

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 14, 2001

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Merri Berlage, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 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, 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. Present: 17.

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, 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.

AGENDA ITEM II – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion to bring the issue of the County not renewing its lease agreement with the State of Illinois for the Old Market House Visitor Information Center back to the board after being tabled last month was made by Dorte Breckenridge, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion to bring the issue back to the table carried by voice vote.

The original 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.

The original motion failed by a show of hands. Ayes: 6. Nays: 10. Abstain: 1.

A motion to renew the lease agreement with the State of Illinois for the Old Market House Visitor Information Center and to extend the contract through July 2002 was made by Sally Toepfer and seconded by John Rutherford.

An amendment to the motion to extend the contract only through November 2001 was made Dorte Breckenridge, seconded by John Creighton.

The amendment carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Sally Toepfer and an abstain vote recorded for Joanne Bielenda.

The original motion with the amendment to renew the lease agreement with the State of Illinois for the Old Market House Visitor Information Center and to extend the contract through November 2001 carried by voice vote with an abstain vote recorded for Joanne Bielenda.

AGENDA ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS:

William McFadden, Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority Board Member, gave a presentation and updated the board on the issues and employment status of the Depot.

Vincent Hasken thanked Bill for keeping the board informed about the Depot and also for accepting his reappointment to the LRA Board.

FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:

Sara Bohnsack from McGladrey and Pullen, LLP reviewed the FY 2000 Financial Audit. She reported that Jo Daviess County had a clean opinion by generally accepted accounting principles except for the fact that the county does not maintain cost records of its fixed assets on their financial statements.

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

Vince Hasken reported that all business for his committee was handled under the consent agenda.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:

Margie Montelius reported that budgets were close to completion for the Health Department.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:

There was nothing this committee needed action on.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission's recommendation of re-zoning a 2-acre parcel of land located directly across from 1609 South Elizabeth/Scales Mound Road, Elizabeth from AG-1 Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential for Jesse Shekleton was approved 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, 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.

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The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit to George and Fernanda Coe to allow a single-family home located at 16 Cinnabar Lane, in the Galena Territory to be used for transient rental was approved following a motion made by Sally Toepfer, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, 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: 13. Nays-Joanne Bielenda, Dorte Breckenridge, Yerda Potter and Lynn Sisler. Nays: 4.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit to Michael Leibfried to allow a single-family home located at 33 East Point Drive, in the Galena Territory to be used for transient rental was approved following a motion made by Sally Toepfer, seconded by Jody Carroll.

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 for a final plat of a three-lot subdivision for Barbara Evans located just north of 150 Clark Lane, Galena was approved following a motion made by Jody Carroll, seconded by Francis Powers.

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.

EXECUTIVE:

Vince Hasken asked board members to discuss the idea of the County Board meeting twice a month and revising the committee structure by reducing the number of committees. He asked that each committee chairperson report board members' comments at the next meeting of the Executive Board.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

Lynn Sisler reported that her committee has been spending time being educated on the GIS system. Lynn said she would like to see a GIS presentation as a County Board workshop. Many board members agreed.

TOURISM AND PLANNING:

The Board approved continuing the CVB structure as is and to hire full, presently approved, CVB staff as soon as possible following a committee motion made by Joanne Bielenda.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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Joanne also reported that the Tourism and Planning Committee has requested the CVB finance committee prepare budget examples pertaining to the 3% and 5% hotel/motel tax and explain how it would affect the funding level. This proposal will be presented to the County Development and Planning Committee for review before coming to the full County Board.

Joanne Bielenda asked the board to look at the 20 Strong Recommendations as reviewed by the Tourism and Planning Committee. She said the board would be asked to approve them at next month's meeting.

Joanne Bielenda reported that the 911 signage is still progressing and the deadline for completion is December 1, 2001.

Yerda Potter reported that there would be a Household Hazardous Waste pick-up in Galena on September 29.

Margie Montelius updated the board on the DMATS meeting she attended last month.

Chairperson Berlage announced that the Workforce Investment Board is moving along nicely and has received a \$25,000 grant from the state.

AGENDA ITEM IV – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Bill McFadden asked Joanne Bielenda when the 911 signs would be installed on Stagecoach Trail. Joanne informed him that Scales Mound, Apple River and Warren were next on the schedule.

Dave Jansen of Galena noted that a Tourism and Planning Committee motion approved tonight was to continue the CVB structure as is. He wanted to know if that was defined as the control of the CVB being maintained by the County Board. Chairperson Berlage said it would continue as is under the recommendation of the Tourism and Planning Committee.

The board entered Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. following approval of motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by Margie Montelius.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board exited Executive Session at 8:48 p.m.

The Public Works Committee was given the authority to deal with the MFT bid-letting issues in an efficient and timely manner following a motion made by Larry Lyons, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM V- ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Berlage adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 11, 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
AUGUST 14, 2001**

MINUTES APPROVAL

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

APPOINTMENTS

1. Reappointment of William McFadden, Don Crawford, Roland Unangst and Steve Keeffer to the Jo-Carroll Deport Local Redevelopment Authority Board

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

1. Approval of a request of \$1,500 from the League of Women Voters to develop and present an educational program on the Comprehensive Plan

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Approval of an amendment to Chapter V, County Hotel/Motel Operator's Tax of Chapter 13 changing the date for review to May 1, 2002 in regards to establishing the Convention and Visitor's Bureau as a department of County government, the position of CVB Executive Director and the CVB Advisory Board

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

1. Apple Canyon Lake Property Owner's Association – September 2, 2001
2. East Dubuque Business and Tourism – August 15, 2001 through September 30, 2001
3. Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce – September 8, 2001

CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$945,291.38