

# CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

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## Finance/Policy, Personnel, & Appointments/Highway & Transportation

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center

1776 E. Washington St., Urbana, Illinois

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Christopher Alix, Carol Ammons, Jan Anderson, Ron Bensyl, Astrid Berkson, Thomas Betz, Lorraine Cowart, Stephanie Holderfield, Stan James, John Jay, Brad Jones, Alan Kurtz, Ralph Langenheim, Brendan McGinty, Steve Moser, Alan Nudo, Steve O'Connor, Patti Petrie, James Quisenberry, Michael Richards, Giraldo Rosales, Larry Sapp, C. Pius Weibel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lloyd Carter, Diane Michaels, Jonathan Schroeder

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Scott Adams (County Clerk's Office), Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Kat Bork (Administrative Assistant), Deb Busey (County Administrator), Kurt Froehlich (Bond Counsel), Gordy Hulten (County Clerk), Dan Welch (Treasurer)

### CALL TO ORDER

Weibel called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Bork called the roll. Alix, Ammons, Anderson, Bensyl, Berkson, Betz, Cowart, Holderfield, James, Jay, Jones, Kurtz, Langenheim, McGinty, Moser, Nudo, O'Connor, Petrie, Quisenberry, Richards, Rosales, Sapp, and Weibel were present at the time of roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** by James to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of March 8, 2011; seconded by Ammons. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

**MOTION** by James to approve the agenda; seconded by Rosales.

Quisenberry suggested moving agenda item 9.B.2 to the top of agenda after Communications since people were present for the Countryside School bonds application. There was no objection to this change.

**Motion carried with unanimous support.**

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Steve Kysar spoke about having taken steps to document the Olympian Drive area with the local archeological survey. He hoped for coordination with state or federal agencies to perform a search of the site that might conflict with the Olympian Drive route before construction activity commences.

**MOTION** by Petrie to suspend rules to ask Kysar questions; seconded by Sapp. **Motion carried.**

Petrie asked if Kysar had prepared documents and provided them to a state archaeological group to confirm or deny whether the area was important. Kysar confirmed the office committee on Stadium Drive has been given all the photographs and verbal descriptions of each campsite along the Saline Ditch. Petrie asked if they gave him an indication regarding a procedure timeline. Kysar said they are in dark and have not received any communication from any government agency involved in such a process. Weibel that was not surprising, as there is no intergovernmental agreement yet approved for the project, so the whole process has not begun.

Nudo asked Blue to respond to the comments. Blue understood these artifacts were found along the actual Saline Branch and the current Olympian Drive project stops before it ever reaches that point. So the project does not affect anything along where the artifacts were found, based on Kysar's statements. Kysar acknowledged that he was not familiar with the exact Olympian Drive/Lincoln Avenue routes. He continued to discuss the campsites in his report.

Weibel closed public participation after verifying no one else wished to speak.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Petrie announced the Champaign Public Library would hold a public information session about wind energy on April 24th. She reminded the Board that a green infrastructure conference is being held tomorrow at the I-Hotel.

McGinty spoke about the State of Illinois's decision regarding Health Alliance and about expressing concerns about that decision to the state, including signing off on letters of support for Health Alliance on a website.

## **HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION** **Monthly Reports**

**MOTION** by Bensyl to receive and place on file the County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for March 2011; seconded by James.

Weibel exited the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

**Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**County Engineer**

**Resolution Appropriating County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for County Roads Maintenance for the Period from January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011 – Section #11-00000-00-GM**

Blue stated this is the yearly resolution to provide an estimate of materials and day labor expenses to be spent on maintenance to IDOT.

**MOTION** by Jay to approve the Resolution Appropriating County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for County Roads Maintenance for the Period from January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011 – Section #11-00000-00-GM; seconded by Moser.

Petrie questioned how close the estimates are to actual expenditures. Blue said the estimate was a cap that could not be exceeded.

Weibel returned to the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Petrie asked if this was a contract with a specific entity. Blue explained this is a general contract and nothing has been contracted with anyone specifically to date. For example, the County does not do its own center line stripping and will have to bid for this service. IDOT does not allow bids until an estimate on these items has been received.

**Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Sapp exited the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**Resolution Appropriating County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Salary & Estimated Expenses of the County Engineer for the Period from December 1, 2010 thru November 30, 2011**

**MOTION** by McGinty to approve the Resolution Appropriating County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Salary & Estimated Expenses of the County Engineer for the Period from December 1, 2010 thru November 30, 2011; seconded by O'Connor.

