

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: Jo Daviess County Chairperson Scott Toot called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present –John Korth, John Lang, Robert O’Connor, and Scott Toot. Present: 4. Present electronically - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Present electronically: 9. Absent – William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Robert Heuerman, and John Schultz. Absent: 4.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Chairperson Toot.

AGENDA ITEM I – CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by John Lang and seconded by Robert O’Connor.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O’Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Robert Heuerman, and John Schultz. Absent: 4.

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

A motion to accept a letter of resignation from Lucas Bourquin – District #6 – Apple River & Warren I & part of Rush was made by John Korth and seconded by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O’Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, and LaDon Trost. Ayes: 12. Nays – Don Zillig. Nays: 1. Absent – William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Robert Heuerman, and John Schultz. Absent: 4.

A motion to declare a vacant seat for County Board Member District #6 – Apple River & Warren I & part of Rush was made by Steve Allendorf and seconded by John Korth.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O’Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham, Robert Heuerman, and John Schultz. Absent: 3. Vacant: 1.

A motion to accept a letter of resignation from John Schultz – District #14 – Hanover & part of Rice was made by John Korth and seconded by Diane Gallagher.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, and LaDon Trost. Ayes: 10. Nays – Robert O’Connor,

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Hendrica Regez, and Don Zillig. Nays: 3. Absent – William Bingham, Robert Heuerman, and John Schultz. Absent: 3. Vacant: 1.

A motion to declare a vacant seat for County Board Member District #14 – Hanover & part of Rice was made by John Korth and seconded by Ron Smith.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heuerman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

A motion to approve a *Resolution to Amend and Extend the Jo Daviess County Emergency Disaster Declaration Due to COVID-19 in Jo Daviess County* was made by John Lang and seconded by Andrew Townsend.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heuerman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

SPECIAL SERVICE AREA COMMISSIONS:

The commissions 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:

A committee motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of East Dubuque and the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office for Spillman Public Safety Project was made by Scott Toot.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heuerman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

A committee motion to approve an Interagency Agreement between Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. and the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office was made by Scott Toot.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heuerman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL:

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

A motion to approve an ordinance for a special use permit for a Restaurant, general commonly located at 1625 Route 35 N, East Dubuque, IL was made by Diane Gallagher and seconded by LaDon Trost.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heuerman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

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LEGISLATIVE:

The committee had no business to bring before the board.

FINANCE, TAX, & BUDGETS:

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 06-204-043-00 in East Galena Township to Stephen W. Moulton, Martha S. Moulton was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 08-202-041-00 in Guilford Township to Kevin Dorwick, Catherine Dorwick was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 17-000-253-21 in Stockton Township to Bobbi Decker, Brandon Decker was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 17-000-253-23 in Stockton Township to Bobbi Decker, Brandon Decker was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 21-001-716-00 in Warren Township to North Illinois Investments, LLC was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 22-100-409-00 in West Galena Township to MidAmerica Charter Bus, LLC was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 22-200-044-00 in West Galena Township to Heather N. Deininger was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

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A motion to approve the renewal of a property tax, CAMA, property characteristics software license maintenance and support agreement, for five years (March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2026) with DEVNET Inc., includes the offices of the County Clerk, County Treasurer, Chief County Assessment Officer and Planning & Development, at a first year cost of \$44,775.16 was made by John Korth and seconded by Ron Smith.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

The fund balance for the Contingency Fund on July 31, 2020 is \$312,099.66.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

A committee motion to approve a GIS data sharing agreement with Solacom Technologies on behalf of ETSB for the Next Generation 911 project pending review by the State's Attorney was made by Don Hill.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

A committee motion to approve a five-year agreement with Northern Illinois University for internet service pending review by the State's Attorney was made by Don Hill.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

A committee motion to approve a five-year agreement with iFiber for network transport service pending review by the State's Attorney was made by Don Hill.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

EXECUTIVE:

A committee motion to approve an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Local CURE Program Financial Support Conditions and Certification was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

A committee motion to approve a Resolution to Pay Eligible COVID-19 Expenses Associated with the Local CURE Program from the Contingency Fund (016) was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

A committee motion to change the location for the Berreman voting precinct from the Pleasant Valley Town Hall to the Berreman Town Hall was made by Steve Allendorf.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

AGENDA ITEM V – OTHER COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Diane Gallagher, 2020 US Census Complete Count Committee, updated the board on the progress of the committee. She reminded everyone the deadline to complete the census is September 30, 2020 and at this point, Jo Daviess County has only a 61.1% response rate.

