

1 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
2 **COMMITTEE MINUTES**
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5 **JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

6 **Monday, February 2, 2009**

7 **Brookens Administrative Center, Lyle Shields Meeting Room**

8 **1776 E. Washington St., Urbana**
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10 7:00 p.m.

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12 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jan Anderson, Lloyd Carter, Matthew Gladney (Chair), Stan James,
13 Alan Nudo, Giraldo Rosales, Larry Sapp, Samuel Smucker
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15 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kevin Hunt
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17 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Kat Bork (Administrative Secretary), Deb Busey (County Administrator
18 of Finance & HR Management), Joe Gordon (Court Services Director),
19 Stephanie Joos (Animal Control Director), Kathleen Liffick (Head Start
20 Director), Peter Tracy (Mental Health Executive Director), C. Pius
21 Weibel (County Board Chair), Jonte Rollins (CU Area Project)
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23 **CALL TO ORDER**
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25 Gladney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
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27 **ROLL CALL**
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29 Bork called the roll. Anderson, Carter, Gladney, James, Nudo, Rosales, Sapp, and Smucker
30 were present at the time of roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum.
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32 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM**
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34 **MOTION** by James to approve the agenda; seconded by Smucker. **Motion carried.**
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36 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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38 **MOTION** by James to approve the Justice & Social Services Committee January 5, 2009
39 minutes; seconded by Rosales.
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41 James requested the word "the" be inserted into line 129 of the minutes.
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43 **Motion carried as amended.**
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45 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
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47 There was no public participation.

48 **MONTHLY REPORTS**

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50 **MOTION** by Carter to receive and place on file the Animal Control December 2008 report; the
51 Court Services October 2008, November 2008, and December 2008 reports; and the EMA January
52 2009 report; seconded by Rosales. **Motion carried.**

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54 **ANIMAL CONTROL**

55 Approval of Spay/Neuter Program Grant Application

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57 **MOTION** by Smucker to approve the Animal Control Department's application for a
58 spay/neuter program grant from the Champaign County Humane Society; seconded by Carter. **Motion**
59 **carried.**

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61 **COURT SERVICES**

62 Approval of Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Grant for Information & Record Sharing
63 Program/Enhanced Formal Station Adjustment Program

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65 **MOTION** by Anderson to approve the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Grant
66 for Information & Record Sharing Program/Enhanced Formal Station Adjustment Program; seconded
67 by James.

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69 Gordon explained this has been an ongoing grant and all of the funding will be utilized for the
70 diversion program. Gordon will be working closely with Peter Tracy on a new program they hope to
71 utilize in the future that works specifically with the juveniles and their parents. If not for the diversion
72 program, these juveniles would likely have ended up in the formal delinquency process.

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74 **Motion carried.**

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76 Annual Plan FY2009

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78 **MOTION** by Anderson to receive and place on file the Court Services Annual Plan for
79 FY2009; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.**

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81 The plan will be kept on file in the Administrative Services Department for any County Board
82 member who would like to read it.

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84 **HEAD START**

85 Monthly Report

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87 **MOTION** by James to receive and place on file the Head Start December 2008-January 2009
88 monthly report; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.**

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90 **JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GRANTS**

91 Quarter Cent for Public Safety Post-Detention Programs Status Report

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93 The report was distributed to the committee before the meeting commenced.

