



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD  
COMMITTEE AGENDA**

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**OLYMPIAN-LINCOLN SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

**Highway Department Building, Meeting Room**

**1605 East Main Street Urbana**

**Thursday, October 28, 2010 – 11:30 a.m.**

**CHAIR: C. Pius Weibel**

**MEMBERS: Lorraine Cowart, Greg Knott, Ralph Langenheim, Alan Nudo**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
I. <u>Call to Order</u>	
II. <u>Roll Call</u>	
III. <u>Approval of Minutes</u> A. October 5, 2010	*1-3
IV. <u>Approval of Agenda/Addenda</u>	
V. <u>Public Participation</u>	
VI. <u>Communications</u>	
VII. <u>Report from County Engineer on Possibility of Offset on Lincoln Avenue</u>	
VIII. <u>Report from County Engineer on Property Availability</u>	
IX. <u>Review of Past Lincoln Avenue Studies</u>	
X. <u>Other Business</u>	
XI. <u>Adjournment</u>	

1 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD  
2 COMMITTEE MINUTES  
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5 **OLYMPIAN-LINCOLN SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

6 **Tuesday, October 5, 2010**

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

8 **1776 E. Washington St., Urbana**  
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10 5:00 p.m.

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12 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lorraine Cowart, Greg Knott, Ralph Langenheim, Alan Nudo, C. Pius  
13 Weibel

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15 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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17 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Kat Bork (Administrative Assistant), Deb  
18 Busey (County Administrator), Alan Kurtz (County Board Member),  
19 Brendan McGinty (County Board Member)  
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21 **CALL TO ORDER**

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23 Weibel called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.  
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25 **ROLL CALL**

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27 Knott, Langenheim, Nudo, and Weibel were present at the time of roll call, establishing the  
28 presence of a quorum.  
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30 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM**

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32 **MOTION** by Knott to approve the agenda; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried with**  
33 **unanimous support.**  
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35 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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37 Laura Huth of Do Good Consulting was present to represent her clients. She stated her clients  
38 wanted to be sure the area residents are included in the committee's process as more than just members  
39 of the public. She looked forward to participating in future meetings.  
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41 **COMMUNICATIONS**

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43 There were no communications.  
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45 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

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47 **MOTION** by Knott to elect Weibel as the Chair; seconded by Nudo. **Motion carried with**  
48 **unanimous support.**

49 **STATEMENT/DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE TASK**

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51 Knott described that he and Weibel had spoken about this agenda item. Knott's thoughts were  
52 the committee existed to cause dialogue between interested parties; including landowners,  
53 governmental bodies, etc., in order to give some direction to Blue so he can negotiate with other  
54 bodies. Langenheim concurred with the committee members first sitting down amongst themselves  
55 and deciding what might be acceptable as a solution. He viewed the committee's purpose as trying to  
56 help responsible agencies come to an agreement about what should be done in the Olympian Drive-  
57 Lincoln Avenue construction project. Knott suggested the committee could consider items such as the  
58 1997 study, the ten to twelve possible project designs, impact on landowners, and the other parameters  
59 that were considered in the original decision. The committee continued to discuss its purpose.

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61 Cowart entered the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

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63 Kurtz encouraged looking into other options and suggested an independent engineering study  
64 may be needed. He thought the 1997 plans offered less costly options than the current project. Knott  
65 asked if it would be possible to outline the major steps needed to get State approval and what other  
66 options would mean in terms of process. McGinty remarked that a lot of people are looking for  
67 verification that there is need for any road construction project undertaken at this point and why a  
68 particular option, such as the sweeping S option, is selected instead of others. It would be very  
69 important to work with landowners and it might make sense to refresh the 1997 study. He encouraged  
70 the committee to make this an inclusive process and consider components other than engineering.

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72 Langenheim pointed out the open houses about the Olympian Drive and Lincoln Avenue  
73 project provided statistics and photographs showing the growth and expansion on the community's  
74 north side. He asked Blue to supply the committee with those printouts. Blue explained the document  
75 showing growth over time was prepared by a Google flyover consultant. It is a moving document that  
76 cannot be printed, but can be viewed on the project's website. Langenheim felt it was imperative for  
77 members to drive around all of the roads being discussed to obtain a personal impression of the  
78 combination of urbanization and farmland. He suggested the committee may take a field trip. Busey  
79 said the committee could set up a County Board tour if they wanted to. This was done for the County  
80 facilities.

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82 Nudo stated one of the committee's tasks should be to meet with municipalities. He wanted a  
83 mechanism put in place for working with intergovernmental bodies and reporting on any progress in  
84 the future. Langenheim understood CUUATS had this project on the books for years and CUUATS  
85 plans are reviewed every five years. He did not consider it a fossilized plan because it is reviewed by  
86 the planners.

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88 Knott asked what Blue needed from the committee in terms of guidance or thoughts. Blue  
89 recommended the committee be brought up-to-date on the project and review the studies as group in  
90 order to understand how the project reached the place it is now. He could put this together for the  
91 committee. Langenheim agreed that should be the first step. McGinty suggested Blue summarize the  
92 process with highlights that impact the status of the current project. Blue said that would be his  
93 proposal. Weibel asked that Blue provide what he reasonably could in hard copy. Noting a lot of  
94 material was already available on the website, McGinty suggested that Blue provide links to certain

95 documents for the committee to review before the next meeting. He was looking for the pertinent  
96 information to this discussion, not a reopening of the entire plan. Langenheim wanted to include the  
97 extension to 45 and felt ignoring it would be a mistake. Nudo urged the committee to avoid reopening  
98 old wounds. The County Board knows where it is going with other municipalities and should focus on  
99 what they can get done at this time. He indicated all the municipalities were in favor of going to  
100 Lincoln Avenue.

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102 Kurtz asked why a program should be considered when there is not money available to support  
103 it. He was in favor of the County Board looking at Olympian and Apollo because it is the area that can  
104 be financed. Kurtz stated the engineering study could be afforded if Urbana released the \$5 million.  
105 Langenheim recalled that Blue raised the issue of the State not approving reallocation of funds at a  
106 previous meeting. Blue explained his comments concerned the bridge.

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108 Nudo asked if the study Blue would bring to the committee differed from the traffic projections  
109 presented by Rita Black the previous Committee of the Whole meeting. He questioned the projections.  
110 Blue confirmed he possessed a copy of Black's PowerPoint presentation from that meeting and could  
111 share it with the committee. Black did new projections based on a model CUUATS uses today. Blue  
112 would need another party to explain the model to the committee.

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114 **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

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116 The committee discussed when to hold future meetings and how many times to meet before the  
117 end of the current term. Blue asked that the meetings be held in the Highway Building. The  
118 committee agreed to meet on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. and October 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Weibel  
119 directed members to block out two hours for meetings to allow for discussion.

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121 **AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

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123 Weibel stated the agenda for the next meeting would include items: 1. Review of Past Studies  
124 (with materials from Blue) and 2. Traffic Counts and Modeling for Future.

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126 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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128 There was no other business.

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130 **ADJOURNMENT**

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132 Weibel adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

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134 Respectfully submitted,

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136 Kat Bork  
137 Administrative Assistant

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