

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

**Highway & Transportation/County Facilities/Environment & Land Use
Tuesday, September 7, 2010
Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana, Illinois**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Ammons, Jan Anderson, Steve Beckett, Lloyd Carter, Lorraine Cowart, Matthew Gladney, Stan James, John Jay, Greg Knott, Alan Kurtz, Ralph Langenheim, Brendan McGinty, Diane Michaels, Steve Moser, Alan Nudo, Steve O'Connor, Michael Richards, Giraldo Rosales, Larry Sapp, Jonathan Schroeder, C. Pius Weibel, Barbara Wysocki

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Bensyl, Thomas Betz, Chris Doenitz, Brad Jones, Samuel Smucker

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Kat Bork (Administrative Assistant), Deb Busey (County Administrator), Susan Chavarria (RPC Community Development Manager), John Hall (Planning & Zoning Director), Susan Monte (RPC County Planner), Rita Morocoima-Black (RPC Transportation Planning Manager), Duane Northrup (Coroner), Alan Reinhart (Facilities Director), Libby Tyler (City of Urbana Community Development Director)

CALL TO ORDER

Wysocki called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Bork called the roll. Ammons, Anderson, Beckett, Carter, Cowart, Gladney, James, Jay, Knott, Kurtz, Langenheim, McGinty, Michaels, Moser, Nudo, O'Connor, Richards, Rosales, Sapp, Schroeder, Weibel, and Wysocki were present at the time of roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum. Weibel announced that he had been informed that Jones and Betz would be unable to attend the meetings and their absences were excused.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION TO MEET AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION by Kurtz to approve the County Board Resolution to meet as a Committee of the Whole; seconded by Ammons. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Rosales to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of August 3, 2010; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried as amended with unanimous support.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

MOTION by James to approve the agenda and addendum; seconded by Rosales. **Motion carried as amended with unanimous support.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Dimit, CEO of the Economic Development Corporation, spoke in support of the long-range transportation plan as it was adopted by CUUATS. A series of industrial roundtables was held with many businesses on north Market Street and north Lincoln Avenue almost a year ago. These roundtables indicated the importance of connecting Lincoln Avenue to Olympian Drive for the businesses on both sides of the railroad. Dimit stated the EDC supported the AXB Phase I option of the Olympian Drive project.

George Boyd remarked about how an environmental blue ribbon panel held six years ago pointed out that farmland should stop being used for highways, more buildings, or creating urban sprawl in order to sustain the environment. Instead, more park space and protection for native biological areas should be provided. Boyd argued that some people did not recognize that agriculture is a business in Champaign County and cutting up tiled farmland with highways removes the land from production. He talked about Windsor Road and Ford Harris Road in response to planners who project rapid economic growth. There is no local, state, or federal money for the Olympian Drive project. He pointed out the Curtis Road interchange project has exceeded its projected budget and the Philo Road business district has vacant buildings where businesses could locate. He asked the County Board to put a question about the Olympian Drive project on the April ballot in order to represent the voters who elected them.

Laura Huth, representing her clients regarding the Olympian Drive project, requested an independent needs assessment for the project performed by an outside firm to provide meaningful and correlative data across a spectrum of topics ranging from safety, traffic counts, properties and people impacted, full financial outputs and inputs, jobs impact, and environmental impact. Her clients discussed having such a study done with the Urbana Public Works Director in March. Huth said only a mishmash of data and opinions from a variety of sources is available now. Without correlation, nothing can be known about the real need or justification for the Olympian Drive project. Huth said her clients' discussion with the City of Urbana was short-lived. She accused the City of Urbana of not looking at the real merits or drawbacks of the project. A number of reasons have been given defending the project, including because it is already in the long-term plan. Huth said the community deserves a better explanation for \$30 million road project. She has read in the newspaper that Urbana continues to dig in its heels to construct the full project. Another public engagement meeting was held after the County Board last met, which Huth depicted as a farce. She

questioned why the City of Urbana hesitated to perform an independent needs assessment unless they were not confident the results would support their project.