94 **MOTION** by Anderson to receive and place on file the February 2009 Quarter Cent for Public
95 Safety Post-Detention Programs Status Report; seconded by Smucker.
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97 Carter wondered if the committee could study this a little bit more. Gladney asked for Carter to
98 elaborate on his request. Carter said there was so much happening here and they thought everything
99 was going along fine, but all of a sudden it was not fine. He stated that he had asked questions all
100 along about how the programs were done and everyone had answered that they were fine. He said they
101 were now taking it out of context and putting it somewhere that the intent was not known. Carter
102 stated he worked too hard to get this program to let it slip away for someone else to make a political
103 issue out of it.
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105 Anderson asked if Tracy and Rollins could highlight anything from the report. Tracy said they
106 were concerned that the program was not doing as well as they thought it would. They have been
107 attempting to address it over the last year, as the reports can document. An interesting finding has
108 been that the recidivism numbers for the juveniles in this program is 26%, which is not bad for this
109 population. But Tracy and others have been concerned about the lack of engagement with juveniles
110 and families in treatment, so there does not seem to be a relationship between what happens in
111 treatment and recidivism. They are getting fairly good recidivism numbers, but families are not
112 engaged to the extent that staff would like and the juveniles are not completing the programs. The
113 State's Attorney was unhappy that there were no defined programs; therefore, Tracy's staff began
114 having discussions last spring. As a result, the staff began looking at the evidence-based practice
115 called Parenting With Love & Limits. Tracy explained that Parenting With Love & Limits has been
116 researched by third-party researchers who reviewed the outcomes. The program is particularly strong
117 in engaging families and juveniles in treatment. The treatment is an eight-week program and roughly
118 80% of the juveniles finish the program. The program's recidivism numbers are also very good.
119 Tracy pointed out that the money being used to contract with Parenting With Love & Limits is not
120 coming out of the Quarter Cent for Public Safety money. The Mental Health Board is adding money
121 to the County Board's Quarter Cent funding to have a better program in order to achieve better
122 outcomes for the juveniles. Tracy felt if the committee really looked at what is happening, then they
123 would realize the County Board is getting a very good deal.
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125 Carter asked what the deal is and stated he had not read any deal. He claimed no one had
126 brought anything and laid it out to say this is what we are proposing to do. He asked Tracy why he did
127 not say there was a problem. Tracy stated that he had done so. Carter argued that no one had done
128 that, the committee just saw that the program was going where it was not supposed to go, all of a
129 sudden. Carter said Tracy could have at least had the decency to come up to the committee and tell
130 them about the problem. Gladney recalled that Tracy had reported to the committee that the program
131 had been having problems, both in person at meetings and in the reports the committee receives.
132 Anderson noted that Tracy and Rollins have shared with the committee both the difficulties occurring
133 in the program and the efforts they have made to correct the situation. She thought the committee was
134 made aware of the situation.
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136 Smucker, as a new County Board member, requested an explanation of the program and
137 evidence-based practice. Tracy explained it is referred to as a "manualized" approach. Every client
138 who is seen in the program receives a manual which essentially follows the eight-week course of
139 study. The families are required to attend virtually every session and there are concurrent sessions
140 both with the families and juveniles. The manual goes through a bunch of things that relates to

141 juveniles with behavior disorders, such as training parents to overcome their kids' button-pushing
142 behaviors and role playing. An evidence-based practice is especially good because there is a
143 requirement that the therapists are trained in the model and supervised by the program on a weekly
144 basis via telephone and submitting videotapes of family sessions. The program can review the sessions
145 and help correct the therapists. The main issue is making sure that the people doing the program are
146 actually true to the model because the research is tied to following the model a certain way. Tracy
147 said he would be happy to bring materials if the committee wanted to see them. In researching this
148 program, Gordon contacted four or five sites in the country where his counterparts in the juvenile
149 justice system have worked with Parenting With Love & Limits. Most of the counterparts had very
150 positive results with the program and it has been useful in engaging families. Smucker inquired what
151 program was used previous to this one. Tracy said the Mental Health Board inherited a variety of
152 different programs through different agencies around town. This was one of the major problems
153 because everyone had a different approach and there was no consistency. Some agencies had a
154 psycho-therapeutic approach and some had an activity approach. One of the things the State's
155 Attorney complained about was that she was not sure what juveniles were getting from the various
156 programs. With the Parenting With Love & Limits program, they are buying some level of
157 consistency, oversight, and supervision. Everyone administering the program has to be masters trained
158 at a minimum.

