



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD  
COMMITTEE AGENDA**

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**STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Brookens Administrative Center, Jennifer K. Putman Meeting Room  
1776 E. Washington, Urbana  
Wednesday, July 20, 2011 – 4:30 p.m.**

**CHAIR:** Brendan McGinty

**MEMBERS:** Carol Ammons, Tom Betz, Alan Nudo, Jonathan Schroeder

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>PAGE NO.</u></b>
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<b>IV. <u>Approval of Minutes</u> – July 6, 2011</b>	*1-3
<b>V. <u>Public Participation</u></b>	
<b>VI. <u>Review Feedback on Ideas &amp; Initiatives from County Board Members</u></b>	
<b>VII. <u>Review Vision, Mission, &amp; Values</u></b>	
<b>VIII. <u>Establishment of Goals</u></b>	
<b>IX. <u>Next Meeting Date</u></b>	
<b>X. <u>Other Business</u></b>	
<b>XI. <u>Adjourn</u></b>	

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2 COMMITTEE MINUTES  
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6 **Wednesday, July 6, 2011**

7 **Brookens Administrative Center, Jennifer K. Putman Meeting Room**  
8 **1776 E. Washington St., Urbana**

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10 4:30 p.m.

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12 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carol Ammons, Tom Betz, Brendan McGinty (Chair), Alan Nudo,  
13 Jonathan Schroeder

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15 **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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17 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Deb Busey (County Administrator)

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19 **CALL TO ORDER**

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21 McGinty called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.  
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23 **ROLL CALL**

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25 Ammons, Betz, McGinty, and Schroeder were present at the time of roll call, establishing  
26 the presence of a quorum.

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28 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM**

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30 **MOTION** by Betz to approve the agenda; seconded by Ammons. **Motion carried with**  
31 **unanimous support.**

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33 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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35 **MOTION** by Ammons to approve the Strategic Planning Committee June 29, 2011  
36 minutes; seconded by Betz. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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38 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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40 There was no public participation.

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42 **CONTINUING REVIEW OF IDEAS & INITIATIVES**

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44 The committee continued its review of the proposed ideas and initiatives. McGinty thanked  
45 Busey for preparing a goldenrod sheet of all the reviewed ideas and a white sheet with the  
46 remaining seven proposals. Schroeder asked what the purpose was of a local food council  
47 mentioned in Idea 23. Ammons thought the submitted purpose was to provide ways for the County

48 Board to use local food in the community, such as joining with other entities. The idea was  
49 submitted by Patti Petrie and she was not present at the meeting when the idea was discussed.  
50 Ammons thought it was a good idea to keep this on the list and look at sustainability issues.  
51 McGinty said he was contacted by a group affiliated with local foods to talk about having a county-  
52 based local food council to help guide local food development and distribution. Idea 23 is a  
53 combination of several suggested initiatives. Schroeder was trying to determine the County  
54 government's function in local food production or distribution. Champaign County is not a home-  
55 rule community like Champaign or Urbana, so there is no fund to support these efforts. The  
56 committee was uncertain of Petrie's intent, but the group McGinty met with was not appealing for  
57 funding. The local food group was interested in county-wide endorsement of a board that group  
58 would set up. Six months ago, McGinty suggested the group put together a business plan proposal  
59 to present to the County Board under the Policy section of a Committee of the Whole meeting. He  
60 has not heard anything from the group in response. Schroeder felt the University of Illinois  
61 Extension Office would be a better entity to be involved in a local foods effort than County  
62 government. The committee continued to discuss the local food idea. Busey noted the County  
63 funds Extension Education with property tax revenue. Betz suggest adding "while working with  
64 Extension to include establishment of a local food council" to Idea 23. The committee agreed to the  
65 change.

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67 Busey has submitted the question of what the County's abilities are to write a building code  
68 beyond what the state has mandated to legal counsel for review. She has not received a response  
69 from legal counsel. Betz noted the County is not a home-rule body and could not enact a code  
70 stronger than the state.

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72 The committee was confused as to the intention of the second idea on the white sheet  
73 submitted by Patti Petrie. Betz stated the idea about minimizing sprawl and preserving agriculture  
74 lands has to do with the LRMP and zoning issues. This has been addressed in Idea 22. He did not  
75 see a likelihood of revenue sharing. Busey noted Idea 5 on the goldenrod sheet involves promoting  
76 intergovernmental cooperation as it becomes available on projects. The committee agreed to  
77 remove the second idea on the white sheet. The committee discussed soliciting feedback from the  
78 other County Board members on the strategic planning update.

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80 Regarding the suggested idea about development and use of the Mahomet Aquifer was  
81 debated. There is intergovernmental interest in this issue. It was agreed to include the Mahomet  
82 Aquifer as an example of potential intergovernmental cooperation without the anticipated creation  
83 of a water district.

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85 The fourth idea was determined to already be covered in Idea 10 on the goldenrod sheet.  
86 The committee added, "parenthetically, County employees and County contractors" to Idea 10.

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88 McGinty felt the fifth suggestion was already being done by the Regional Planning  
89 Commission. Busey noted did not think the County statutorily could take up this suggestion. RPC  
90 has been designated as the entity that has the authority to use loan programs to increase economic  
91 development. It is done through federal programs. According to bond counsel, the County Board  
92 does not have the authority to give loans for economic development. RPC administers several loan  
93 programs. Anyone who would like to see more aggressive loan programs should contact the RPC

94 Commission. Pius Weibel, Lorraine Cowart, and Steve Moser are the County Board members who  
95 serve on the RPC Commission.

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97 Ammons did not think the suggested idea of having a civilian policy review to give  
98 oversight to the Sheriff's Office was an easy issue for the county as it is in the cities. Busey noted  
99 the City Police Chiefs are not elected, as the Sheriff is. The County Board does not have any  
100 authority over the Sheriff other than approving the department's budget. The Sheriff could agree to  
101 consider the establishment of a citizens advisory committee to work with the Sheriff on jail issues.  
102 This could be useful if the County Board is going to construct a new jail. This idea could be  
103 included in Idea 21 on the goldenrod sheet.

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105 The idea of continuing to work towards self-sufficiency at the Nursing Home was combined  
106 with Idea 14 on the goldenrod sheet.

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108 Nudo entered the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

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110 The committee summarized the work it had done for Nudo's benefit. The revised list of  
111 ideas and initiatives will be shared with the County Board for the members' feedback. Betz advised  
112 removing the column naming the originator. Busey spoke about aligning departments' goals to the  
113 County Board's Strategic Plan goals in the budget document. The committee discussed the  
114 necessary timing to include goals in the FY2012 budget document. The goals have to be decided  
115 before the ideas can be aligned with the goals. The County Board members would be asked to rank  
116 the ideas and initiatives from 1 to 5 to provide some idea of relative priorities.

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118 Ammons exited the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

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120 The committee discussed the possible response rate from the County Board.

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122 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

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124 The committee agreed to hold its next meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

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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 McGinty adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

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134 Respectfully submitted,

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136 Kat Bork  
137 Administrative Assistant

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