

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 12, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jo Daviess County Chairperson Scott Toot called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL** was answered as follows: Present – John Korth, Robert O’Connor and Scott Toot. Present: 3. Present electronically - Steve Allendorf, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Don Hill, John Lang, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, Ron Smith, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Present electronically: 12. Absent – Diane Gallagher and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2.

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Chairperson Toot.

**THE INVOCATION** and thought for the day were given by William Bingham.

**AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Don Hill and seconded by Don Zillig.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O’Connor, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent – Diane Gallagher and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2.

**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 at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LEGISLATIVE:**

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

**FINANCE, TAX, & BUDGETS:**

Item 3B(1) was removed from the agenda at the request of Sheriff Kevin Turner.

The fund balance for the Contingency Fund on March 31, 2020 is \$258,121.15.

**INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:**

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

**EXECUTIVE:**

A committee motion to approve the Jo Daviess County Transit’s Operator’s (The Workshop) State FY2021 Budget for operating the Jo Daviess County Transit System for FY21 was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A committee motion to apply for, and accept, both the State FY21 Federal Section 5311 Transit Grant and the State FY21 Downstate Operating Assistance Grant with The Workshop as The Operator under a Probationary Period to end on March 1, 2021 was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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A committee motion to approve an amendment to the Destination Marketing Management Agreement was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Item D4 did not require action.

A committee motion to approve a request by Sheriff Turner to hire a Deputy Sheriff to fill a future vacant position was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Absent – Diane Gallagher and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2.

Diane Gallagher entered the meeting at this time.

A committee motion to allow the Jo Daviess County Ad-Hoc Economic Development Committee to begin scheduling virtual ZOOM meetings, effective May 18, 2020 was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by voice vote

Eric Tison, Planning and Development Administrator, gave an update on the Jo Daviess County Small Business Stabilization Grant (SBSG) Program. He has gotten positive feedback from the local communities and to date, has received twenty-six applications for grant funding.

A motion to schedule a meeting of the Small Business Stabilization Grant Program Committee for Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Highway Building in Hanover, Illinois was made by LaDon Trost and seconded by William Bingham.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to schedule a Special County Board meeting for Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois was made by Hendrica Regez and seconded by Diane Gallagher.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA COMMISSIONS**

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

**DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:**

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT & COURTS:**

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

**SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL:**

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

**PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

**AGENDA ITEM V – OTHER COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

Hendrica Regez, 2020 US Census Complete Count Committee, is concerned Jo Daviess County is not providing census data in a timely fashion and stressed the importance of this.

Eric Tison, Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, hopes to hold a meeting on June 3, 2020 once the logistics can be worked out with Sheriff Kevin Turner.

**AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

Multiple board members expressed their desire to resume committee meetings as soon as possible.

Scott Toot read aloud a letter received from Congresswoman Cheri Bustos commending “Local Hero” LaDon Trost and his organizational efforts to provide hot meals for truck drivers as they come through Stockton.

LaDon Trost refutes the “Local Hero” status, instead insisting the real heroes are the truckers and the healthcare and essential workers. He thanks all these people for everything they do.

**AGENDA ITEM VII – CITIZENS’ COMMENTS**

There were no citizens’ comments at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM VIII – CLOSED SESSION**

There was no reason to enter closed session at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM IX – POSSIBLE ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION**

No action was needed as a result of closed session.

**AGENDA ITEM X - ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by John Korth and seconded by Robert O’Connor.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Toot adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
CONSENT AGENDA  
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**A. MINUTES APPROVAL**

1. County Board meeting minutes from the April 13, 2020 County Board Meeting.
2. County Board meeting minutes from the April 28, 2020 Special County Board Meeting – COVID-19.

**B. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

1. Appointment of Helen Kilgore to serve as a member of the Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) for a three-year term commencing June 1, 2020 and ending May 31, 2023.
2. Appointment of Andrew Berlage to the Galena Rural Fire Protection District for a three-year term ending April 30, 2023.

**C. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, & PETITIONS**

**D. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, & PROCLAMATIONS**

**E. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

**F. CLAIMS**

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$387,126.12 as follows:
  - i. \$241,538.42 (Regular Claims)
  - ii. \$92,059.82 (Late Claims)
  - iii. \$25,000.00 (Revolving Loan Fund – Apple River State Bank/Dittmar Farms, LLC)
  - iv. \$41,037.50 (GGMI Hotel/Motel Tax Reimbursement)
2. Emergency Telephone Systems Board Fund claims in the amount of \$2,184.81.

**G. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

1. Line Item Transfers in the amount of \$6,000.00 as follows:
  - i. \$3,000.00 001-41122-711 Utilities to 001-41122-701 Maintenance Services.
  - ii. \$3,000.00 009-41129-603 001-41122-711 Utilities to 001-41122-702 Professional Services.