Petrie inquired if the County Engineer's salary was always paid out of MFT. Blue answered yes and then money from the federal aid secondary funds reimburse the MFT Fund 50% of the County Engineer's salary. Petrie wanted an explanation for the \$21,000 in expenses. Blue said half of the amount is his car expense and other half is travel reimbursement to meetings outside the County. Blue's contract requires the County to pay a certain amount for Blue's car because he does not have a County vehicle.

Sapp returned to the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Ammons asked about Blue's salary. Busey reminded the County Board that Blue has a six-year contract; this year's salary is a wage freeze and with no increases to the reimbursables. This salary was already adopted and approved by a previous County Board resolution.

**Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Weibel exited at the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Resolution Authorizing County Board Chair to Sign a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for County Highway 11 Bridge Project – Section #10-00960-00-BR

Blue stated there was already a resolution before the Board appropriating the MFT funds for the match amount. It is a \$1,025,000 project with \$820,000 coming through the state from the federal government.

**MOTION** by Jay to approve the Resolution Authorizing County Board Chair to Sign a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for County Highway 11 Bridge Project – Section #10-00960-00-BR; seconded by Sapp.

**Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Intergovernmental Agreement – Olympian Drive

Blue offered to answer any questions about the agreement. This project has been approved and the intergovernmental agreement gives the County and the Cities the ability to work together to complete Project A & C of Olympian Drive.

**MOTION** by Betz to approve the Olympian Drive Intergovernmental Agreement; seconded by Langenheim.

Betz asked if the City of Urbana had approved the agreement in the form the County Board has in the agenda packet. Blue answered yes because the City of Urbana actually wrote the Olympian Drive Intergovernmental Agreement. Blue wrote the Lincoln Avenue Intergovernmental Agreement and both agreements were passed back and forth between the entities. The agreements have been reviewed and approved by State's Attorney's Office, as to their form. Betz expressed concern about the language where Olympian Drive, between Cunningham Avenue, US Route 45, and Duncan Road, will provide a necessary major east-west transportation link across the north side of the community. Berkson and Nudo were concerned with the same language. Nudo wanted the language amended to accurately portray the purpose of this draft.

**MOTION** by Betz to delete the aforementioned paragraph from the Olympian Drive Intergovernmental Agreement; seconded by Langenheim.

Moser exited the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

The proposed amendment to the IGA was discussed.

Weibel returned to the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Holderfield and Jones exited at 6:56 p.m. Moser returned at 6:56 p.m.

Alix asked for an explanation of the procedure regarding how this IGA will be approved with the Cities. Blue stated the County Board was the first entity to bring the IGA before a formal body. Petrie watched the Urbana City Council meeting last night and believed Bill Gray made it clear the City of Urbana wants the road extended to Route 45.

Jones returned to the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

**Motion carried on the amendment to restrict Olympian Drive between Cunningham and US Route 45.**

Nudo had a legal question on Pages 34 and 35 regarding the function of the County Board, County Board Chair, and County Engineer.

Holderfield returned to the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Nudo said the other document made it clear that any changes in the scope of work will require County Board approval. He wants it clear in this agreement by inserting a sentence that requires any amendment comes back to the County Board. Weibel called for a point of information because the County Board Chair can only sign documents at will of this body. Nudo still wanted the agreement language to be clearer.

Sapp returned to the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Bensyl concurred with the language clarification Nudo suggested.

Petrie commented that Bill Gray suggested at the Urbana City Council meeting that the last two sentences on Page 42 of the Lincoln Avenue IGA be removed and that applies to the present conversation.

Weibel exited the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and returned at 7:05 p.m.

The Board continued to discuss the language of the agreement and the possibility of placing a cap on the amount of money the County will spend on the total project.

Jay exited the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

**MOTION** by McGinty to defer the agreement to the full County Board meeting to see the modification before taking a vote; seconded by Betz.

McGinty suggested that the most efficient way to handle this agreement is to collect the various Board members' comments, have attorney wordsmith the agreement, and then place it on the April County Board agenda for approval.

Jay returned to the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Discussion continued over deferment and wording of the agreement in regards to potential costs to the County.

