

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Marvin Schultz, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2012, at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present-Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Cooper, Richard Dittmar, Bernece Hill, Don Hill, Dane Jackson, Randy Jobgen, Ron Mapes, Kim Monk, Margie Montelius, Marvin Schultz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen and Don Zillig. Present: 15. Absent-Steven Rutz and Dan Sheridan. Absent: 2.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Chairperson Schultz.

THE INVOCATION and thought for the day were given by Merri Berlage.

AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved as attached following a motion made by Bill Cooper and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Cooper, Richard Dittmar, Bernece Hill, Don Hill, Dane Jackson, Randy Jobgen, Ron Mapes, Kim Monk, Margie Montelius, Marvin Schultz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Steven Rutz and Dan Sheridan. Absent: 2.

Larry Berlage was appointed to the Elizabeth Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending May 1, 2015 following a motion made by Dane Jackson and seconded by Ron Smith.

The motion carried by voice vote with Merri Berlage abstaining.

AGENDA ITEM II – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

AGENDA ITEM III – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business brought before the board.

AGENDA ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

This committee had no business to bring before the board at this time.

CVB BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

A web site development contract with SS Digital Media, which may include any changes necessitated by the County Administrator or State's Attorney, not to exceed \$28,050 with onsite training at an additional cost of \$110 per hour not to exceed 25 hours of training for cost of \$2,750, making the total cost \$30,800, was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Ron Smith.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Cooper, Richard Dittmar, Bernece Hill, Don Hill, Dane Jackson, Randy Jobgen, Ron Mapes, Kim Monk, Margie Montelius, Marvin Schultz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent-Steven Rutz and Dan Sheridan. Absent: 2.

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The purchase of a two-page spread from The Knot magazine at the cost of \$13,845 and selling cooperative ads that can be included in the spread to local businesses was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Margie Montelius.

The motion carried by voice vote.

FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:

A resolution to execute a deed conveyance of the County's interest for parcel number 06-500-185-03 in East Galena Township was approved following a committee motion made by Ron Smith.

The motion carried by voice vote.

FY2011 adjusting journal entries to correct audit entries made in prior years was approved following a committee motion made by Ron Smith.

The motion carried by voice vote.

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

A proposal from Mike Reibel for consulting services to update the Jo Daviess County Comprehensive Plan at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 and to be paid from the Economic Development Investment Fund was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC WORKS:

A supplemental county maintenance resolution in the amount of \$180,319.44 to be paid from line item 006-43142-601 County Motor Fuel Tax was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A 50/50 project with Rush Township for assistance of replacement of a culvert on Schlichting Road with an estimated total project cost of \$30,000 to be paid from line item 011-43145-890 County Aid to Bridges Fund was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A recommendation to approve the purchase of land from the Village of Hanover with a sale price of \$19,400 to be paid from line item 002-43141-801 County Highway Fund was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Cooper, Richard Dittmar, Bernece Hill, Don Hill, Dane Jackson, Randy Jobgen, Ron Mapes, Kim Monk, Margie Montelius, Marvin Schultz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent- Steven Rutz and Dan Sheridan. Absent: 2.

A recommendation to award the low bids for Township Maintenance Material Bids as presented in bid tabulations to be paid from line item 021-43146-601 Township Motor Fuel Tax Fund/Maintenance Supplies with the exemption of aggregate FOB bid to the quarry closest to the project was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote with Rick Dittmar, Dane Jackson, and Ron Mapes abstaining.

A recommendation to award the low bids for County Maintenance Material Bids as presented in bid tabulations to be paid from line item 006-43142-604 County Motor Fuel Tax Fund/Maintenance

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Supplies with the exemption of aggregate FOB bid to the quarry closest to the project was approved following a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:

A hold harmless agreement between the City of East Dubuque Fire Department, Dunleith-Menominee Fire Protection District and Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department was approved following a committee motion made by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A resolution authorizing the County of Jo Daviess to enter into an intergovernmental Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) agreement was approved following a committee motion made by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The hiring of a part time communications officer for the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department at a pay rate of \$13.00 per hour (Per FY2012 hiring freeze policy, positions may be filled only with County Board approval) was approved following a committee motion made by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The hiring of a part time corrections officer for the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department at a pay rate of \$13.00 per hour (Per FY2012 hiring freeze policy, positions may be filled only with County Board approval) was approved following a committee motion made by Dane Jackson.

