

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: Jo Daviess County Chairperson Scott Toot called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present - Steve Allendorf, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Robert Heuerman, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, John Schultz, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Present: 15. Absent - Hendrica Regez and Ron Smith. Absent: 2.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Chairperson Toot.

AGENDA ITEM I - CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

Hendrica Regez entered the meeting at this time.

AGENDA ITEM II – SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

County Administrator Dan Reimer explained the statutory requirement of holding a Public Hearing when a Special Service Area levy request exceeds by 5%, the amount the SSA was extended the previous year. This year, the Special Service Area #1 budget request of \$101,627.00 resulted in an increase of 25.5%.

AGENDA ITEM III – OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Toot opened the Public Hearing at 5:36 p.m.

Roger Kent, President of the Warren Ambulance Board, spoke on behalf of the organization to explain their reason and need for the additional budgetary expense request. They will need to purchase two new cardiac monitors within the next two years, as support for the current models will end in 2021. They believe asking for the additional funds now, so they can put the money aside and avoid a large expenditure all at once, was the best course of action.

Steve Allendorf, Special Service Area Commission Chairperson, spoke on behalf of the commission to fully support the Warren Ambulance Service's intent to plan now for the future cardiac monitor purchase.

Lucas Bourquin, Warren Ambulance Coordinator, explained the need for supported cardiac monitors and invited questions.

Diane Gallagher, County Board District #1, asked if the old monitors could be used for training, to which Lucas Bourquin responded yes, they could.

AGENDA ITEM IV - CLOSURE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Toot closed the Public Hearing at 5:41 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM V – NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve the 2019 payable 2020 property tax levy for Special Service Area #1 in the amount of \$101,627.00, and to include this amount in the FY2020 Jo Daviess County Annual Tax Levy Ordinance (2019 payable 2020) was made by Steve Allendorf and seconded by John Lang.

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The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes - Steve Allendorf, William Bingham, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Robert Heurman, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O'Connor, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Abstain - Lucas Bourquin. Abstention: 1. Absent – Ron Smith. Absent: 1.

AGENDA ITEM VI – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

AGENDA ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Andrew Townsend and seconded by John Schultz.
The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Toot adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.