John Lang, Legislative, reported the Black Caucus for the General Assembly met; they want the Override Session after the November General Election dedicated to passing legislation on: police training and accountability, criminal justice reform, education, health care, and wealth equity. President Harmon of the Senate and House Speaker Madigan have agreed to support the Caucus.

Steve Allendorf, Special Service Area Commissions, reported the public hearing for the proposed SSA #7, which combines SSA #2&4 and SSA #5 resulted in a decision to approve an ordinance establishing SSA #7. The next joint budget meeting will discuss establishing a fund for the new area.

AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

LaDon Trost is very concerned about the audio equipment quality in the board room. As Zoom meetings will continue for the foreseeable future, he recommends replacing the equipment.

Steve Allendorf thanked all those involved in working towards the goal of updating and re-establishing the Berreman Township Hall as a polling location.

Scott Toot addressed the members' concerns regarding the audio equipment and stated it is considered an emergency and will be replaced as soon as possible. It is considered a COVID-19 expense, so will probably be eligible for the Local CURES grant.

AGENDA ITEM VII – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

John Schultz, former County Board District #14 member, addressed the board stating it has been a great pleasure to serve the district for 1,369 days, attending 192 meetings. He has recently moved into County Board District #9, which has an open seat on the November 3, 2020 ballot, so has filed a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate. He ended with "...in the 1942 words of General Douglas MacArthur, I shall return."

AGENDA ITEM VIII – CLOSED SESSION

D. Pursuant to 5 ILCS Litigation Section 120/2(c)11

"Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting." Topic of discussion: Case No. 2020-TX-2.

Chairperson Toot explained the topic of discussion will be discussed at the next county board meeting.

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 Don Zillig.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 13. Nays: 0. Absent – William Bingham and Robert Heurman. Absent: 2. Vacant: 2.

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Chairperson Toot adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

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**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
CONSENT AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

A. MINUTES APPROVAL

1. County Board meeting minutes from the August 11, 2020 County Board Meeting.
2. County Board meeting minutes from the August 28, 2020 Public Hearing SSA #7 Special County Board Meeting.

B. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

C. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, & PETITIONS

D. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, & PROCLAMATIONS

E. REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

F. CLAIMS

1. Claims approval in the amount of \$611,403.32 as follows:
 - i. \$376,604.28 (Regular Claims \$373,168.47 + Claims associated w/LIT's \$3,435.81)
 - ii. \$112,922.89 (GGMI Hotel/Motel Tax Reimbursement)
 - iii. \$0.00 (Small Business Stabilization Grant (SBSG) Program Claims)
 - iv. \$5,245.03 (COVID-19 Claims to be paid from Contingency Fund)
 - v. \$2,865.00 (Crowd Control Claims to be paid from Contingency Fund)
 - vi. \$113,765.12 (Special Service Area Commissions)
 - Warren Area Ambulance Service, Inc. - SSA #1 - \$21,403.67
 - Elizabeth Community Ambulance Service – SSA #2 & #4 - \$12,424.53
 - Elizabeth Community Ambulance Service - SSA #5 - \$5,477.27
 - Galena Area Emergency Medical Service – SSA #6 - \$74,459.65
2. Emergency Telephone Systems Board Fund claims in the amount of \$4,606.75.

G. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

1. Line Item Transfers (with associated claims) in the amount of \$2,000.00 as follows:
 - i. \$2,000.00 001-41121-611 Fuel to 001-41121-606 Equipment & Tools