Pattsi Petrie urged all elected officials to read the book *The Great American Jobs Scam* by Greg LeRoy when they are making decisions about economic development, such as Olympian Drive, to learn about the cost to communities related to economic development.

Craig Rost, Deputy City Manager for Development for the City of Champaign, spoke about the importance of future economic development growth and the need for the Olympian Drive construction project. He stated building the AX portion of the road will relieve truck traffic going to Interstate 74. The City of Champaign has a history of long-range planning for economic development by installing infrastructure, making note of Curtis Road, Windsor Road, and the Apollo Subdivision. Rost encouraged staying with the long-range transportation plan and immediate construction of the AX portion. The City of Champaign and the City of Urbana have a development agreement for the 500 acres on both sides of the railroad tracks, half of which has been built in the Olympian Drive Subdivision. Rost remarked the remaining portion on the Urbana side needs to be jump-started. He called the construction of Olympian Drive the most important issue for the long-term welfare of the community and its future growth. He said having the resources (such as roads and utilities) available when companies are ready to move in is one of most important things in economic development. This is how Champaign has developed its industry.

Mark Dixon, Development Director for the Atkins Group in the Apollo Subdivision, expressed gratitude on behalf of his company for the County Board's past support of Olympian Drive. The Apollo Subdivision, with over 1,200 employees at 23 businesses, is a result of previous investment in Olympian Drive. He attested that economic growth takes time and the Atkins Groups points to interchanges and transportation systems with aerials roads when recruiting companies. The group hopes Olympian Drive will be extended as planned.

Carl Webber was present in support of the Zoning Ordinance amendment allowing a residential recovery center and was available to answer any questions.

After confirming no one else wanted to speak, Wysocki declared public participation closed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Weibel pointed out the memo about FutureGen 2.0 in the handouts at the Board's desks. At the last County Board meeting, Kurtz suggested Champaign County inquire about being a candidate site for FutureGen 2.0. The Department of Energy has announced new guidelines to be used in the site selection and Weibel fully expects the guidelines to change. There is no process currently in place for counties to apply as a site.

McGinty stated the Legislative Budget Hearings started late this evening because a quorum of the County Board was not present at the scheduled starting time. He encouraged members to attend next Tuesday's hearings on time and for the Board Chair to send a communication prior to the hearings reiterating this point.

Kurtz spoke about the help desk at the Champaign County Courthouse and the recent article in the *News-Gazette*. The help desk is a free service at the Courthouse for people to obtain information regarding how to proceed through the courts system. Kurtz used the help desk service when he was in small claims court two years ago and supported charging those who used the services \$6 per person to ensure the service would continue.

COUNTY FACILITIES

Courthouse Exterior/Clock & Bell Tower Renovation Project

Project Update

MOTION by Jay to receive and place on file the project update; seconded by Kurtz.

Weibel asked when the final cost figures would be received. Reinhart confirmed these should be the final numbers. He is waiting on the close out documents. Sapp asked if all the work was complete and Reinhart confirmed that was correct. Sapp asked how much of the contingency funds were used on the project. Busey stated the contingency funds were entirely used. Beckett asked about the unspent funds. Busey answered the unspent funds remain in Courthouse Construction Fund, which will end the project will a balance of \$1 million remaining. The County Board will need to make a decision about moving the funds or keeping them for future courts facilities needs at some point.

Motion carried with unanimous support.

Beckett announced the closed session will be held at end of the meeting and there was no objection from the County Board.

Facilities Director

Physical Plant Monthly Reports

Reinhart said the Courthouse electricity bill has decreased from June to July by approximately \$6,000 with the new energy system.

MOTION by James to receive and place on file the Physical Plant July 2010 monthly reports; seconded by Rosales. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Approval of Release of RFP 2010-005 for Design Build of Coroner/Physical Plant Maintenance/County Storage Facility

MOTION by Langenheim to approve the release of RFP 2010-005 for Design Build of Coroner/Physical Plant Maintenance/County Storage Facility; seconded by Cowart.

Beckett explained this is a design-build project and this type of project is new to the County. He understood input was received from the County Clerk and Coroner. The basic building design is set and the County would host a pre-proposal response meeting on September 22, 2010 where interested contractors could have their question answered. The proposals are due October 12, 2010.