160 Carter said he heard Tracy, but what he was saying was word of mouth and the committee did
161 not have anything in writing. Carter said if he was administering the program and there was a
162 problem, he would have had the decency to come to say something went wrong and ask for input.
163 Carter said he did not know what the problem is and they just go do stuff with no input and throw it
164 back. Tracy attempted to respond, but Carter told him to wait and asked if he knew how long Carter
165 had to fight to convince the rest of the County Board to even go along with that. Carter answered
166 himself that it took months and years, but he finally got it done. He said that now he did not get any
167 respect at all because people just take it and do what they what with it. Carter said he knew that he had
168 asked a lot of times in committee meetings if the program was doing what they expected it to do. He
169 was told yes and they voted on it, then it suddenly came up wrong. Carter said he would like to have a
170 chance to have input into the program, which he claimed he has not had, and asked if that was too
171 much. Tracy was willing to help and inquired what kind of input Carter wanted to have. Carter said
172 he would like to see that the program would benefit the young kids that would be locked up in the
173 Juvenile Detention Center, so that they had skills to go back to class or whatever when they got out.
174 Tracy confirmed that is exactly what the parties involved wanted and offered to provide a lot of
175 material about the program to Carter. Carter said that Tracy could have at least have written something
176 down to present. Gladney stated that Tracy appeared willing to speak with Carter and give him more
177 information.

179 Rosales asked for more information about the program as a new County Board member. He
180 also requested that Tracy provide the reports at least three days in advance, so he could read them and
181 be prepared to ask intelligible questions at the meeting. Tracy agreed to do so. Gladney stated that he
182 asked Rollins if the reports could be provided before the meetings during the last term and was told
183 that could happen, but no change occurred. Gladney asked if it was feasible for Tracy to get the
184 reports to the committee before the meeting. Tracy thought it was feasible, but he noted that they were
185 over-reporting in some respects. They are providing a monthly report when the Justice & Social
186 Services Committee barely received quarterly reports on the grant program before the Mental Health
187 Board began administrating it. The staff provides the reports as a way to keep the committee informed

188 about what was happening with the program. He proposed they go to a quarterly reporting system and
189 he would get the reports to the committee in advance of meetings. Tracy explained it was difficult to
190 coordinate with Rollins. He acknowledged that they did promise to send the reports to the committee
191 before the meetings and failed to get it done, but he did feel they are over-reporting. Gladney asked
192 about having bi-monthly report instead. Busey interjected that Tracy needs to have enough time to
193 produce the report after a month closes and send it to the Administrative Services Department to be
194 included in the agenda packet. Because the committee meeting is so early in the month, she suggested
195 the report ending date be set on the 15th of a month to allow for enough time. The report's information
196 would not be as current as it is now. Rosales said he just wanted to be able to read the report and then
197 discuss it.
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199 Weibel suggested Tracy and Carter get together sometime to talk. He further suggested that
200 Tracy could email an incomplete version of the report to the committee and then provide a final
201 version at the meeting. James recommended the new members learn about the scope of the grant
202 programs and noted the idea of placing the reports on file is to give members a chance to thoroughly
203 read them. He stated that Tracy and the Mental Health Board are doing a wonderful job with the
204 grants because the committee is getting better reports and accountability than it ever had before, with
205 the added bonus of the process being less politicized. James suggested any member who was
206 interested in the grant programs should visit the sites to see them firsthand before making any
207 decisions.
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209 Smucker asked Tracy to break down what funding came from the Quarter Cent for Public
210 Safety Sales Tax versus the Mental Health Board. Tracy gave background on the Quarter Cent for
211 Public Safety Juvenile Delinquency Grants. The funding for these grants comes from the Quarter Cent
212 for Public Safety Sales Tax and amounts to almost \$210,000 annually. This entire amount is used for
213 funding grant programs through five agencies. Almost \$50,000 is used for monitoring. Tracy clarified
214 that the Mental Health Board does not take an administrative cut out of the money, so the committee is
215 receiving Tracy's time and expertise for free. The Parenting with Love & Limits program was
216 approved by the Mental Health Board and the contract they are considering is for \$150,000, which
217 would be funded by the Mental Health Board. The Mental Health Board also added another \$110,000
218 of its money to fund additional programs to supplement the programs funded by the Quarter Cent
219 Grants. The Mental Health Board also funds other programs that relate to child and adolescent
220 services. Gordon would also be putting \$12,000 towards the programs in addition to buying the
221 manuals. Tracy wanted to demonstrate how the Mental Health Board has attempted to braid its money
222 in with the Quarter Cent money to provide a comprehensive level of service. To provide some
223 perspective, the Mental Health Board's makes a little over \$3 million in investments for community
224 programming for mental health services, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities services. The
225 Developmental Disabilities Board has another \$3 million to use for developmental disabilities services.
226 Gordon added that one of the intentions was to use the \$250,000 towards getting more money to
227 enlarge the pool that could be used for this population. He felt this is what Tracy has done in working
228 closely with the Court Services Department and the Juvenile Detention Center. Gordon noted this is
229 outlined in the Court Services Annual Plan as well as all the programs run at the Juvenile Detention
230 Center and the funding sources. He encouraged the committee members to read the annual plan to
231 learn about the many good initiatives going on at the Detention Center to help the juveniles for when
232 they are released back into the community. In working together with the Mental Health Board, the
233 intent of the Court Service Department is to keep the juveniles out of the Detention Center. The
234 Administrative Offices of the Illinois Courts are requesting that Gordon's staff look at evidence-based

