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## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

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**Finance; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments; Justice & Social Services**  
**Thursday, May 15, 2014**  
**Lyle Shields Meeting Room**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Christopher Alix, Astrid Berkson, Lorraine Cowart, Aaron Esry, Stan Harper, Josh Hartke, Stan James, John Jay, Jeff Kibler, Alan Kurtz, Ralph Langenheim, Gary Maxwell, Jim McGuire, Diane Michaels, Max Mitchell, Pattsy Petrie, James Quisenberry, Michael Richards, Giraldo Rosales, Rachel Schwartz

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lloyd Carter, Jon Schroeder

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Van Anderson (Deputy County Administrator/Finance), Deb Busey (County Administrator), John Dwyer (EMA), John Farney (Auditor), Gordy Hulten (County Clerk), Kay Rhodes (Administrative Assistant), Dan Welch (Treasurer)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Kurtz called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Rhodes called the roll. Alix, Berkson, Cowart, Esry, Harper, Hartke, James, Jay, Kibler, Kurtz, Langenheim, Maxwell, McGuire, Michaels, Petrie, Quisenberry, Richards, Rosales, and Schwartz were present at the time of roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Hartke to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of April 15, 2014; seconded by Esry. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA**

**MOTION** by James to approve the Agenda/Addenda; seconded by Kibler. Kurtz announced that item X-B, Closed Session, was removed from the addendum. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Robert Michael Doyle spoke regarding a proposed proclamation in recognition of marriage fairness in Illinois. Bobbi Trist spoke regarding the new jail construction and RFQ 2014-005

– Sheriff’s Operations Master Planning for the County of Champaign. Theodore Hartke and Roger Meyer spoke regarding the value of the Recorder of Deeds office.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Kurtz announced that the Head Start Review Report conducted by the Administration for Children & Families found no area of non-compliance. Kurtz announced that Governor Quinn wrote a letter to the USEPA urging them to deny Peoria Disposal Company’s request for authorization to dispose of toxic waste in a new cell at the Clinton Landfill.

Petrie announced that the Leadership Academy still had available openings for the next session.

### **JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES**

Hours of Operation for Champaign County Animal Control

**MOTION** by Berkson to defer action on the proposed change to hours of operation for the Animal Control office until August 12, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting to allow the Director to collect data to support the change in hours; seconded by Kibler. Richards said that members of his caucus had stated that they would like to see data for every day of the week. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Monthly Reports

**OMNIBUS MOTION** by James to receive the Animal Control-March 2014; Emergency Management Agency-April 2014; Head Start-April 2014; Probation & Court Services-March 2014 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Statistical Report; and the Veterans’ Assistance Commission-April 2014 reports and place them on file; seconded by Kurtz. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

There was no other business, Chair’s report or items designated for the Consent Agenda.

### **FINANCE**

Treasurer

**MOTION** by Hartke to receive the Treasurer’s April 2014 report and place on file; seconded by Michaels. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Auditor

**MOTION** by Kibler to receive the Auditor’s April 2014 report and place on file; seconded by Berkson. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Nursing Home Monthly Report

**MOTION** by Langenheim to receive the Nursing Home Monthly Report and place it on file; seconded by Berkson. Hartke announced that the nursing home had remained in the “black”

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for the last four-months; that they had moved from a two-star rating to a three-star rating; and the ozone laundry project had been nominated for a Governor's Sustainability Award. He added that they were currently negotiating both the MPA and nursing home labor contracts. He felt that this was an opportune time to address issues with middle management and staffing. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

### Budget Amendments/Transfers

**MOTION** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Amendment #14-00019** for Fund/Dept. 671 Court Document Storage-030 Circuit Clerk with increased appropriations of \$44,000 and no increased revenue, from Fund Balance to encumber funds not allocated in previous fiscal year; seconded by Esry. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**MOTION** by Michaels to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Amendment #14-00020** for Fund/Dept. 105 Capital Asset Replacement-051 Juvenile Detention Center with increased appropriations of \$2,450 and increased revenue of \$2,450 due to refund of maintenance coverage for Identix System for JDC that was replaced in FY2013; seconded by Hartke. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**MOTION** by Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Amendment #14-00021** for Fund/Dept. 110 Workforce Development-773 WIA Dislocated Worker Rapid Response with increased appropriations of \$13,125 and increased revenue of \$13,125 to accommodate a new grant award for Dislocated Worker Rapid Response funds due to a permanent closure or mass lay-off at a plant; seconded by McGuire. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**MOTION** by McGuire to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Amendment #14-00022** for Fund/Dept. 075 Regional Planning Commission-868 Weatherization-DOE-ARRA with increased appropriations of \$152,809 and increased revenue of \$152,809 to accommodate a new Weatherization Department of Energy ARRA grant; seconded by Cowart. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

### Emergency Management Agency

**MOTION** by James to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the application for, and if awarded, the acceptance of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency State Disaster Assistance to Local Governments Grant; seconded by Kibler.

Dwyer explained that the grant was to address the efforts made throughout the state because of the recent tornadoes. He reminded the committee that the county did not receive a federal declaration for public assistance, which would have covered police overtime, wear and tear on vehicles and other items. He explained that this grant would cover debris management and other emergency protective measures. Dwyer explained that the jurisdictions of Champaign County, Compromise Township, the City of Champaign, the Village of Gifford, and the Village of Longview were deemed eligible. He added that they would only reimburse up to 75% of the

claims, which would include, the County Highway department, EMA, and the Sheriff's office. He estimated the reimbursement should be approximately \$30,000. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

State's Attorney

**MOTION** by Kurtz to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Champaign County State's Attorney; seconded by Kibler. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

County Administrator

**OMNIBUS MOTION** by James to receive and place them on file the General Corporate Fund FY 2014 Budget Projection and the General Corporate Fund FY 2014 Budget Change reports; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**MOTION** by Hartke to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the FY2015 Budget Process; seconded by Kibler. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**MOTION** by Rosales to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the Financial Policies; seconded by Hartke. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

There was no other business or Chair's Report.

