number one priority.

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The motion to create the position of Economic Development/Planning Coordinator carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Margie Montelius, Francis Powers, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays-Yerda Potter and Matt Rosenthal. Nays: 2. Absent-Joanne Bielenda Absent: 1.

FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:

Committee Chairperson Yerda Potter referred to committee minutes for updated information involving her committee.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairperson Lynn Sisler informed board members that a request for qualifications for the design of a County website was being developed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

An ordinance establishing an altered speed zone of 45 mph from the intersection of Elizabeth-Scales Mound Road and Stagecoach Trail and traveling northerly for 1,500 feet toward the Village of Scales Mound was approved following a committee motion made by John Creighton.

The motion carried by voice vote.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

A committee motion to amend the Special Flood Hazard Ordinance requiring any structure in the floodplain that is repetitively damaged over a period of ten years with accumulative damage repair costs in excess of 50% of the value of the structure to be repaired only in accordance with the requirements of the Special Flood Hazard Ordinance was made by Vincent Hasken.

A motion to table the issue of amending the special Flood Hazard Ordinance until next month was made by Jack Zillig and seconded by John Creighton.

The motion to table the amendment carried by voice vote.

Jo Daviess County will contribute \$2,500 of the budgeted \$5,000 to JD/S IL US 20 4-Lane Association at this time with the consideration of a similar amount later in the fiscal year following approval of a committee motion made by Vincent Hasken.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Margie Montelius, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays-Yerda Potter and Francis Powers. Nays: 2. Absent-Joanne Bielenda Absent: 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

Merri Berlage informed board members that the Freeport Enterprise Zone has agreed to include two members from Jo Daviess County on their committee. Merri will schedule a meeting with the committee to make arrangements for the Jo Daviess County appointments.

CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU:

A motion to approve a cooperative marketing partnership between Galena/Jo Daviess County CVB and Dubuque Area CVB to offset the potential negative impact of rising gas prices on tourism, in which Jo Daviess County would contribute \$10,000 was made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

A motion to table the issue of the partnership until next month was made by John Creighton, seconded by Larry Lyons.

The motion to table failed by roll call vote: Ayes-Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Larry Lyons and Yerda Potter. Ayes: 4. Nays-Merri Berlage, Dorte Breckenridge, Vincent Hasken, Margie Montelius, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Nays: 12. Absent-Joanne Bielenda, Absent: 1.

The original motion to approve the partnership carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Margie Montelius, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Joanne Bielenda. Absent: 1.

AGENDA ITEM IV – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Fritz Fuchs supported Larry Lyon's suggestion of putting small and established businesses at the top of the list of priorities for Economic Development and also endorsed the cooperative partnership with Dubuque Area CVB.

Pat Goldthorpe thanked board members that attended the CVB Open House today. She said Jo Daviess County is and should be a leader when it comes to service and hospitality.

Carrie Stier, CVB board member, invited all board members to stop by to view the services the CVB has to offer and also as a Scales Mound resident thanked the board for lowering the speed on the road approaching the Village of Scales Mound.

Chairperson Merri Berlage informed board members that the next workshop will be held on June 4th at 7 p.m. and the subject will be property assessment.

AGENDA ITEM V – ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Yerda Potter.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Berlage adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2001 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED
MAY 8, 2001**

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Regular County Board meeting minutes of April 10, 2001

APPOINTMENTS

1. Re-appointment of Bud Bonar of Hanover for a two-year term to the Board of Review
2. Re-appointment of Edna Penticoff of Stockton for a two-year term to the Board of Review
3. Appointment of Gary Jobgen of Galena to the 708 Board

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

1. Letter of Sponsorship Agreement for Galena Area Chamber of Commerce to become a sponsor of the 2001 Galena Triathlon and Duathlon

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Resolution authorizing application for Public Transportation Financial Assistance in the amount of \$132,878 for the annual operating grant

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

1. League Leaders (Relay for Life Team)-May 9, 2001 through June 2, 2001
2. Apple Canyon Lake Fire Department-May 9, 2001 through June 30, 2001

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency announcing Father Bob North will be joining the NICA Board

CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$383,004.24