

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BUDGET HEARING
NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson of the Jo Daviess County Board, Ron Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.

ROLL CALL was answered as follows: Present-Brandon Behlke, Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, Richard Dittmar, Randy Jobgen, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, and Don Zillig. Present: 11. Absent-William Bingham, Jody Covert, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Steve McIntyre and RJ Winkelhake. Absent: 6.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Chairperson Smith.

AGENDA ITEM I – CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

AGENDA ITEM II – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to bring before the board.

AGENDA ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS

The Jo Daviess County board presented a plaque to Carol Soat in recognition of her 21 years of service as Jo Daviess County Treasurer. They thanked her and wished her good luck in her retirement.

County Department heads presented Margie Montelius with a picture of the Jo Daviess County Courthouse in recognition for her time served as Jo Daviess County Board member.

BUDGET REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

County Administrator Dan Reimer, gave an explanation and summarization of the 15-step process of the FY2015 budget.

County Board Chairperson Ron Smith thanked County Administrator Dan Reimer and his staff for preparing and planning a very detailed and comprehensive budget.

The Jo Daviess County FY2015 Annual Tax Levy Ordinance (2014 levy/payable 2015) was adopted as presented following approval of a motion made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, Richard Dittmar, Randy Jobgen, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 10. Nays-Brandon Behlke. Nays: 1. Absent-William Bingham, Jody Covert, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Steve McIntyre and RJ Winkelhake. Absent: 6.

The Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance for the 2014 property tax levy payable in 2015 was approved as showing the aggregate levy did not exceed a 5% increase over the prior year's extension following a motion made by Rick Dittmar and seconded by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The Jo Daviess County FY2015 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was adopted as presented following approval of a motion made by Steve Rutz and seconded by John O'Boyle.

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The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke Gerald Bennett, Richard Dittmar, Randy Jobgen, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 10. Nays-Merri Berlage. Nays: 1. Absent-William Bingham, Jody Covert, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Steve McIntyre and RJ Winkelhake. Absent: 6.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COURTS:

A resolution to participate in the service program of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$7,000.00 was approved following a committee motion made by Ron Smith.

The motion carried by voice vote.

FINANCE, TAX AND BUDGET:

The Jo Daviess County Employee Health Reimbursement Plan Document and Summary Plan Description, effective December 1, 2012 and the restated document dated December 1, 2014 were approved following a committee motion made by Steve Rutz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The following closed session minutes will be opened:

- a) January 14, 2003 – County Board
- b) November 16, 2004 – Executive committee
- c) November 14, 2006 – County Board
- d) April 2, 2007 – Executive Committee
- e) April 30, 2007 – Executive Committee
- f) February 4, 2008 – Executive Committee
- g) April 6, 2009 – Executive Committee
- h) August 31, 2009 – Executive Committee
- i) February 14, 2012 – County Board
- j) May 30, 2013 – Finance, Tax & Budgets

following approval of a committee motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

All other closed session minutes have been reviewed and will remain closed following approval of a motion made by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

LABOR COMMITTEE:

A tentative collective bargaining agreement with FOP will be addressed after closed session.

CLAIMS:

A claim due December 1, 2014 to Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust in the amount of \$80,105.75, this amount is the initial premium payment (25%) for FY2015 Property & Casualty and Workers Compensation Insurance, to be paid from line item 017-48118-723 was approved following a motion made by Steve Rutz and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, Richard Dittmar, Randy Jobgen, Margie Montelius, John O'Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry

Stoffregen, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 11. Nays: 0. Absent-William Bingham, Jody Covert, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Steve McIntyre and RJ Winkelhake. Absent: 6.

AGENDA ITEM IV– CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

There were no citizens’ comments at this time.

AGENDA ITEM V – CLOSED SESSION

The board entered closed session at 8:41 p.m. to discuss:

- a) collective bargaining section 2(c)2, Topic of discussion: Update on current union negotiations with the FOP and the PBLC. Recommendation to approve tentative collective bargaining agreement with the FOP.

following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Merri Berlage.

The motion carried by voice vote.

The board reconvened to open session at 9:23 p.m. following approval of a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by Randy Jobgen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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

A tentative collective bargaining agreement with FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) with the corrected wage scale for December 1, 2012 with a base raise of 2.5% starting at \$23.10, 2 years-\$23.80, 5 years-\$24.51. 10 years-\$25.74 and 15 years-\$27.02, for December 1, 2013 with a base raise of \$2.5% starting at \$23.68, 2 years-\$24.39, 5 years-\$25.12, 10 years-\$26.38 and 15 years-\$27.70, for December 1, 2014 base raise of \$2.7% starting at \$24.32, 2 years-\$25.05, 5 years-\$25.80, 10 years-\$27.09 and 15 years-\$28.45, for December 1, 2015 with a base raise of 2.9% starting at \$25.03, 2 years-\$25.78, 5 years-\$26.55, 10 years-\$27.88 and 15 years-\$29.27, for December 1, 2016 base raise of 2.9% starting at \$25.75, 2 years-\$26.52, 5 years-\$27.32, 10 years-\$28.69 and 15 years-\$30.12 was approved following a motion made by Merri Berlage and seconded by Margie Montelius.

The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes-Brandon Behlke, Gerald Bennett, Merri Berlage, Richard Dittmar, Randy Jobgen, Margie Montelius, John O’Boyle, Steven Rutz, Ron Smith, Terry Stoffregen, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 11. Nays: 0. Absent-William Bingham, Jody Covert, Robert Heuerman, Dan Hughes, Steve McIntyre and RJ Winkelhake. Absent: 6.

AGENDA ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned following a motion made by Brandon Behlke and seconded by John O’Boyle.

The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 1, 2014, at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, Galena, Illinois.