

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 10, 2001

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Merri Berlage, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2001 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Dorte Breckenridge, 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. Present: 16. Absent-Jody Carroll. Absent: 1.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Chairperson Berlage.

INVOCATION AND THOUGHT OF THE DAY were given by Joanne Bielenda.

AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA

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

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Dorte Breckenridge, 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-Jody Carroll. Absent: 1.

Jody Carroll entered the meeting at this time.

A local CVB Promotion Grant #01/11 for \$3,045.96 was awarded to the Galena Area Chamber of Commerce for their Festival of Quilts event following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Dorte Breckenridge.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Dorte Breckenridge, 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: 15. Nays: 0. Abstain-Joanne Bielenda and Jody Carroll. Abstain: 2. Absent: 0.

AGENDA ITEM II – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The issue of the amendment to the Special Flood Hazard Area Ordinance was brought back to the board for consideration after being tabled at the May meeting following approval of a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion carried by voice vote.

An Amendment to the Special Flood Hazard Area Ordinance was approved following a committee motion made by Vincent Hasken.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Jack Zillig.

AGENDA ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS:

There was no business brought before the board by this committee.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

A resolution creating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee was approved following a committee motion made by Vincent Hasken.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution dated January 8, 1985 creating the Overall Economic Development Program Committee was rescinded following a committee motion made by Vincent Hasken.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion that the County not renew its lease agreement with the State of Illinois for the Old Market House Visitor Information Center and to work with the State on an agreement to keep the facilities open until the end of the year was made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Larry Lyons.

Terry Stoffregen asked if this was a wise decision to take the chance of not renewing the contract and possibly not having public bathroom facilities at the height of the tourist season.

Vincent Hasken said he is not asking that the facilities be shut down, only that the contract not be renewed and to work with the state to keep the facility open.

Dorte Breckenridge stated she would like to see the issue tabled for a month until the DCI meeting takes place tomorrow night in order to get more information before the vote takes place. She feels if the contract is not renewed the board would be sending a message to Springfield that we are not willing to work with the State. She feels the State has been extremely good to the people in the northwestern corner of the State.

John Rutherford agreed with Dorte that it sends a bad message to the State and feels a 6-month contract would make more sense than not renewing the contract altogether.

Sally Toepfer feels there is no documentation that came before the committee to support a decision of any kind. There are issues and feelings but not facts. She feels facts and figures need to be presented before a decision is made on this issue.

Lynn Sisler asked if anyone could explain the reasons why the County should not consider renewing the contract.

Vincent Hasken feels that it is not a County or CVB responsibility to keep the lavatory facilities open in the City of Galena. He feels this belongs to someone else in a different service.

Larry Lyons agreed with Vince. He feels that this is not a function of tourism. He said he agrees that it is important, but does not feel the responsibility lies with the County CVB.

Jody Carroll asked what the downside would be if the contract was not renewed.

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Vincent Hasken feels that the State maybe could contract with a private enterprise and let them operate the facilities. He feels that the facility is important and that it needs to be open but the County should not be responsible for it.

Matt Rosenthal asked if there is a reasonable assumption that the State will keep the facilities open.

Vincent Hasken said he feels the State will try to find an alternative answer such as contracting directly with a private enterprise.

Jody Carroll asked if the \$17,000 that the State contributes covers the cost of the operation.

Vincent Hasken stated that it is indicated that it is a break-even operation for the CVB. He agrees with Sally that there are not enough facts and figures presented to clearly indicate the breakdown of the costs.

John Rutherford stated that the CVB has a very active advisory board and they are objecting to the idea of not renewing the contract. He feels if the County Board continues to ignore the CVB's advisory board's suggestions time after time, we will eventually not have a CVB Advisory Board.

Larry Lyons stated that Stockton does not have public restrooms in their downtown area. Does it mean if the Village builds bathrooms, the CVB will take care of them? He feels the CVB's job is to promote Jo Daviess County; not to make it pleasant when the tourists get here.

John Creighton reminded the board of the meeting that took place a few years ago with the City of Galena about this issue. He said the City could not run far enough or fast enough from this issue. He feels the City of Galena benefits the most by this operation and they should be the entity taking the responsibility for operation of this facility.