A later agenda item appoints a committee to review the proposals and make recommendations to the County Board. This is not a bid process. The County is looking for the lowest responsible respondent who can meet the County's needs. The proposal is to have a quality build construction in a much shorter period of time. This building would replace the space the County currently leases at the Gill Building and add more space for the Physical Plant.

Motion carried with unanimous support.

Approval of Lease with Niemann Foods for Downtown Employee Parking

MOTION by Ammons to approve the lease with Niemann Foods for Downtown Employee Parking; seconded by Kurtz.

Reinhart announced the lease is for a reduced number of parking spaces because spaces were going unused. He negotiated a lease for 50 spaces at \$23 per space. The current agreement charges the County for snow removal and Reinhart had that cost removed for this contract. The net savings to the County will be close to \$5,000. Nudo noted Paragraph 12 did not include a cure rate for default and recommended this be included in future leases.

Motion carried with unanimous support.

Chair's Report

Approval of RFP 2010-005 Selection Committee

Beckett proposed a membership of Deb Busey, Riley Glerum, Duane Northrup, Alan Nudo, Alan Reinhart, Mark Shelden, C. Pius Weibel, and himself for the RFP 2010-005 Selection Committee.

MOTION by James to approve a RFP 2010-005 Selection Committee consisting of Deb Busey, Riley Glerum, Duane Northrup, Alan Nudo, Alan Reinhart, Mark Shelden, C. Pius Weibel, and Steve Beckett; seconded by Anderson. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Courthouse News Stands

Beckett announced the Courthouse news stands were ready, but contained no newspapers.

Approval of Hosting a Traveling Lincoln Exhibit & Outgoing Loan Agreement with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

MOTION by Michaels to approve hosting a traveling Lincoln exhibit and the Outgoing Loan Agreement with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum; seconded by Wysocki.

Becket provided some pictures from McLean County of the traveling photographic exhibit owned by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum. Beckett and Wysocki proposed to host the exhibit in time for 150th anniversary of Lincoln's First Inaugural. In consulting with Busey

and Reinhart, it was determined the exhibit could be housed in the Courthouse space between the new building and the old building, adjacent to the museum. The only cost involved would be for insurance. Busey confirmed the insurance should cost less than \$1,000. Beckett thought this would be a great attraction for school children. The exhibit has 75 photos and Wysocki added 4 of the photos are from the Champaign-Urbana area.

Langenheim inquired about the number of visitors to the Lincoln exhibit housed at the Courthouse. Wysocki explained there a people counter in the exhibit. There is traffic going to the exhibit. They have arranged for Yankee Ridge School children to visit next week. Sapp asked if extra security would be supplied for the traveling exhibit. Beckett said the Court Security Officers would not change. The Sheriff was aware the exhibit was likely to come and it was acceptable to him.

Motion carried with unanimous support.

County Administrator

Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)6 to Discuss the Setting of Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by Champaign County

The closed session was deferred to the September 14th meeting.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Designation of Items to be Placed on County Board Consent Agenda

Agenda items 8.B.3 & 8.C.3 were designated for the consent agenda.

HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION

Monthly Reports

MOTION by Rosales to receive and place on file the County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for June 2010, July 2010, and August 2010; seconded by James. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

County Engineer

Resolution Appropriating \$25,032.00 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Champaign County's Share of the Champaign-Urbana Urban Area Transportation System – Section #10-00000-00-ES

Blue stated the resolution was to pay the County's share to CUUATS. He felt it was money well spent for metropolitan planning.

MOTION by McGinty to approve the Resolution Appropriating \$25,032.00 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Champaign County's Share of the Champaign-Urbana Urban Area Transportation System – Section #10-00000-00-ES; seconded by Langenheim.