**McGinty and Betz withdrew the motion to defer.**

**MOTION** by McGinty to defer the Olympian Drive agreement to the April full County Board meeting, but he would like to have discussion on other comments; seconded by Betz with the provision that Board can email comments about the agreement to Blue and Weibel.

Blue stated that he could not be present at the County Board meeting. He asked if there was anything in the agreement that concerned the Board regarding the engineering issues, or were the concerns related to dollars and cents.

Alix exited the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

The Board discussed the best way to proceed with the agreement that would enable the Board's concerns to be addressed without causing problems with the engineering timetable.

Kurtz exited the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Alix returned to the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Kurtz returned at 7:23 p.m.

Bensyl requested the State's Attorney be present when the Board meets again to discuss the agreement to answer any legal questions. When Betz asked about legal counsel for eminent domain issues, Blue noted the State's Attorney has said her office will not handle the eminent domain issue, so it will have to be done by outside counsel or the City of Urbana. Betz stated the County needed the City of Urbana to state in writing that they would pay for outside counsel because it could otherwise cost \$50,000. Discussion continued over how past joint agreements with the three entities were developed.

Weibel has talked to Urbana officials who would be willing to provide legal counsel for eminent domain issues and suggested trying to get this into the agreement. Betz agreed with inserting a sentence that cost of legal services for eminent domain will be borne by City of Urbana. Moser said quick take would be needed because condemnation takes months and it is not the County's responsibility to pay for it. McGinty called the question.

**Motion carried to defer to April 21st County Board meeting.**

Intergovernmental Agreement – Lincoln Avenue

**MOTION** by Langenheim to approve the Lincoln Avenue Intergovernmental Agreement; seconded by Petrie.

Quisenberry thought it might be appropriate to protect certain property owners in the agreement because the purple alignment was passed with the idea that the road would not move any closer to certain property owners.

Ammons exited the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Weibel suggested the agreement refer back to the County Board resolution approving the purple alignment.

**MOTION** McGinty to defer the Lincoln Avenue Intergovernmental Agreement to the next Committee of the Whole meeting when Highway & Transportation was on the agenda and to allow the Board to identify questions for legal staff to review; seconded by Bensyl.

Alix asked if a deferment would cause undue hardship on the Lincoln Avenue project. Blue said the extra time could be taken; he just needed to know what comments the County Board had in order to work on the agreement before it comes back to the Committee of the Whole.

Petrie reiterated that Bill Gray suggested eliminating the last two paragraphs at the Urbana City Council meeting last night. Blue explained these agreements were drafted between Bill Gray and himself, then passed between the attorneys. Gray made no mention to Blue about eliminating that text. Petrie thought Gray's suggestion was result of the Urbana City Council meeting. Weibel wanted to focus on what the County, not the City of Urbana, wanted in the agreement.

Ammons returned to the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Nudo said the Lincoln Avenue Agreement was much better written than the Olympian Drive agreement. He asked if Blue anticipated any additional personnel costs other than the two engineers listed in Paragraph 6. Blue said this is similar to the process done for the Curtis and Windsor construction projects. He didn't want the Cities to hire outside engineering professionals and bill 50% to the County. He wanted to clarify the County's sole responsibility.

The Board discussed the agreement language, reiterating some things discussed under the Olympian Drive Agreement and other things specific to Lincoln Avenue.

McGinty called the question and Alix seconded.

Busey wanted clarification because the County Board was divided on how they wanted Paragraph 11 to read; some are fine with the existing language and others want it changed.

Langenheim exited the meeting at 7:58 p.m. and returned at 8:00 p.m.

**Motion carried to call the question with a vote of 16 to 7.** Alix, Anderson, Bensyl, Berkson, Holderfield, James, Jay, Jones, Kurtz, McGinty, Moser, Nudo, O'Connor, Quisenberry, Rosales, and Sapp voted in favor of the motion. Ammons, Betz, Cowart, Langenheim, Petrie, Richards, and Weibel voted against the motion.

**Motion carried to defer to next Committee of the Whole meeting.**

### **Other Business**

Richards asked if other business was an appropriate time to discuss the question raised by Busey for direction.

James exited the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Bensyl wanted the County's portion of the Lincoln Avenue project to be capped at \$1.1 million with no contingencies. Busey said that was not a legal issue, it is policy decision to be taken up by the County Board next time. Bensyl agreed with that approach.