A motion to table the issue of the County not renewing its lease agreement with the State of Illinois for the operation of the Old Market House Visitor Information Center was made by Dorte Breckenridge and seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion to table carried by a show of hands. Ayes: 11. Nays: 5, Abstain: 1.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:

Chairperson Margie Montelius informed the board that Rich Machala of the Jo Daviess County Transit reported that an additional .50 increase in the recommended transit donation will not be necessary and he is holding to the 2001 budget.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:

Deputy Chad Heidenreich, canine handler, gave an interesting presentation on the County's operation of the canine unit. Chad is in charge of Kong, a 6 year-old, 100 lb. German Shepard that is a multiple task dog used for criminal apprehension, searches and narcotic detection. After viewing a video of various training sessions and an actual traffic stop involving Kong, the board had the opportunity to meet Kong in person.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit to Michelle Polly for the boarding and training of dogs at 2721 S. Georgetown Road, Elizabeth was approved following a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by Sally Toepfer.

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The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, 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: 17. Nays: 0.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone 60.32 acres of land located on Clark Lane, just north of 150 Clark Lane, for Barbara Evans from AG-1 Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential and a preliminary plan for a 3-lot subdivision was approved following a motion made by Sally Toepfer, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, 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: 17. Nays: 0.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit for Jon and Molly Kreiss to allow for a four bedroom single-family home located at 12 Eagle Lane in the Galena Territory to be used for transient rental was approved following a motion made by Sally Toepfer, seconded by Margie Montelius.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Margie Montelius, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 14. Nays-Joanne Bielenda, Yerda Potter and Lynn Sisler. Nays: 3.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone a 1.5 acre parcel of land located on North Union Road across from 1690 North Union Road from AG-1 Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential for Andrew, Tricia, William and Carlene Wickler was approved following a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Joanne Bielenda, Dorte Breckenridge, 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: 14. Nays-Merri Berlage and Jody Carroll. Nays: 2. Abstain-Larry Lyons. Abstain: 1.

EXECUTIVE:

There was nothing this committee needed action on at this time.

FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:

The Financial and Compliance Report for the year ended November 30, 2000 was distributed. Board members were asked to review it, as it would be discussed at next month's meeting.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

The purchase of a Minolta MS 6000 Digital Microfilm Scanner/Reader Printer by the County Clerk and Recorder at an amount of \$9,546 was approved following a committee motion made by Lynn Sisler.

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Joanne Bielenda reported that Joe Kratcha, GIS coordinator has created a map to help the vendors in proper placement of the 911 signs. She said the projected completion date for the placement of all signs is December of this year.

Terry Stoffregen reminded board members of a fundraiser for Jo Daviess County 4-H groups to be held at the Elizabeth Community Building on July 18th.

AGENDA ITEM IV – CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

There were no citizens’ comments.

AGENDA ITEM V– ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Francis Powers, seconded by Dorte Breckenridge.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Berlage adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 14, 2001 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke, Jo Daviess County Clerk

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED
JULY 10, 2001**

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Regular County Board meeting minutes of June 12, 2001

APPOINTMENTS

1. Reappointment of Wayne Krohmer as Trustee to the Elizabeth Community Fire Protection District

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

1. IDOT Non-Metro Public Transportation Operating Assistance Agreement
2. Stray Dog Pick-Up agreement with the Village of Stockton
3. CVB Local Promotion Grants
 - #01/08 Galena/JDC Historical Society (Museum Brochures), \$1,125
 - #01/09 Apple River Lions Club (Aviation Appreciation Day), \$2,933.75
 - #01/10 Galena/JDC Historical Society (Chocolate, Champagne & Candlelight), \$543.80
 - #01/12 Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce (Visitor's Guide), \$548.70
 - #01/13 Galena Area Chamber of Commerce (Fall Music on Main) \$1,000

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Cable TV Assignment Resolution, AT&T Broadband to Mediacom Communications Corporation

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

1. Hospice of Northwest Illinois-August 8, 2001 through November 1, 2001
2. Stephenson County Senior Center-July 21, 2001 through November 16, 2001
3. Riverview Center, Inc.-July 11, 2001 through October 7, 2001
4. Galena Territory Fire Department-August 1, 2001 through October 30, 2001
5. Hanover Ambulance, Inc.-July 15, 2001 through September 16, 2001
6. Galena Territory Association-July 11, 2001 through December 8, 2001

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Hazard Mitigation Strategy from FEMA
2. Great River Road Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan

CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$416,526.02