Designation of Items for the Consent Agenda

Items D1-4; E1; F1; and G3-4 were designated for the County Board Consent Agenda.

### **POLICY, PERSONNEL, & APPOINTMENTS**

Appointments/Reappointments

**MOTION** by Kurtz to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the appointment of Robert Guthrie to the Sangamon Valley Public Water District Board-term 6/1/2014-5/31/2019; seconded by Maxwell. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Kurtz to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the appointment of Diana Lenik to the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District Board-term 6/1/2014-5/31/2017; seconded by Kibler. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

County Clerk

**MOTION** by James to receive the April 2014 report and place it on file; seconded by Harper. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**MOTION** by Kibler to approve the request to send the Executive Secretary position to the Job Content Evaluation Committee for review and recommendation regarding position responsibility changes; seconded by McGuire. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Mitchell entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

County Administrator

**MOTION** by Rosales to receive the Administrative Services April 2014 report and place it on file; seconded by Kurtz. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**MOTION** by James to approve the request to send the HR Generalist and Executive Assistant to the County Administrator positions to the Job Content Evaluation Committee for review and evaluation; seconded by Kibler. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Other Business

Issues Report on Elimination of the Recorder of Deeds

James was against the proposal to eliminate the office of the Recorder of Deeds. Maxwell stated that real property owners need access to accurate preserved property records. He stated that Champaign County currently has a small and very efficient Recorder's office and it should be maintained. Jay added that he had received more comments from the public on this issue than he had on any other issue and they all said that the Recorder's office was very important and should be kept.

Richards pointed out that in the last few years there had been an increase in mortgage fraud and the Recorder's office had been on the frontline working with the Attorney General's office. He said that if the Recorder's office is merged with the County Clerk's office, that this needs to remain a top priority. Langenheim did not believe that the office of the Recorder should be an elected position, even though the incumbent was highly experienced.

Alix said that the issue for consideration was not the elimination of the Recorder's office. The question was did the County need an elected official to preside over the office or could an elected official preside over the Recorder and the Clerk's office together. He felt that he could support the idea of combining the offices as long as the fundamental operations of the Recorder's office itself remained the same.

Kurtz would like the incumbent Barb Frasca to discuss the issue at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Petrie felt that the committee should be asking themselves if merging the offices would result in efficiencies for the public. Rosales wanted the question put on the ballot for the voters to decide. Petrie wanted data on other Illinois counties who had done this and the results they achieved. McGuire wanted to make sure that the data was collected from counties that were comparable to Champaign County. Quisenberry supported the combination of offices as long as the current professional staff is maintained. He believed that the stability would be better maintained by a professional than an elected official who may or may not remain in office. Esry asked if the County Clerk had any comments on the issue.

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Hulten explained that his office had not studied the issue and it was not something he was advocating. He explained that some of the work in his office could be considered seasonal and staff was used to dedicating the work force in one area or another depending on the need. Hulten said his office would need to rely on the experience of the current Recorder and her staff to train them.

Quisenberry directed the committee to send their comments and questions to either himself or the County Administrator. They would also invite Ms. Frasca to speak to the committee regarding the issue. He explained that the deadline was August in order to place this question on the ballot.

### County Board Rules

**MOTION** by Hartke to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the County Board Rules; seconded by Petrie. Motion by James for roll call vote; seconded by McGuire.

McGuire did not agree with paying a member a per diem for attending a meeting electronically. It had been determined by the State's Attorney that the County was required to pay per diems for meetings attended even if it was electronically.

**Motion to Amend** by Jay to remove 6G and the last line in 18D from the County Board Rules, which referred to electronic attendance; seconded by Mitchell. Jay said County Board members have an obligation to attend meetings in person. He explained that he did not run for County Board earlier in his career because he did not have the time to attend meetings. Kibler was in favor of electronic attendance and did not believe that the rule would be abused.

Alix felt that since there seemed to be some disagreement as to whether or not electronic attendance should be allowed, that it should be removed rather than risk the County Board Rules not passing at all. Discussion followed. **Motion to Amend carried.**

**Amended Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.**

### Chair's Report

#### Appointment of Strategic Planning Sub-Committee

**MOTION** by Jay to appoint James Quisenberry, Josh Hartke, Stan Harper, Pattsy Petrie, and Jeff Kibler to the Strategic Planning Sub-committee; seconded by Richards. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

#### Resolution to Recognize Marriage Equity in Illinois

Quisenberry apologized to Mr. Doyle for not providing him with the updated version of the marriage fairness proclamation and he proceeded to read the updated version.

**MOTION** by Kurtz to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving the proclamation designating the month of June 2014 as “Marriage Fairness Act Awareness Month”; seconded by Rosales.

Richards asked why the changes were made to the proclamation. Quisenberry explained that he made changes in order to ensure that the proclamation would pass. James said he would not support the proclamation because it was a special interest and he did not want to encourage others. Kibler and Petrie supported it. **Motion carried.**

#### Designation of Items for the Consent Agenda

Items A2 and D2 were designated for the Consent Agenda.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**MOTION** by Quisenberry to change the start time of the County Board meeting on May 27 to 5:30 p.m.; seconded by Kibler. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Rhodes, Administrative Assistant

*Please note the minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.*