Blue spoke about the resolution setting aside 35% of MFT for Champaign-Urbana projects and having good partnership on joint projects. Blue noted that he has refused to pay for add-ons in road projects that the City of Champaign wanted, so the County will have some choice.

James returned to the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Sapp thought the discussion was inappropriate because the Chair had closed that specific agenda item and Mike Munson from the City of Urbana had left the room

Sapp left the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Betz exited the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Anderson wanted to hear Blue finish what he was saying. Blue said the County has a resolution that puts aside an appropriate level of funding for these types of projects and a hard cap on a project flies in the face of it. Jay adamantly disagreed with Blue because Champaign and Urbana are not entitled to the County's MFT money.

McGinty exited the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Sapp returned at 8:11 p.m. Moser exited at 8:12 p.m.

Cowart closed discussion on the Highway & Transportation portion of the agenda.

### **Chair's Report**

There was no Chair's report.



**Designation of Items to be Placed on County Board Consent Agenda**

Agenda items 9.A.2-12 and 14-19 were designated for the consent agenda.

Petrie wanted a 5-minute break Weibel declared a 3-minute break at 8:12 p.m. Betz returned to the meeting at 8:14 p.m. McGinty called meeting back to order at 8:18 p.m. Bensyl, Anderson, Jay, and Weibel were absent when the meeting was called back to order at 8:18 p.m.

**FINANCE**

**Budget Amendments & Transfers**

**Budget Amendment #11-00018**

**MOTION** by Rosales to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Amendment #11-00018 from Fund 080 General Corporate – Department 041 State’s Attorney for increased appropriations of \$33,458 for the Regular Full-Time Employees line and \$301 for the Joint Dept. Regular Employee line with increased revenue of \$90,000 from the State Salary Reimbursement line; seconded by Ammons. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**Budget Amendment #11-00019**

**MOTION** by Cowart to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Amendment #11-00019 from Fund 675 Victim Advocacy Grant-ICJIA – Department 041 State’s Attorney for increased appropriations of \$877 for the Regular Full-Time Employees line with increased revenue of \$3,699 from the Justice-Crime Victim Assistance line; seconded by Kurtz.

Jay and Bensyl returned to the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

**Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**Budget Amendment #11-00020**

**MOTION** by James to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Amendment #11-00020 from Fund 105 Capital Asset Replacement Fund – Department 059 Facilities Planning for increased appropriations of \$81,611 for the 1701 Main Building Construction/Improvement line with no increased revenue; seconded by Moser. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Anderson returned to the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

**Budget Amendment #11-00021**

**MOTION** by Richards to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Amendment #11-00021 from Fund 083 County Highway – Department 060 Highway for increased appropriations of \$8,000 for the Regular Full-Time Employees line with no increased revenue; seconded by Cowart.

O'Connor asked how were the bonuses, indicated by the budget amendment's explanation, earned. Busey explained these were not bonuses, but the 2.5% salary increases for the Highway non-bargaining employees that the County Board approved last month.

Weibel returned to the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

**Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Budget Transfer #11-00005, Budget Transfer #11-00006, Budget Transfer #11-00007, & Budget Transfer #11-00009

**MOTION** by Richards for an omnibus motion to recommend to the County Board approval of:

Budget Transfer #11-00005 from Fund 080 General Corporate – Departments 075 General County, 016 Administrative Services, 020 Auditor, 021 Board of Review, 022 County Clerk, and 023 Recorder for transfers of \$15,355 to the Administrative Services Regular Full-Time Employees line, \$3,074 to the Auditor Regular Full-Time Employees line, \$502 to the Auditor Regular Part-Time Employees line, \$1,754 to the Board of Review Appointed Official Salary line, \$823 to the County Clerk Regular Full-Time Employees line, \$2,036 to the County Clerk Joint Dept. Regular Employee line, and \$862 for the Recorder Regular Full-Time Employees line from the General County Contingent Expense line,

Budget Transfer #11-00006 from Fund 080 General Corporate – Departments 075 General County, 025 Supervisor of Assessments, 026 County Treasurer, 030 Circuit Clerk, 031 Circuit Court, and 036 Public Defender for transfers of \$1,645 to the Supervisor of Assessments Appointed Official Salary line, \$1,253 to the Supervisor of Assessments Regular Full-Time Employees line, \$1,273 to the County Treasurer Regular Full-Time Employees line, \$842 to the Circuit Clerk Regular Full-Time Employees line, \$3,054 to the Circuit Court Regular Full-Time Employees line, \$14,701 to the Sheriff Regular Full-Time Employees line, and \$10,712 to the Sheriff SLEP Regular Full-Time Employees line from the General County Contingent Expense line,