Michaels asked if this was an ongoing annual fee and Blue confirmed it was. O'Connor asked if there was a breakdown of costs since CUUATS includes the federal and state government. Busey said the numbers are in the RPC budget document, which the County Board received tonight. O'Connor asked how much money the State of Illinois was spending on CUUATS when it was broke. He viewed CUUATS as spending money talking about roads instead of building the roads. Langenheim has attended CUUATS meetings and pointed out this is a requirement by federal and state law. CUUATS also keeps tabs on all aspects of transportation (airports, buses, etc.) and provides a long-range transportation plan every five years. He said it is an essential item in the area's transportation scheme.

Motion carried.

Ordinance for the Establishment of an Altered Speed Zone in Philo Township

Blue distributed the proposed ordinance. He explained the speed zone coming into Philo on County Highway 18 was removed when the road was rebuilt. He was requesting approval of a 30 mph speed zone, dropped from 55 mph.

MOTION by Jay to approve the Ordinance for the Establishment of an Altered Speed Zone in Philo Township; seconded by James. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Olympian Drive Project: Discussion and Direction

Blue stated a number of representatives were present from the City of Urbana, RPC, and CUUATS, at the request of Board Chair Weibel, to make PowerPoint presentations to the County Board about the Olympian Drive project. Libby Tyler, the City of Urbana Community Development Director, began by showing a picture of the Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP) to give the planning context of the existing Olympian Drive within the long-range transportation plan adopted by the County, City of Champaign, City of Urbana, and the University of Illinois. Tyler cited the historic reference to Olympian Drive and showed the Board the Urbana Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2005. The City of Urbana spent over 4 years in public engagement to develop the best planning document. She continued to describe Urbana's planning for growth and infrastructure development. While she was showing where the proposed Olympian Drive extension will go on the Urbana Mobility Map and the constraints caused by Frasca Field, Schroeder asked why the acreage shown on the map was in different zoning areas. Tyler explained map showed Urbana's hopes for how the land would be used in the future, not zoning. She continued to talk about the hotels and industrial business owners in area and how it is an active, thriving area for businesses. She listed the development activity on the north Lincoln and Cunningham Avenues, along with Urbana's future hopes for development in the area. Towards this ends, Urbana has made infrastructure investments, including sewers, and hopes for private investments and job creation.

Schroeder asked when Urbana would update its 2005 plan. Tyler stated the plan is reviewed annually. She hoped to work with this plan in another 4 years, but it would realistically be closer to 10 years before the plan could be updated. Schroeder asked if the map for the Olympian Drive project had been updated. Libby confirmed no update had been made to Urbana's Comprehensive Plan.

Carter remarked how Urbana previously told the County Board they had no concerns about north Lincoln Avenue. Carter wanted to take a survey to determine who would get the most benefit from this potential growth. Tyler said Urbana was focused on growth in other areas.

Nudo and Moser exited the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Tyler continued to answer Carter's questions about how Urbana is trying to catching up to Champaign's growth.

Nudo returned to the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Langenheim said there has been some talk of additional annexations. He wanted to know where and how expensive those annexations would be. Tyler verified she did not know of any upcoming annexations.

Moser returned to the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Kurtz noted the project is talking about 5 years in the future when construction costs will have increased. He wanted to ask a question of Mark Dixon who spoke during public participation.

Sapp exited the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

MOTION by Kurtz to suspend the rules; seconded by Weibel. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Kurtz asked about Apollo Drive and the Atkins Development. Dixon responded the Atkins Group has no holdings in Olympian Drive. It would need rezoning policies, incentives, and infrastructure development to make it work.

Sapp returned to the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Ammons said the maps Tyler showed highlight a development project, not roads. She pointed out that infrastructure, including sewers and other services, has to exist to attract businesses to an area. In a roundtable presentation about Olympian Drive, there was no consideration given to the residents who own land in the area and object to this construction project. Tyler replied most of the area will remain farms for quite some time. She was presenting Urbana's future land use plan. It does not impact anyone's ability to enjoy their land.

James talked about the mix of residential and light industry in Wilbur Heights and its quality of life. He questioned the quality of life in existence in the Olympian Drive area and the comments he has heard from residents who do not want this road. Tyler said Urbana would protect the residential areas of existing neighborhoods shown in yellow on her map.