235 programs because it is believed the funding associated with programs should have some statistical
236 backing, such as Parenting With Love & Limits does. With the other programs, there has been no
237 statistical backing to prove what the outcomes are over the years.
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239 Anderson re-enforced that this is the third year the Mental Health Board has administered the
240 Quarter Cent for Public Safety Juvenile Delinquency Grants. Before then, a subcommittee of the
241 Justice & Social Service Committee reviewed the grant applications and quarterly reports from the
242 agencies. The committee did the best it could, but she believed the application process is improved
243 and the grant monitoring is much stronger by contracting with the Mental Health Board. Tracy has
244 provided monthly reports to the committee and attended the meetings, neither of which was formerly
245 done by the agencies who received grants administered by the Justice & Social Service Committee.
246 Anderson emphasized that the Mental Health Board was interested in collaborating with the County
247 Board on these grants and its staff has performed those services for free so all the money could go into
248 funding programs. She suggested the new Board members obtain copies of the programs being funded
249 and meet with Tracy to get more background on these grants. She has always found Tracy and Rollins
250 willing to meet and discuss the grants. Anderson appreciated seeing the involvement of other entities
251 like the State's Attorney and Court Services. She acknowledged the Mental Health Board is more
252 involved in administering the grants than the committee was before and there is a lot going on in this
253 administration that the committee does not see.
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255 Gladney noted a copy of the Court Services Annual Plan was at the meeting and asked if it was
256 available online. Gordon said it was not currently online, but they could see to it that IT puts it on the
257 website. James commented there was training for new Board members at the start of the term. He
258 suggested that concerns or questions can be raised when the contract comes up for renewal.
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260 **Motion carried.**
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262 **NURSING HOME BOARD OF DIRECTORS LIAISON UPDATE**

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264 Anderson stated the Champaign County Nursing Home (CCNH) census was at 203 as of last
265 week. Busey quoted that census as being 206 as of today, bringing CCNH close to the goal of 208.
266 Anderson reviewed the information distributed at the last County Board meeting, including the
267 monthly customer satisfaction survey performed by Pinnacle. CCNH rates very well overall on the
268 survey with the lowest areas of satisfaction being laundry and dietary. There is a residents' food
269 committee that gives input when vendors introduce new food. Anderson spoke about the laundry
270 service and explained how CCNH informs the residents' families that any personal clothing items
271 requiring special laundering should be cleaned by the families because CCNH does not hand wash
272 garments. There is follow-up performed after the survey results are received.
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274 Anderson spoke about the PR Committee of the Nursing Home Board of Directors and its
275 plans. Nudo and Brendan McGinty appeared on WDWS at the suggestion of the Nursing Home Board
276 of Directors to take advantage of the free talk shows in an effort to reach out to the community. It was
277 suggested at the Board of Directors meeting to put together an educational piece to help people in the
278 community choose a nursing home. Mike Scavatto talked about quality indicators to help the Board
279 members better understand the process. There will be some training sessions for Board members this
280 month with Andrew Buffenbarger and the Nursing Director. Anderson hoped the new software would
281 be available soon because it is becoming more important to get the Medicare documentation down to