Budget Transfer #11-00007 from Fund 080 General Corporate – Departments 075 General County, 043 Emergency Management Agency, 051 Juvenile Detention Center, 052 Court Services-Probation, 071 Public Properties, and 077 Zoning & Enforcement for transfers of \$1,488 to the Emergency Management Agency Appointed Official Salary line, \$9,397 to the Juvenile Detention Center Regular Full-Time Employees line, \$2,212 to the Court Services-Probation Appointed Official Salary line, \$4,405 to the Court Services-Probation Regular Full-Time Employees line, \$3,003 to the Public Properties Regular Full-Time Employees line, \$1,743 to the Zoning & Enforcement Appointed Official Salary line, and \$2,898 to the Zoning & Enforcement Regular Full-Time Employees line from the General County Contingent Expense line, and

Budget Transfer #11-00009 from Fund 080 General Corporate – Departments 075 General County, 140 Correctional Center, 141 State’s Attorney Support Enforcement for transfers of \$5,684 to the Correctional Center Regular Full-Time Employees line, \$72,583 to the Correctional Center SLEP Regular Full-Time Employees line , \$2,878 to the State’s Attorney Support Enforcement Regular Full-Time Employees line, and \$601 to the State’s Attorney Support Enforcement Joint Dept. Regular Employee line from the General County Contingent Expense line; seconded by Ammons.

Busey verified that these transfers did not increase the overall GCF appropriation; they simply transfer money from the contingent line to the various departments to cover the approved non-bargaining salary increase for FY2011.

**Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**Court Services**

**Request Approval of Agreement for Health Care Services at the Juvenile Detention Center**

**MOTION** by Moser to approve the Agreement for Health Care Services at the Juvenile Detention Center; seconded by Jones. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**Request Approval of Business Associate Agreement Between Health Professionals Ltd. & Champaign County**

**MOTION** by Bensyl to approve the Business Associate Agreement Between Health Professionals Ltd. & Champaign County; seconded by Holderfield.

Ammons asked Busey if this agreement was issued as an RFP. Busey was told Joseph Gordon, the Court Services Director, would be present and was not briefed on this issue.

**MOTION** by Petrie to defer; seconded by Ammons.

Petrie had questions about the agreement and no one from Court Services was present to answer them. Weibel suggested asking Gordon to come to the full County Board meeting to answer questions.

Petrie requested a friendly amendment to change her original motion to send the agreement to the County Board without recommendation. Both she and Ammons agreed to consider this a friendly amendment.

Berkson asked if the County had been contracting with Health Professionals, Ltd. Anderson recalled a contract has existed with this company for several years. Ammons wanted to know if the agreement was bid and meet the County’s requirements. Busey stated the County’s Purchasing Policy does not require an RFP, which is different than a bid, be issued for this service. Alix noted the Board already approved the health care services agreement and the Business Associate Agreement just allows the County to implement its HIPPA obligations.

Petrie and Ammons thought they were discussing the health care services agreement. McGinty confirmed that agreement had by approved by unanimous consent

**MOTION** by Ammons to reconsider the Agreement for Health Care Services at the Juvenile Detention Center.

McGinty pointed out that there was currently a motion on the floor. Petrie and Ammons withdrew the previous motion.

Betz stated the Agreement for Health Care Services at the Juvenile Detention Center could not be reconsidered because it passed unanimously. Only a person who voted against the motion to approve the agreement could bring a motion to reconsider.

Ammons asked for the Agreement for Health Care Services at the Juvenile Detention Center to not be placed on the consent agenda.

The Board returned to the main motion to approve the Business Associate Agreement.

**MOTION** by Petrie to defer the agreement to the full County Board meeting; seconded by Ammons.

**Motion failed, which was verified by a show of hands.**

**Motion carried to approve the Business Associate Agreement.**

#### **State's Attorney**

**Request Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Between Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services & the State's Attorney**

**MOTION** by Moser to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services & the State's Attorney; seconded by Richards.  
**Motion carried.**

#### **Nursing Home Board of Directors**

**Recommendation for Repayment of Nursing Home Loan**

**MOTION** by Holderfield to approve the recommendation for repayment of the Nursing Home Loan; seconded by Moser. **Motion carried.**

#### **County Administrator**

**General Corporate Fund FY2011 Revenue/Expenditure Projection Report**

Busey distributed her reports and explained that revenues are holding fairly stable. Sales tax revenue is doing better than the same time last year. She projected the GCF will achieve

101% of budgeted revenue and spend 98% of budgeted expense. This would place the fund at a year end fund balance of \$3.9 million or 11.5% when the Nursing Home loan is subtracted.

