

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Merri Berlage, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 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.

THE INVOCATION was given by Joanne Bielenda, which included a moment of silence for the victims, the injured, and the rescue workers of today's terrorists' attacks.

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

There was no unfinished business brought before the board.

At this time Larry Lyons made a motion that in light of the attack on America today, the board should proceed with the Planning Commission business and then recess the meeting until next month. The motion was seconded by Francis Powers.

The motion failed by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:

Judy Eikstadt from the Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency addressed the board about expanding the Small Rental Properties Program to include the entire county. The program has been operating in Hanover for the last four years. The program requires that a unit of local government make applications for the grants. She explained that there would be no cost to the County. The County would act as the agent for this program.

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A resolution authorizing the County to enter into required various agreements as part of the Small Rental Properties Program for grant applications as prepared by the Northern Illinois Community Action Agency (NICAA) was approved following a committee recommendation made by Margie Montelius.

The motion carried by voice vote.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:

This committee had nothing to bring before the board.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit to Contemporary Homes Inc., Dave Chapin, contract purchaser, to allow a single-family home located at 2 Boulder 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 voice vote.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to deny re-zoning a 1-acre parcel of land located northeast of the intersection of Illinois Route 84 and West Furlong Road from AG-1 Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential for Gerald and Mary Jo Richardson was approved following a motion made by Jody Carroll, seconded by John Creighton.

The motion to deny the rezoning carried voice vote with nay votes recorded for Larry Lyons, Yerda Potter and Francis Powers.

EXECUTIVE:

The Executive Committee needed no action by the board at this time.

FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:

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

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

Lynn Sisler said everything was covered in the committee minutes.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

A committee motion to amend the Rate-Exemption of Section 13-102, Article V of the County Hotel/Motel Operator's Tax Ordinance increasing it from 3% to 5% effective December 3, 2001 was made by Vince Hasken.

A motion to table the issue of increasing the hotel/motel tax from 3% to 5%, along with agenda items two and four listed under County Development and Planning was made by John Creighton. Jody Carroll seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a show of hands: Ayes-11. Nays-6.

An amendment to the Enterprise Zone Ordinance and the Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement was approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Jody Carroll.

The motion carried by voice vote:

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Chairperson Berlage appointed Don Schaible and John Creighton to the County Enterprise Zone Committee following approval of a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Larry Lyons.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Berlage was authorized to write a letter to Governor Ryan on behalf of the board asking that money be budgeted during the veto session for the Thomson prison development and upstart costs so construction can continue to move forward following approval of a motion made by Lynn Sisler, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Merri Berlage reminded board members of the RC&D Annual Legislative Roundtable to be held in Stockton on September 21.

AGENDA ITEM IV – CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

There were no citizens’ comments.

AGENDA ITEM V– ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Domer Schubert.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Berlage adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 9, 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
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Regular County Board meeting minutes of August 14, 2001

APPOINTMENTS

1. Acceptance of the resignation of Becky Ylinen from the CVB Advisory Board
2. Appointments of Mel Gratton, Tom Heidenreich, Susan Davis, Dorte Breckenridge, Domer Schubert, Jody Carroll, Janice Toay and Steve Schmidt to the Zoning/Subdivision Ordinance Review Committee
3. Appointment of John Cook and Ramona Trabanino to the Ad Hoc Committee for Guest Accommodations. They will replace Vicky Simone and Tracy Welsh.

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

1. Approval of a petition for aid from Berreman Township for culvert replacement on Town Line Road at \$4,000 (50% Township; 50% County)
2. Approval of a purchase of a mid-mount snowplow wing from Cortez Truck Equipment for the County Highway Department at a cost of \$5,183

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

1. Galena/Jo Daviess County Historical Society-October 15, 2001 through December 1, 2001
2. Galena Territory Association-September 19, 2001 through December 2, 2001
3. Elizabeth Historical Society-September 12, 2001 through December 9, 2001
4. Galena Area Chamber of Commerce-October 10, 2001 through April 14, 2002

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Illinois Resource Conservation Development Profiles

CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$526,286.73