282 be reimbursed at the maximum rate possible. Busey thought CCNH was looking at having the
283 software installed. Anderson ended by remarking the financial system has improved somewhat, but
284 cash flow is still tight.
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286 Nudo commented that the software will help with revenue to ensure billable treatments are
287 submitted to the State of Illinois and quality control. Mary Ellen O'Shaughenssey is heading up the
288 PR Committee and organizing Rotaries along with other community groups to hear a true picture of
289 what is happening at CCNH.
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291 Weibel noted the Obama stimulus package includes money for Medicare and Medicaid, though
292 he does not know how this will impact CCNH. The rates could change or the federal government
293 could supply money so the states can get caught up on their billing.
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295 Rosales asked if Nudo and Anderson would make the same report to the Justice & Social
296 Services Committee and the County Board. Anderson had attempted to make an amendment to the
297 County Board Rules at the last Board meeting, but it was out of order. There will be a discussion
298 about this at the Policy, Personnel, & Appointments Committee. Anderson was in favor of providing a
299 verbal report at the County Board meetings so the full Board can hear it, but Gladney asked for a
300 verbal report be given at the Justice & Social Services Committee meetings. Rosales asked if they
301 were leaning towards a quarterly report and putting it on the County's website. Anderson stated the
302 Nursing Home Board of Directors Bylaws require a quarterly report be presented to the County Board.
303 Busey confirmed the next quarterly report would be provided to the County Board at this month's
304 meeting by the Chair of the Nursing Home Board of Directors. The quarterly report was the only
305 requirement included in the bylaws when the Nursing Home Board of Directors was created. Rosales
306 asked if the bylaws had been made available. Busey explained the bylaws are posted on the County's
307 website. Rosales wondered if someone did not have a computer, like Carter, then they would not have
308 seen the bylaws. Busey and Anderson verified that Carter and all County Board members were
309 provided with hard copies of the bylaws. All anyone has to do is call and ask the Administrative
310 Services Department to be provided with the bylaws in hard copy format.
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312 Rosales said he had been hearing a lot through the grapevine about a federal lawsuit or federal
313 investigation and asked someone to expound on this, which he thought was equally as important as the
314 laundry situation. Weibel stated that state investigators and one federal investigator came to CCNH in
315 November to investigate some report of fraud. At that time, the investigators went through a number
316 of files, made copies, and requested more copies at a later date. The County has not been told what the
317 investigators are looking for because investigators rarely tell people what they are after during an
318 investigation. The County is waiting to hear from the investigators. Rosales asked who in the
319 hierarchy of command was responsible to interact with the federal government to provide information;
320 the Nursing Home Board of Directors, Management Performance Associates, or the County Board.
321 Rosales claimed they were trying to establish the chain of command and they cut out the middle people
322 before any decision is made. He asked if the County Board just signed the check. Weibel did not
323 know what Rosales meant by those statements. Weibel reiterated that the federal and state
324 investigators came directly to CCNH and asked for files. Nudo said it is based on an allegation made
325 by somebody. Rosales asked if they were covered by Julia Rietz's office. Weibel stated the State's
326 Attorney's Office is the County's legal counsel in this affair. Busey clarified that the State's Attorney
327 has appointed special legal counsel to represent the County with regard to this situation. Rosales asked
328 if the County Board members were debriefed on that information because he was not familiar with the

329 case. Anderson stated the Board of Directors is aware there was a complaint, but they do not know
330 what the investigators are looking for. Weibel confirmed the investigators did not tell the County
331 anything about the nature of the complaint or whether the County itself is being investigated. Nudo
332 added that the investigation could be about a vendor who provided a service to CCNH, not about
333 CCNH itself. Weibel said the Department of Public Health is not obligated to tell the County anything
334 about the investigation, as far as he knew.