#### General Corporate Fund Budget Change Report

Busey commented this report has not changed since last month.

#### Harris & Harris Monthly Collections Report

Busey stated Harris & Harris has collected \$358,000 year to date with \$68,515 going to the GCF.

**MOTION** by Betz to receive and place on file the County Administrator's reports and the Harris & Harris report; seconded by Cowart. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

#### Recommendation for Amendment to Schedule of Authorized Positions

Busey provided a memo in the agenda packet requesting the elimination of the Microfilm Services Manager position from the Administrative Services staffing and the addition of the Building & Grounds Manager position to the Physical Plant staffing, effective immediately upon approval by the County Board.

**MOTION** by Berkson to approve the elimination of the Microfilm Services Manager position from the Administrative Services staffing and the addition of Building & Grounds Manager position to the Physical Plant staffing; seconded by Cowart

Ammons asked if the Building & Grounds Manager position was a new position or a change of position grade. Busey noted the memo explains that three years ago Physical Plant had three management positions that have been reduced to the current one through the retirements of two managers and the adoption of the FY2010 budget cuts. The remaining position is the Facilities Director, who frequently has to be in the office. The Facilities Director is required to supervise the maintenance and custodial staff of 25 individuals in 11 different buildings. With the retirement of the Microfilm Services Manager on March 31<sup>st</sup> and having no intention of filling that position, Busey wants to fill the Buildings & Grounds Manager position after a search.

**Motion carried with unanimous support**

#### Treasurer Monthly Report

**MOTION** by Jones to receive and place on file the Treasurer's March 2011 report; seconded by Cowart. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**Auditor**

**Purchases Not Following Purchasing Policy**

No list of purchases was provided because the Auditor was absent.

**Monthly Report – March 2011**

**MOTION** by Jones to receive and place on file the Auditor's March 2011 monthly report; seconded by Cowart. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**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 items 8.A.1-8 and E.4 were designated for the consent agenda.

**POLICY, PERSONNEL, & APPOINTMENTS**

**Appointments/Reappointments**

**County Board District 4**

**MOTION** by Weibel to appoint Aaron Esry to the County Board District 4, per the recommendation from the Republican Central Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by Greg Knott's resignation from April 22, 2011 to November 30, 2012; seconded by Moser. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**Economic Development Corporation**

**MOTION** by Weibel to appoint Jonathan Schroeder to the Economic Development Corporation to fill the vacancy caused by Greg Knott's resignation; seconded by James. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**Site Assessment Update Committee**

**MOTION** by Weibel to appoint Debra Griest, Liz Jones, Kyle Krapf, Bruce Stickers, Steve Stierwalt to the Site Assessment Update Committee for a term from April 22, 2011 to November 1, 2011; seconded by Betz. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Locust Grove Cemetery Association

**MOTION** by Weibel to appoint Dirk Rice to fill the term of the deceased Robert Rice from April 22, 2011 to June 30, 2015; seconded by O'Connor. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Community Action Board

**MOTION** by Weibel to appoint Yolanda Troutman-Davis to the Community Action Board from April 22, 2011 to December 1, 2013; seconded by Anderson. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Fire Protection Districts

**MOTION** by Weibel to appoint the following individuals to the following fire protection districts: Brian Thode to Broadlands-Longview FPD, Linda Kates to Eastern Prairie FPD, Dorothea Hunt to Edge-Scott FPD, Denny Jayne to Ivesdale FPD, James Kirk to Ludlow FPD, James Vickers to Ogden-Royal FPD, Raymond Hettinger to Pesotum FPD, William Eckerty to Sadorus FPD, David Bright to Sangamon Valley FPD, Chris Karr to Scott FPD, and William Kurth to Thomasboro FPD from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2014; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**MOTION** by Weibel to appoint Kevin Chalmers to the Philo Fire Protection District from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2014; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Weibel to appoint Howard Marsh to the St. Joseph-Stanton Fire Protection District from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2014; seconded by Holderfield. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**MOTION** by Weibel to appoint Ann Jack Haluzak to the Tolono Fire Protection District from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2014; seconded by Sapp. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

County Administrator  
Vacant Positions Listing

The vacant positions listing was provided for information only.

