

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 2001

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Merri Berlage, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 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, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Present: 16. Absent-Margie Montelius. Absent: 1.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Chairperson Berlage.

THE INVOCATION and thought for the day were given by Joanne Bielenda.

AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as attached with corrections to the September 11, 2001 County Board minutes showing that the motion authorizing Chairperson Berlage to write a letter to Governor Ryan asking for money to be budgeted during the veto session for the Thompson prison development should include asking money to be budgeted for upstart costs also. The adjournment time for the September 11, 2001 meeting was 7:20 p.m. The motion to approve the consent agenda including the corrections to the September 11, 2001 minutes was made by Francis Powers, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

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

AGENDA ITEM II – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The agenda items tabled from the September 11, 2001 meeting that were listed under County Development and Planning were brought back to the table following a motion made by Sally Toepfer, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion to bring the issues back to the table carried by voice vote with an abstain vote recorded for Joanne Bielenda.

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

Larry Lyons stated that he feels that one of the reasons people come to Jo Daviess County is that the add-on taxes are less here than in other areas making it more financially appealing and asked that the board keep that in mind when voting on this issue.

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John Creighton stated that the CVB is missing substantial portions of staffing and he would like to see those positions filled before raising the tax.

Sally Toepfer stated that the CVB has presented two budgets, as asked by the board, one for the 3% and one for the 5%. She feels the board should not penalize them by holding back this increase when it was shown that there is clearly a need for it.

Dorte Breckenridge reminded board members that the monies collected by this increase is not money coming from the residents of the county but basically from tourists visiting the county. She also said that the county would not be spending money from the general fund, but money collected from tourists.

Matt Rosenthal asked if the cities and villages have an opportunity to add a hotel/motel tax. County Administrator Duane Olivier stated that if the individual cities and villages added a tax, it would decrease the county portion of the hotel/motel tax.

Yerda Potter said she would like to see the new Executive Director hired before this decision is made. She feels the County should put this decision off for at least six months or a year and then she would like to see the increase go to 4% instead of directly to 5%.

Joanne Bielenda said she does not disapprove of the 5% increase, but would like to review the 5% and see if a .5% could go towards the public safety of the County. Chairman Berlage read the state statutes on the tax and what the monies must be used for. Larry Lyons stated he felt the County could not use the monies for public safety. Duane Olivier reminded board members that there are limitations on how the County can spend the collected monies.

The motion to increase the Rate-Exemption of Section 13-102, Article V of the County Hotel/Motel Operator's Tax Ordinance from 3% to 5% effective December 3, 2001 failed by roll call vote: Ayes-Dorte Breckenridge, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen and Sally Toepfer. Ayes: 7. Nays-Merri Berlage, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers and Jack Zillig. Nays: 8. Abstain-Joanne Bielenda. Abstain: 1. Absent-Margie Montelius. Absent: 1.

The proposed re-organization plan of the County Zoning and Building Department was approved following a committee motion made by Vincent Hasken.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Duane Olivier was appointed Zoning Administrator, Steve Keeffer was appointed Plats Officer and William Keeffer was appointed acting building official following approval of a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by John Rutherford.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The 20 Strong Recommendations for the CVB as reviewed by the Tourism and Planning Committee were approved following a committee motion made by Vincent Hasken.

The motion carried by voice vote with an abstain vote recorded for Joanne Bielenda.

AGENDA ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS:

A petition for aid from Hanover Township in the amount of \$28,218.26 (50% Township; 50% County) for culvert construction on Blanding Road was approved following a motion made by John Creighton, seconded by Jody Carroll.

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

A petition for aid from Hanover Township in the amount of \$6,455.34 (50% Township; 50% County) for road realignment on Blanding Road was approved following a motion made by John Creighton, seconded by Joanne Bielenda.

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

A petition for aid from Guilford Township in the amount of \$50,000 (50% Township; 50% County) for road widening and related culvert improvements on Blackhawk Trace was approved following a committee motion made by John Creighton.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Joanne Bielenda, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 10. Nays-Merri Berlage, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, Yerda Potter and Lynn Sisler. Nays: 6. Absent-Margie Montelius. Absent: 1.

A petition for aid from Rice Township in the amount of \$5,000 (50% Township; 50% County) for a bridge repair project on Rocky Hill Road was approved following a committee motion made by John Creighton.