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336 Carter said, to answer Rosales's question, that he has been saying all along that it has been sad
337 because Rosales was on the Justice Committee and that committee was set up to do the legal business
338 for the County Board.

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340 Gladney thanked Nudo and Anderson for giving their report. Anderson welcomed feedback if
341 she was providing more detail than the committee wanted to hear.

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343 Carter exited the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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345 James asked if CCNH distributed a resident handbook outlining issues like the laundry. He
346 thought it would be helpful because he assumed with CCNH's big laundry service that everything was
347 being done in-house. Anderson explained that some residents' family members choose to launder a
348 resident's personal items at home. James also noted that federal investigators can obtain information
349 and will eventually inform the County Board on the end result, which will be shared with the Board in
350 a closed session. An investigation can take months and it is important to keep misinformation that
351 could be harmful from being circulated. James did not want to downplay the questions from Rosales,
352 but he noted the Board members can sometimes overreact and cause more controversy than what is
353 needed. Smucker stated the reports on CCNH to the County Board and the committee contains a lot of
354 repetition because the reports are made every other week. He asked for a different level of detail at
355 each meeting, especially since CCNH is doing better. He felt it did not make sense to discuss how
356 residents' laundry is done at the full Board meeting. Nudo explained the timing of the Justice & Social
357 Services Committee is not good because the County Board meeting falls between the Nursing Home
358 Board of Directors meeting and this committee meeting, so most issues will have been discussed at the
359 full Board meeting. He was willing to tailor the verbal reports as requested by the full Board. He
360 commented that Scavatto has advised that the County will not hear anything about the investigation
361 until the Department of Public Health decides to issue information. It is entirely possible that the press
362 will find out before the County Board does. Busey said that the Department of Public Health will
363 release the information to the County Board Chair and media at same time. Weibel is then challenged
364 to get the information out to all 27 Board members. Weibel agreed there would be a closed session
365 when he has something to report. Anderson appreciated the input on the reporting. She incorporated a
366 certain level of detail into her verbal report because some County Board members have indicated that
367 they think the Board of Directors is hiding something. To alleviate this misconception, she was
368 informing the Board members what the Board of Directors is doing.

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370 Rosales asked if he could listen to the tape of the closed session when the investigation was
371 discussed. Weibel said there has never been a closed session about the investigation because nothing
372 is known other than what has been publically discussed. Rosales explained he was curious because
373 citizens have been asking him about this and he does not know anything about it. Weibel confirmed
374 Rosales was as up-to-date as the other members. Smucker asked if Weibel could email any documents
375 to the County Board members that are "hot" issues before they hit the newspaper, such as David

376 DeThorne's recent opinion on the per diem. Smucker said the County Board received the opinion two
377 weeks after the newspaper referred to the issue. Weibel stated that he received the per diem opinion an
378 hour before the meeting where it was presented to County Board members. Busey confirmed the
379 opinion was presented to the Finance Committee during a meeting that was covered by the media. She
380 acknowledged that it can be difficult to know in advance which items will prompt a story by the local
381 media and to contact all County Board members about what issues happened at all committee
382 meetings. In the past, Weibel has made sure to send a press release to County Board members before
383 it is sent to the media. Anderson recalled that the County's legal counsel has advised County Board
384 members to not discuss issues they are not knowledgeable instead of speculating to the media. The
385 Board members can simply say that they do not have the information and refer the media to the County
386 Board Chair. Smucker said it could be embarrassing when the press knows about something and it is
387 all over Brookens, but the only people who do not know about it are the Board members. Busey said
388 that would happen with the committee process because the all the Board members do not attend all the
389 committee meetings. There is no mechanism for bringing the other 18 Board members completely up
390 to speed before the media can report it if they did not attend a committee meeting. Weibel noted that
391 some reporters have contacts in Springfield and Chicago that enable them to learn about news more
392 quickly than it is provided to the County Board Chair via postal mail. He does try to get information
393 out to the full Board as quickly as possible. Sapp suggested the new members tell reporters or
394 constituents that they will contact the County Board Chair or the County Administrator and then get
395 back to them to avoid embarrassment. This way the Board members have confirmed they have
396 accurate, current information.