The motion carried by voice vote.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL:

A resolution authorizing Chairman Marvin Schultz to apply for FY2013 Public Transportation Financial Assistance under section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1991 as amended (49 U.S.C. 5311) was approved following a committee motion made by Marvin Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

The Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a Special Use Permit for Robert and Gail Johnson, owners, to allow for a commercial kennel operation in the Agricultural District located at 8008 W. Blanding Road, Hanover, IL, was approved following a motion made by Bill Cooper and seconded by Terry Stoffregen.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, William Cooper, Richard Dittmar, Bernece Hill, Don Hill, Dane Jackson, Randy Jobgen, Ron Mapes, Kim Monk, Margie Montelius, Marvin Schultz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent- Steven Rutz and Dan Sheridan. Absent: 2.

LEGISLATIVE:

This committee had no business to bring before the board at this time.

EXECUTIVE:

A request from the Highway Engineer to fill a vacant Highway Maintenance Worker position (Per the FY2012 hiring freeze policy, positions may be filled only with County Board approval) was approved following a committee motion made by Marvin Schultz.

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The motion carried by voice vote.

A policy for FY2012 for filling vacant positions and entrance level compensation was approved following a committee motion made by Marvin Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote with a nay vote recorded for Randy Jobgen.

OTHER COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

Board members appointed to other special committees updated the board with actions involving those committees.

AGENDA ITEM V – BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Bill Cooper stated that he was disappointed in the results of the Radio Communications Project referendum being defeated at the March 20 election. He stated that the County will still have to pay for the project. He said that the budgets will have to be looked at closely and that some services to the citizens of this County may be affected.

Ron Mapes thanked Marvin Schultz and Merri Berlage for filling in for him on board activities while he was gone.

Kim Monk echoed Bill Cooper's thoughts on the failure of the referendum for the communications project. He wanted to know if there was discussion on what department would be responsible for the debt.

Ron Smith said the Finance Committee is still discussing what the options are for refunding the debt for the communication's project.

Marvin Schultz stated he found that hardly any referendum that raised taxes passed in the March primary election. He said the county will continue to look for options to address the issue.

Margie Montelius said she felt some people had a hard time separating this communication project from the 911 radio system.

Ron Mapes agreed that it wasn't the right time to ask for a tax increase.

AGENDA ITEM VI – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

AGENDA ITEM VII – CLOSED SESSION

The board entered closed session at 8:03 p.m. to discuss personnel section 2(c)1, collective bargaining section 2(c)2, property section 2(c)5 and litigation section 2(c)11 following approval of a motion made by Bill Cooper and seconded by Kim Monk.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board exited closed session and reconvened to open session at 8:15 p.m. following a motion made by Bill Cooper and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA ITEM VIII - POSSIBLE ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

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There was no action needed as a result of closed session.

AGENDA ITEM IX - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Bill Cooper and seconded by Jerry Bennett.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Schultz adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

Jean Dimke, Jo Daviess County Clerk

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MINUTES APPROVAL

1. County Board meeting minutes from the December 29, 2011 Special Board Meeting and March 13, 2012 Board Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Angela Birdsall to the 708 Mental Health Board to fill the remainder of a four-year term ending July 1, 2015.
2. Appointment of Leonard Ricke to the Dunleith-Menominee Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending May 1, 2015.
3. Appointment of Larry Timpe to the Galena Rural Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending May 1, 2015.
4. Appointment of Max Purchis to the Hanover Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending May 1, 2015.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Postcard from Bill Cooper.
2. Spring 2012 issue of Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque.
3. Letter from Illinois Department of Agriculture informing of the aerial treatments to control European Gypsy Moth (EGM) in Jo Daviess County.

CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$865,446.03.
2. Emergency Telephone Systems Board Fund claims in the amount of \$32,392.05.
3. Sheriff's Forfeiture Fund claims in the amount of \$274.93