Jay stated the TIF Districts are only beneficial for the TIF holder, not the County. He questioned why the County Board would want to extend any of the TIF Districts as proposed by Urbana.

Tom Carrino, the City of Urbana Economic Development Manager, spoke about the fiscal impact analysis looking 30 years into the future with the public sector budget developed with the Urbana Comprehensive Plan. He projected the taxing district scenario and revenue with no TIF District and potential job creation. The analysis is on the Olympian Drive project website. Langenheim asked if Urbana was considering a potential Cunningham development. Carrino stated this analysis focuses primarily on Olympian Drive.

Rita Morocoima-Black reviewed traffic projections through 2035 for the Olympian Drive area. The travel demand model divided Champaign-Urbana into traffic analysis zones and used data based on the roadway network, population, and employment. The final output is average daily trips. Olympian Drive was divided into two traffic analysis zones. Black used population and employment projections through 2035 to project anticipated traffic volume. She explained the model indicates if the Olympian Drive extension is not built, there will be traffic congestion on Ford Harris Road. Nudo asked if Black was talking about 100 more acres per year over a 30-year period. Black answered yes. She stated the projected future safety conditions and congestion were not good. She continued to project traffic volumes on I-74 & US-45 in 2035. She invited the County Board to call her with any questions.

James stated a study was done projecting growth in south Rantoul and that growth has not occurred. He urged caution in using projections and to always consider the other side.

Blue spoke about the purpose and need for the Olympian Drive extension to improve access for development, system linkage, and improve traffic circulation. He remarked on the various reports and plans regarding collected traffic volumes by IDOT. Project A is the extension of Olympian Drive to Lincoln Avenue. Project X is the extension of Lincoln Avenue up to Olympian Drive. Project B is going on over to US-45. Project C is the smaller piece on the west end of Champaign over to Duncan Avenue. It would cost an estimated \$15 million for Project A. Project X will cost an estimated \$3.6 million. Project B will cost an estimated \$11 million. Project C will cost an estimated \$1.5 million. Blue stated these costs are based on the design study and the today's construction prices. Through the roundtables and various stakeholder meetings, there seems to be the most support for Project A and Project X being done in the near future. He has provided staging costs from roundtable meetings for various projects. The division of costs for the projects has always been calculated being divided equally between the three entities. Champaign County, the City of Urbana, and the City of Champaign would each pay one-third on Project A. Other parts of the project will be divided depending where they are located. Blue's projected costs do not include

add-ons like bicycle lanes or medians. Kurtz noted those amounts are not projected at five-year costs. Blue confirmed the dollars amounts are 2010 figures.

Blue reviewed the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund balance and existing projects. By FY2012, if the County maintains 35% of its MFT money for fringe roads in a separate account, then a balance of \$187,000 will be available. The Olympian Drive and Lincoln Avenue project fit in with setting aside 35% of the County's Motor Fuel Tax funds for fringe roads without going too far into the red ink. Blue's projections assume no other projects will come up between now and when Olympian Drive is begun.

Kurtz asked about the possibility of receiving \$7-9 million in federal funding for Project B. Blue stated that money is in the new federal transportation bill, which has not been approved and keeps being extended. Kurtz has heard Durbin and Johnson do not support the expenditure on Olympian Drive and the federal dollars will not be received. Blue said, at this time, those federal dollars are not available for Project B.

Wysocki exited the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Beckett inquired whether Blue considered the numbers and data shown tonight as being good for the Board to use to base its decision. Blue answered yes. Beckett asked if there was any good reason to not support a project that has been planned for this long and has this data behind it. Blue said everything is built as it is needed and as the money comes in. He was following same concept with Olympian Drive. Typical planning is based on what the County needs and what they can afford.

Wysocki returned to the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Nudo suggested that the Lincoln portion was logical thing to do at this point. Carrino's five-year projections can be compared to what actually happens five years in the future after the Lincoln portion is built. The Board has time to take look at the completion to Cunningham in reasonable way. Nudo listed the provisions of his support for the project, which he also distributed to the Board.

Weibel asked Blue is the Curtis Road or Windsor Road planning was done in one shot or stages. Blue responded the planning documents were done in beginning, and then the projects were built in stages.