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398 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

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400 Gladney stated that he wanted to hold some future committee meeting at one of the jails and
401 congratulated Nudo on the birth of his new granddaughter.

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403 **OTHER BUSINESS**

404 **Citizens Advisory Committee on Jury Selection Appointments**

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406 Gladney deferred to Weibel on this item. Weibel nominated ten members of the public to the
407 Citizens Advisory Committee on Jury Selection, as well as the Public Defender, State's Attorney,
408 Courts Administrator, Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court, Gladney, and himself. All members of the
409 Justice & Social Services Committee were nominated as non-voting members of the advisory
410 committee.

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412 **MOTION** by Smucker to appoint the following Champaign County elected officials and court
413 officers to be members of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Jury Selection:

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- 415 1. C. Pius Weibel, County Board Chair
- 416 2. Matthew Gladney, Justice & Social Services Committee Chair
- 417 3. Thomas Difanis, Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court
- 418 4. Roger Holland, Courts Administrator
- 419 5. Julia Rietz, State's Attorney
- 420 6. Randall Rosenbaum, Public Defender; and

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422 the following individuals from the general public to be members of the Citizens Advisory Committee
423 on Jury Selection:

- 424
- 425 1. Aaron Ammons
 - 426 2. Patricia Avery
 - 427 3. William Brown
 - 428 4. Lorraine Cowart
 - 429 5. Brian Dolinar
 - 430 6. Deloris Henry
 - 431 7. Barbara Kessel
 - 432 8. Joan Miller
 - 433 9. Jennifer Putman
 - 434 10. Patrick Thompson
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436 The motion was seconded by James.

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438 Nudo asked if the appointees included any educators. Weibel stated that he nominated
439 everyone from the public who applied for the advisory committee. Deloris Henry was employed at the
440 Unit 4 School District for a number of years and he was not aware if any other appointee was a
441 teacher. Gladney thought Brian Dolinar was an educator at Parkland College. Weibel said the
442 advisory committee was a combination of local activists, community organizers, social workers,
443 people from the League of Women Voters, ACLU members, and members of the court-watching
444 program.

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446 James asked if the meetings could conflict with the Illinois Open Meetings Act when County
447 Board members were present. Weibel stated the advisory committee meetings would be held
448 according to the Open Meetings Act, so the agendas would be posted, meetings recorded, and minutes
449 would be taken.

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451 Anderson asked if the appointment of the advisory committee had to be submitted for County
452 Board approval. Gladney indicated it would and Weibel confirmed the appointments would go to the
453 County Board. Tom Betz had informed Weibel that the appointments would not be considered by the
454 Policy, Personnel, & Appointments Committee because the advisory committee is not a subcommittee,
455 a standing committee, or a committee per se of the County Board. The Citizens Advisory Committee
456 on Jury Selection will be a temporary committee. James did not hear any appointments from Rantoul,
457 Penfield, or Gifford and asked if any applied. Weibel stated no one from those areas applied to be on
458 the committee.

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460 Smucker requested a summation of the advisory committee's purpose. Gladney said there is an
461 issue with the responses to jury summons and jury participation. The committee is to identify the
462 problem areas and the reasons why the courts might be getting a lower response to jury summons than
463 the committee wants. Once those reasons are identified, the advisory committee will come up with
464 solutions to those problems. Gladney said the advisory committee would do community outreach and
465 educate the general public about jury service. The basic principle is to work on getting a better
466 response to jury service and selection. Weibel said the advisory committee will bring
467 recommendations to the Justice & Social Services Committee to consider, hence why the committee

468 does not have voting rights. Sapp spoke about Jennifer Putman, who he felt would be a great asset to
469 the advisory committee.

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471 **Motion carried.**

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473 **DESIGNATION OF ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON COUNTY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA**

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475 Gladney designated agenda items 7A, 8A, & 13A for the consent agenda.

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477 **ADJOURNMENT**

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479 Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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481 Respectfully submitted,

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483 Kat Bork

484 Administrative Secretary

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Secy's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.