

RESUME OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
June 18, 2020

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. in the Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois and remote participation via Zoom due to social distancing necessitated by the Coronavirus, with County Executive Darlene Kloeppel presiding, Matthew Cross as Clerk of the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following members present: Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Eisenmann, Esry, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Harper, and Rosales – 22; absent: none. Thereupon, County Executive Kloeppel declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business. Young departed early shortly before 7:00 PM, and Wolken, Clemmons, Eisenmann, and Harper departed early shortly before 7:45 PM.

County Executive Kloeppel noted that in a remote attendance situation all voting must be by roll call, per Illinois Public Act 101-0640, approved by Governor Pritzker June 12, 2020.

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

County Executive Kloeppel read a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

**READ NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Clerk read the Notice of the Meeting, said Notice having been published in *The News Gazette* on June 4, June 11, and June 16, 2020.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA**

Board Member Esry offered a motion to approve the Agenda/Addenda; Board Chair Rosales seconded. Motion unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers,  
Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Cowart,  
Dillard-Myers, Eisenmann, Esry, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Harper, and  
Rosales – 22

Nays: None

**DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**Standing Committees:**

- A. County Facilities Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 6:30 PM  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room
- B. Environment & Land Use Committee Meeting  
Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 6:30 PM  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room
- C. Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting  
Friday, August 7, 2020 at 9:00 AM  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

**Committee of the Whole:**

- A. Justice & Social Services; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments; Finance  
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:30 PM  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

**County Board:**

- A. Regular Meeting  
Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 6:30 PM  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

All public participation was remote via Zoom.

Benjamin Beaupre spoke about coronavirus and public safety.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Chair Rosales offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, comprising 31 resolutions; Board Member Goss seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Eisenmann, Esry, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Harper, and Rosales – 22

Nays: None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Champaign County Board  
June 18, 2020

Board Member Young twice stated Black Lives Matter and proceeded to speak about the disfunction of county government particularly with the office of the County Executive.

Board Member Patterson noted that *Smile Politely* recently contacted board members for comment on the recent “defund the police” movement; he asked member to check their email spam folders.

Board Member Wolken spoke about “white silence” and fears of racism and accusations of racism; she relayed a story of her experiences as a victim of racial prejudice as a child.

Board Member Fortado noted the Juneteenth march and celebration on Friday, June 19, 2020, beginning at 4 PM at Western Bowling Alley and continuing to Beardsley Park.

Board Member Thorsland also noted the Juneteenth march and celebration and called for the respect of protesters; he also noted the area Coronavirus numbers are promising.

Board Member Ingram also noted the Juneteenth march and celebration and encouraged mask use; he also noted a man walking from Huntsville, Alabama, to Minneapolis, Minnesota, had walked through part of Champaign County.

Board Member Summers stated he hopes the remote attendance option for County Board meetings continues in the future.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Member Summers offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board of May 21, 2020; seconded by Board Chair Rosales. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Eisenmann, Esry, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Harper, and Rosales – 21

Nays: None

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **FACILITIES**

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Summary of Action Taken for Facilities on June 2, 2020 was received and placed on file.

ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Summary of Action Taken for Environment and Land Use on June 4, 2020 was received and placed on file.

Board Member Esry offered a motion adopt Ordinance No. 2020-2 amending zoning ordinance, zoning case 973-AT-20; Board Member Thorsland seconded. County Executive Kloeppel noted the Urbana City Council passed a resolution of pretest to the ordinance, as such it will require an affirmative vote of 17 to carry. Planning and Zoning Director John Hall was invited to join the conversation; he noted that while the Urbana City Council approved the resolution of protest, the County Clerk's Office (the receiving body) had not received the resolution by the end of business Thursday, June 18, 2020, nor had the Planning and Zoning Office received a curtesy copy of the resolution. County Clerk Aaron Ammons was invited to join the discussion; he stated he had been away from the office for a personal matter but noted office staff reported to him not receiving the resolution. Planning and Zoning Director Hall noted that without having received the resolution of protest, the ordinance would only require twelve votes to carry; he noted the ordinance used the standards set forth by the City of Urbana, and this would only effect the Route 130 and Windsor Road corridors; he also noted if it were to fail, the status quo would be less restrictive in terms of zoning and only be limited by state law. Board Member Thorsland noted the Farm Bureau supports the ordinance. Motion carried by roll-call vote.

Yeas: Ingram, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Clemmons, Cowart, Eisenmann, Esry, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Harper, and Rosales – 19

Nays: McGuire and Dillard-Myers – 2

HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Summary of Action Taken for Highway and Transportation on June 5, 2020 was received and placed on file.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Summary of Action taken for the Committee of the Whole (Justice & Social Services; Finance; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments) of June 9, 2020 was received and placed on file.

POLICY, PERSONNEL, & APPOINTMENTS

Champaign County Board  
June 18, 2020

Board Member Rector offered a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-157 appointing Michelle Grindley to the Sangamon Valley Public Water District, term 6/1/2020–5/31/2025; Board Chair Rosales seconded. Motion carried by roll-call vote.

Yeas: Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Eisenmann, Fears, Goss, Harper, and Rosales – 19  
Nays: Esry and Fortado – 2

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Board Member Fortado requested a closed session at the July County Board for an update on Carle.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **AUDITOR**

Board Member Ingram offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-171 authorizing payment of claims; Board Member Clemmons seconded. Motion carried by roll-call vote.

Yeas: Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Eisenmann, Esry, Fears, and Fortado – 18  
Nays: Goss, Harper, and Rosales – 3

#### **COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Board Member Stohr moved to open discussion on the adoption of Resolution No. 2020-172 to adopt the 6-Year Workforce Plan; Board Member Fortado seconded. Deputy Director of Administration Isak Griffiths was invited to join the discussion to present the 6-Year Workforce plan in PowerPoint. Board Member Stohr noted he intends to email specific question to Deputy Director Griffiths. Board Member Ingram thanked Deputy Director Griffiths and asked the Board to be given more time before voting. Board Member Rector noted much turnover is tied to elections; Deputy Director Griffiths noted turnover is highest following elections but is not exclusively tied to elections and notes the loss of institutional knowledge with higher turnover. Board Member Summers asked who comprised the taskforce team; Deputy Director Griffiths noted several county offices participated and the department heads were on the taskforce, but data was not limited to department head input. Board Member Fortado noted the 6-Year Workforce Plan should have included input from the Policy & Personnel and Labor Committees. Various board members asked the vote to be delayed to the July meeting of the County Board. Board Member Goss offered an amendment

Champaign County Board  
June 18, 2020

to postpone the vote to the July meeting; Board Member Ingram seconded. The motion to amend carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Esry, Fears, Fortado, Goss, and Rosales – 17

Nays: None

**ADJOURN**

County Executive Kloeppel adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.



---

Aaron Ammons, Champaign County Clerk  
and ex-Officio Clerk of the Champaign County Board  
Champaign County, Illinois