McGinty asked for an explanation as to the goal of this discussion from a County Board standpoint. He read in the newspaper the Board Chair was intending to ask for a straw poll on Olympian Drive tonight. Weibel explained he and Blue discussed this topic after the last County Board meeting. He asked if the Board wanted to hear more from other entities or take a straw poll now. To be upfront, McGinty stated he was the Economic Development Corporation Board, but is not representing the EDC. He supports the long-range transportation plan, yet the matter of its pace is questionable. He felt taking a straw poll about the Olympian Drive project tonight was premature when public engagement is still ongoing and information that will influence the Board's decision,

such as the price tag of adding medians, is not settled. If forced to vote on the project, he indicated Project A and Project X make sense with certain caveats. He stressed that getting the public behind this project is important. Blue stated an open house for the Olympian Drive project will be held on October 6th at the Urbana Civic Center. It is open to everyone in the community. Langenheim said the Board needed a concrete proposal before them and pointed out a straw poll will not commit anyone. He appreciated tonight's unemotional presentation of facts.

Michaels asked Blue about the timeframe for a decision. Blue responded that the ICC money is the project plan around the 2014 timeframe. It takes a long time to get through the process. It will likely take 18 months to design the project. There definitely needs to be a decision made so people can move forward and begin the process. Blue feared waiting too long because the ICC money has been moved to other projects three times. He felt his last request to move the money will be last one that will be taken lightly.

MOTION by Kurtz to call for a straw poll vote on Project A&X and to ask Urbana to stop spending any additional money on Project B in any way; seconded by O'Connor.

Kurtz felt there was a consensus amongst Board members about the project. Ammons asked if this was a motion for a straw poll and Cowart confirmed it was. Ammons said she did not believe it was the appropriate time for a straw poll. Knott asked if a Board member could make a motion on whether or not to take a straw poll, as Kurtz did, and asked Beckett as the sometime Parliamentarian for his advice. Beckett verified such a motion could be made at a Committee of the Whole meeting. Knott asked to make an amendment to the motion asking the Board Chair to appoint a subcommittee of three to five Board members to sit down with Blue and hammer Project A& X out in order to bring something concrete back that the Board could maybe vote up or down. He felt some direction needs to be given. Weibel questioned what needs to be hammered out. Knott said they needed to list what needs to be included in the agreement to receive enough votes to pass at the Board level. Weibel thought they should have a vote to direct staff to go in a certain direction, but the Board members are not planners or engineers. He thought that everyone at the meeting had pretty much said Project A&X is the best way to go. A straw poll probably is not needed because it is meaningless without the money to back it up or a contract to sign. Weibel said the next County Board will really make the decision about where things go. Knott did not necessarily disagree, but felt Blue has been given no direction. The details for this project are being heavily discussed and it would be preferable to hammer out something a majority on which a majority of Board members concur or it will never come to a conclusion. The Board continued to discuss whether to take a straw poll and the Olympians Drive project history.

Beckett, Weibel, and O'Connor exited the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Beckett returned to the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Sapp said he will not support any project because there is no money. He is representing people who cannot afford higher taxes.

O'Connor returned to the meeting at 9:52 p.m. Weibel returned to the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Gladney questioned what a straw poll would accomplish. He felt tonight's presentations were in favor of the Olympian Drive project and it seems this train has already left the station. Blue stated he would like to know what he is supposed to be representing as an agent of the County Board when he sits in the Olympian Drive Subcommittee meetings. Presently, he is representing the hard data of facts and figures as a County Engineer and has avoided representing what the County Board was willing to do. This has been very difficult for Blue to do.

Jay called the question; seconded by Kurtz.

Langenheim objected to the straw poll proposition because he did not believe the County Board should tell the City of Urbana what it ought to do.

Kurtz reiterated calling the question. Cowart announced the question was called. Moser called for a point of order because he has been listening to this discussion since 1994. Some Board members questioned what the motion was. Beckett and Weibel confirmed the motion was whether to have a straw poll. Cowart called for a show of hands in favor of taking a straw poll. Kurtz claimed his motion was to have a straw poll on Project A&X. Beckett disagreed that Kurtz's motion was asking a procedural question. Cowart ruled the motion was whether to take a straw poll and the vote would be taken with a show of hands.