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

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:

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

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 Kevin and Myra Koran, to allow a single-family home located at 7 Southridge Drive, 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, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays-Joanne Bielenda, Dorte Breckenridge and Lynn Sisler. Nays: 3. Absent-Margie Montelius. Absent: 1.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to re-zone a 2-acre parcel of land located just west of 8999 East Center Road, Stockton from AG-1 Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential for Andrew and Pamela Staver was approved following a motion made by Sally Toepfer, seconded by Jody Carroll.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Joanne Bielenda, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Abstain-Larry Lyons. Abstain: 1. Absent-Margie Montelius. Absent: 1.

The Planning Commission's recommendation to issue a Special Use Permit to Foster Field L.L.C., owner, Steve McIntyre, petitioner to construct an airport hanger building located at 6144 N. Lake Road #1, Apple River was approved following a motion made by Larry Lyons, 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, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent-Margie Montelius. Absent: 1.

A nine-lot subdivision known as Cedar Hill Subdivision located at the southwest corner of Stagecoach Trail and North Ford Road for Ed and Elizabeth Morgan, which was previously approved in May, 2000 but was not recorded within the time restrictions, was re-approved following a motion made by John Rutherford, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

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

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:

Chairperson Lynn Sisler said everything was covered in the committee minutes.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

A CVB local promotion grant #01/14, Stockton Chamber of Commerce for brochure printing in the amount of \$175.80 was approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

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

A CVB local promotion grant #01/15, Galena Chamber of Commerce for "Festival of Quilts" in the amount of \$2,267.85 was approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, 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. Abstain: 1. Absent-Margie Montelius. Absent: 1.

A CVB local promotion grant #01/16, JDC Historical Society for "President Grant's Grand Birthday" in the amount of \$1,536.83 was approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

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

The CVB December 2001 through June 2002 Advertising Plan totaling \$84,824.66 for the FY2002 promotional budget was approved following a motion made by Vincent Hasken, seconded by Sally Toepfer.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Merri Berlage, Dorte Breckenridge, Jody Carroll, John Creighton, Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons, 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. Abstain: 1. Absent-Margie Montelius. Absent: 1.

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A resolution condemning the cowardly and deadly actions of the September 11, 2001 terrorists' attacks and supporting the President of the United States, as he works with his national security team to defend against additional attacks, and find the perpetrators to bring them to justice was approved following a committee motion made by Vincent Hasken.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The lease agreement with the State of Illinois for the Old Market House Visitor Information Center was renewed for one more 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, Yerda Potter, Francis Powers, Matt Rosenthal, John Rutherford, Domer Schubert, Lynn Sisler, Terry Stoffregen, Sally Toepfer and Jack Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays-Vincent Hasken, Larry Lyons and Francis Powers. Nays: 3. Abstain-Joanne Bielenda. Abstain: 1. Absent-Margie Montelius. Absent: 1.

Yerda Potter reported that 25 homes participated in the Household Hazardous Waste pick-up held in Galena on September 29. She also reported that the Solid Waste Agency has contracted with a children's theater group to provide two programs, one in Jo Daviess and one in Carroll, on protecting the earth.

John Creighton reported that he attended his first Enterprise Zone Committee meeting. He said it was a very positive experience and that there are many projects developing in the Enterprise Zone.

AGENDA ITEM IV – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jeff Farlow, chairman of the Historical Accommodations Committee, Patricia Weizer, from Galena, Karen Allen, CVB Advisory Board member, Carrie Stier, CVB Advisory Board member, Cindy Pepple, Economic Development Director of the City of Galena and CVB Advisory Board member and Mike Scholz, General Manager of Eagle Ridge Inn and Resort spoke on their disappointment of the failure of the proposed Hotel/Motel tax increase from 3% to 5%.

AGENDA ITEM V– ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Francis Powers, seconded by Lynn Sisler.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Berlage adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, 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
OCTOBER 9, 2001**

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Regular County Board meeting minutes of September 11, 2001.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Dr. Joe Garrity, Galena replacing Dr. Michael Zeman on the Jo Daviess County Board of Health. Appointment of Edwin Kuhle, Menominee to a 3-year term on the Jo Daviess County Board of Health. Appointment of Dr. Robert Chorak to a 3-year term on the Jo Daviess County Board of Health.
2. Appointment of Diane Gallagher, East Dubuque to a 5-year term to the Housing Authority of the County of Jo Daviess.
3. Appointment of Bud Bonar, Joanne Bielenda and John Duerr to the Jo Daviess County Emergency Telephone System Board.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems-Video Poker Machines.

CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$661,308.52.