Request from Countryside School for Issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds

**MOTION** by Ammons to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds for Countryside School; seconded by Betz.

Petrie asked for an explanation of these types of bonds and why this action is within the County Board's jurisdiction. Busey introduced Kurt Froehlich, the County's bond counsel, who

explained that this issue is not a typical government bond issue undertaken for construction. This involves private activity bonds designed to pass through a tax exempt interest component that benefits certain qualifying entities. The law was expanded to include any commercial project. Countryside School technically qualifies for tax exempt financing. The County's participation is to assist Countryside School as a 501C3. It is different from a government project because it is a private project and a public hearing has to be held. The bonds will not be the County's responsibility. The County just passes through the tax exempt feature. Members of the Countryside School Board of Directors described the plans for the construction project and answered the County Board's questions about Countryside School. O'Connor called the question.

**Motion carried.**

Busey announced the County Board would hold a public hearing for this bond issue on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:45 p.m. before the full Board meeting.

**County Clerk**

**Monthly Fees Report – March 2011**

**MOTION** by Betz to receive and place on file the County Clerk's monthly fees report for March 2011; seconded by James. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**Request to Amend the Liquor Ordinance**

The memo from the County Clerk was distributed to the Board.

**MOTION** by James to amend the Liquor Ordinance as requested by the County Clerk; seconded by Langenheim.

Petrie asked Hulten to give some background on why he wants the specific changes. Hulten answered that a number of changes were discussed with Weibel as the Liquor Commissioner. All of the changes allow for a more efficient administration of licenses by his office and a more efficient application process for applicants.

**Motion carried.**

Hulten thanked County staff for responding quickly when power was lost at Brookens on election day.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.



## **Chair's Report**

### **Discussion – Recommendations for County Board Rules Changes**

James proposed the County Board change from Committee of the Whole to three standing committees with three committee operations. Each committee would have nine members. This would save money and generate more discussion and better research amongst committee members. He hoped the County Board would give this proposal some due consideration. Berkson suggested adding an amendment that the committees will be seven members when the County Board size changes.

Nudo raised concerns about quorums with nine-member committees. He was convinced the County Board is better information with Committee of the Whole meetings and the full County Board meetings are more efficient. He suggested things to make the Committee of the Whole meetings more streamlined, such as the Chair and Deputy Chairs keeping discussion on track and keeping track of who has spoken.

Weibel exited the meeting at 8:56 p.m. and returned at 8:58 p.m.

The Board members voiced their opinions about a meeting structure with nine-member committees versus the Committee of the Whole. McGinty asked if action would be taken tonight on this item. Ammons said there would be no action tonight, but she wanted a straw poll to indicate in what direction the Board wishes to proceed. Discussion continued over the proposals to change the meetings. Ammons asked for a straw poll with each member voting once on whether they preferred the status quo, the Ammons proposal, or the James proposal. A straw poll showed two members in support of the status quo, thirteen members in support of the Ammons proposal, and seven members in support of the James proposal. Ammons stated the proposal would be on the next agenda

Jones and Kurtz exited at 9:30 pm. Moser exited at 9:31 p.m.

### **Reapportionment Issues Discussion– Study Session on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Ammons announced there will be a study session on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the reapportionment issues.

### **Designation of Items to be Placed on County Board Consent Agenda**

Agenda items 9.A.2-12 and 14-19 were designated for the consent agenda.

Moser returned to the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) to Consider Pending Litigation Against Champaign County**

**MOTION** by Betz to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) to consider pending litigation against Champaign County. He further moved the following individuals remain present: County's legal counsel, Mike Scavatto, County Administrator, and the Recording Secretary. The motion was seconded by McGinty. **Motion carried with a roll call vote of 19 to 2.** Alix, Ammons, Anderson, Bensyl, Berkson, Betz, Cowart, Holderfield, James, Jay, Langenheim, McGinty, Nudo, Petrie, Quisenberry, Richards, Rosales, Sapp, and Weibel voted in favor of the motion. Moser and O'Connor voted against the motion. The Board entered into closed session at 9:36 p.m. and resumed open session at 9:56 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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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.*