Motion failed.

Gladney and Langenheim exited the meeting at 10:00 p.m. The Board discussed how to proceed on the Olympian Drive question. Knott and Kurtz exited the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Carter asked if the money was in place to fund the project. Blue said the monies were shown on the spreadsheet in the PowerPoint presentation. It appears the money is in place based on the County's commitment to the resolution funding fringe roads.

Michaels exited the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Schroeder asked for an action item to be placed on next month's agenda. Beckett remarked the Board needs to have something like a resolution directing the administration to negotiate an amended intergovernmental agreement to consider for a vote. He did not support placing Olympian Drive on an agenda for more discussion without resolution. Nudo supported the idea of forming a subcommittee to develop an outline with staff and the two other governmental bodies. He concurred the Board needs something concrete.

MOTION by Nudo for the County Board Chair to appoint two Republicans, two Democrats, and the Board Chair himself to a committee to work with Champaign and Urbana to hammer out a concrete idea of costs and priorities for the Olympian Drive project by the first Committee of the Whole meeting in November; seconded by Schroeder.

Langenheim and Knott returned to the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

Beckett was concerned about the Illinois Open Meetings Act and appointing a committee when it is not listed on the agenda. He suggested placing the appointment of a committee on next week's Committee of the Whole meeting under Policy. Nudo was willing to consider Beckett's suggestion as a friendly amendment. Weibel agreed to direct that the item be placed on the next Committee of the Whole agenda without taking a vote.

Michaels and Kurtz returned to the meeting at 10:04 p.m.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report.

Designation of Items to be Placed on County Board Consent Agenda

Agenda item 9.B.2 was designated for the consent agenda.

Rosales exited the meeting at 10:05 p.m. The Board took a short break before proceeding with the other agenda items. Knott exited the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

After conferring with Hall, Wysocki announced some changes would be made to the Environment & Land Use items because the Olympians Drive discussion had taken so long and it was past 10:00 p.m. The closed session and RPC FY2011 County Planning Contract Work Plan were deferred to the September 14th meeting. The draft Habitability Ordinance, changing the Zoning Ordinance requirements for coal mining, and the later two requested Zoning Ordinance amendments to implement portions of the LRMP policies were deferred to the October 5th meeting.

Richards and Sapp exited the meeting at 10:08 p.m. Gladney and Rosales returned to the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT & LAND USE

Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Final Recommendation to Amend Champaign County Zoning Ordinance Zoning Case 668-AT-10
Petitioner: Champaign County Zoning Administrator

MOTION by Beckett to approve amending the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Case 668-AT-10; seconded by James.

Hall stated this was the text amendment to allow residential recovery centers. There were no protests with the version presented to the Board tonight.

Motion carried with unanimous support.

Draft Habitability Ordinance

Deferred to October 5th meeting.

Zoning Case 671-AM-10

Request: Amend the Zoning Map to Change the District Designation from the AG-2 Agriculture Zoning District to the B-4 General Business Zoning District to Allow Triad Shredding to Construct a New Facility as Requested in Related Zoning Case 672-S-10

MOTION by James to amend the Zoning Map to Change the District Designation from the AG-2 Agriculture Zoning District to the B-4 General Business Zoning District to Allow Triad Shredding to Construct a New Facility as Requested in Related Zoning Case 672-S-10; seconded by Michaels.

Hall explained this was a proposed rezoning for a five acre tract for a local business. The testimony at the Zoning Board of Appeals stated Triad Shredding looked at properties in Rantoul and could not find the right one. This property was found. It was located in a business use zone when zoning was first adopted and through the mid-1980's. This property has not been well maintained and has not been in agricultural production since the mid-1980's. The property fronts a U.S. highway and has three-phase power. The business thinks the rural location is better for their needs. It passed all the recently adopted LRMP policies.

Sapp returned to the meeting at 10:11 p.m.

Nudo voiced his concerns that the LRMP goals, policies, and objectives were not meant to be binding for rezoning. He did not object to this rezoning case, but in four months buildings in Champaign County will have to follow state codes. He wanted the building to follow the state codes for issues such as sprinklers. He wondered whether this was an end around by a new company and wanted more information before it is approved.

MOTION by Weibel to defer to October 5th meeting; seconded by McGinty.

James said there were representatives from Triad Shredding in the audience who could answer questions. Weibel said that was out of order for the motion.

Motion carried. A voice vote was inconclusive and the vote was determined with a show of hands.

Kurtz asked that more information on whether the building complied with state codes be obtained in the time until the next meeting.

Changing the Zoning Ordinance Requirements for Coal Mining

Deferred to October 5th meeting.

**Direction to Zoning Administrator Regarding Proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments
Amend the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance Requirements for Dwellings That Are
Nonconforming Uses by (1) Removing the Limit on Annual Maintenance and (2) Authorizing
Reconstruction**

MOTION by James to conduct a Zoning Ordinance text amendment for dwellings that are nonconforming uses by (1) removing the limit on annual maintenance and (2) authorizing reconstruction; seconded by Beckett.

James appreciated the history provided by Hall in the agenda packet. He advised that the County should sit down with the other entities to develop a plan with timeframes to make this clear to all. Hall said it could be included as conditions in the permitting process.

Motion carried with unanimous support.

**Request to Amend the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance to Implement Land Resource
Management Policies 4.1.5, 4.1.7, and 4.1.9 as part of the FY2010 RPC Planning Contract**

MOTION by Kurtz to amend the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance to implement Land Resource Management Policies 4.1.5, 4.1.7, and 4.1.9 as part of the FY2010 RPC Planning Contract; seconded by Anderson.

MOTION by Moser to defer to October 5th meeting because it was after 10:20 p.m.; seconded by Langenheim.

Beckett noted Hall felt this item needed to be addressed and asked why it was time sensitive. Hall said it would let the County Planner begin the most simple text amendment. It would not be the end of the world to defer it to next month. They will begin work on other things they were not really supposed to work on in FY2010. They will have to shift things around because the contracted Planner works on things as directed by the County Board. Nudo said Monte or another Planner should go through the clauses for items that codify the LRMP. He offered to walk through it with Monte. He wanted Monte or someone to make a presentation in the future. Wysocki noted Monte was present at the meeting. Hall said the text in Attachment D was ready to go to the public hearing. He did not want to send it to the County Board until they were ready for a public hearing. Nudo responded that the communication between Planner and County Board was really important to ensure the Board understands the impact of the LRMP and have faith in it.

Motion carried to defer.

**Request to Amend the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance to Implement Land Resource
Management Policies 4.1.6 and 4.3.1-4.3.4 as part of the FY2010 RPC Planning Contract**

Deferred to October 5th meeting.

Request to Amend the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance to Implement Land Resource Management Objective 4.4 as Part of the FY2010 RPC Planning Contract

Deferred to October 5th meeting.

RPC FY2011 County Planning Contract Work Plan

Deferred to September 14th Committee of the Whole meeting.

Monthly Report

There was no action taken or discussion over this agenda item.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report.

Designation of Items to be Placed on County Board Consent Agenda

Agenda item 10.A.1 was designated for the consent agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1 to Consider the Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of Champaign County

Deferred to September 14th Committee of the Whole meeting.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Approval of August 3, 2010 Closed Session Minutes

MOTION by James to approve the August 3, 2010 closed session minutes; seconded by Rosales. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

MOTION by Weibel for all closed session minutes to remain closed; second by Gladney.

MOTION by Weibel to defer to October 5th meeting; seconded by Kurtz.

Weibel said he has been talking with David DeThorne of the State's Attorney's Office and there can be some disagreement about whether to open the minutes. Weibel suggested coming up with some policies to better deal with closed session minutes at a later meeting.

Motion carried to defer.

Beckett asked for the Environment and Land Use items to be placed first on the next agenda and Wysocki concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork
Administrative Assistant

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