

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD  
**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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**JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Monday, May 2, 2005**

**Meeting Rm. 1, Brookens Administrative Center**

**1776 E. Washington St., Urbana**

7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anderson, Greenwalt, Hogue, James, Putman, Sapp, Schroeder, Tapley

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Carter

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deb Busey (County Administrator), Joel Fletcher (State's Attorney's Office), Joseph Gordon (Court Services/Probation), Stephanie Joos (Animal Control), Kathleen Liffick (Head Start), Nancy Richardson (Nursing Home), Julia Rietz (State's Attorney), Barb Wysocki (County Board Member), Aaron Ammons, Carol Ammons, Marilyn Garmon

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. The Recording Secretary called the roll. Declaring a quorum present, the Chair proceeded with the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM**

**MOTION** by James to approve the agenda; seconded by Hogue. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Hogue to approve the regular session minutes of April 12, 2005, closed session minutes of February 7, 2005, and Grant Application Review Subcommittee minutes of March 29, 2005; seconded by Schroeder. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were two people for public participation.

Aaron Ammons thanked Busey for pointing out the mistake his organization made in recent articles concerning the amount of money the County does in contracting business each year. He spoke concerning the disparity study that was previously considered by the County Board.

Carol Ammons also spoke about disparity.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**MOTION** by Tapley to receive and place on file the Coroner report for March 2005, Court Services report for March 2005, Emergency Management Agency report for April 2005, Mental Health Board report for April 2005, and the Public Defender reports for February and March 2005; seconded by James. Motion carried.

### **JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GRANT MONTHLY REPORTS**

**MOTION** by James to receive and place on file the CASA reports for February and March 2005, Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club reports for March 2005 and April 2004 to March 2005 complete report, Family Conference Program report for March 2005, Mental Health Center/Family Intervention Program report for March 2005, Regional Office of Education report for March 2005, RPC-Court Diversion Services report for March 2005, and the Urban League report for March 2005; seconded by Tapley.

Busey said these reports were still concerning grants awarded the previous year. It was discussed at an earlier meeting to possibly change the procedure so the grant monthly reports will be sent to the monitoring agency instead of being received by the Justice & Social Services Committee each month. The monitoring agency, C-U Area Project, would present quarterly reports to the committee on the progress and status of the various grants. A copy of the monthly reports would also be kept on file in Administrative Services. Discussion was held over altering the grant reports procedure. The committee agreed that Busey should look into this matter and it should be placed on the next month's agenda for action.

Motion carried.

### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

**Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Impound Services with the City of Champaign and Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Impound Services with the City of Urbana**

**MOTION** by Greenwalt to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Impound Services with the City of Champaign and the Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Impound Services with the City of Urbana; seconded by Hogue. Greenwalt asked questions about the language of the agreement, Joos pointed out the sections of the agreement that covered her questions. Sapp asked if a fee had been set for the agreement with the City of Urbana. Joos said the Urbana fee is set at \$42,750 annually, \$3,562.50 monthly. This fee is based on what the Humane Society previously charged the city. The County and cities negotiated to keep the costs fixed in the contract for the next few years because the true costs are not yet known. Discussion continued over the impound agreements. Putman asked several questions about the agreements' language. These questions were answered by Joos and Fletcher. It was explained that the agreements had been submitted to repeated review by legal counsel. Greenwalt noted the agreements included notice that the Animal Control Facility would be open for several hours on the weekend, which will make it more convenient for citizens who work full-time.

Tapley asked if any professional connection would be kept with the Humane Society. Joos stated she is working towards an agreement with the Humane Society to take the County's adoptable animals. She sent a contract to the Humane Society on February 18th, but has yet to receive any reply. She was informed the Humane Society is still reviewing the contract. Joos does have a Plan B with Prairieland Anti-Cruelty in case the situation with the Humane Society does not work.

Fletcher requested the motion be amended with respect to the City of Urbana agreement to reflect the corrected dollar figures. Greenwalt and Hogue agreed to this friendly amendment.

Motion carried.

**Proposed Amendment and Discussion Concerning Exempting Animals from Rabies Inoculation for Health Reasons**

**MOTION** by Greenwalt to approve the Ordinance Amending the Champaign County Animal Control Ordinance; seconded by James. Greenwalt asked if this ordinance provided for exemption from rabies vaccination for cats based on medical necessity. Fletcher explained the Animal Control Act has sweeping language to allow counties to regulate the inoculation of cats. The Act has an absolute requirement that dogs be inoculated for rabies. There is currently a bill pending in the Senate that would allow an exemption to this rule for dogs, so this ordinance was drafted to allow this exemption to come into play if the bill becomes law. Sapp asked for an explanation of the fees. Joos said the owners are required to register the animal with the County, even if they receive a veterinary exemption to the rabies inoculation.

Putman produced a letter from the Illini Cat Club protesting the requirement to vaccinate cats and asked if this ordinance was in response to the letter. Joos stated this ordinance was in response to the request of County Board Member Deb Feinen to allow veterinary exemptions to the Animal Control Ordinance for cats. Joos gave details of her research into the new rabies vaccination protocols for cats. The protocols make the vaccination safer for cats. The American Feline Practitioners' Association, the Humane Society, and other organizations recommend rabies vaccinations for cats, because cats are the number one carrier of rabies nationwide. The ordinance's language is taken directly from state law. Discussion continued concerning cat vaccinations.

Motion carried with one no vote.

### **COURT SERVICES**

#### **Regional Office of Education Funding for Summer School**

Gordon requested the FY2004 grant be extended to August 1, 2005 and the ROE be allowed to shift some money to cover expenditures associated with personnel costs for the summer educational program because ROE was not awarded a Juvenile Delinquency Grant for FY2005.

**MOTION** by Greenwalt to approve the request to shift funds designated to purchase books for the Accelerated Readers' Program to personnel and extend the FY2004 Juvenile Delinquency Grant to August 1, 2005; seconded by Putman.

Putman asked for a description of the Accelerated Readers' Program. Gordon said the program was proposed by the Regional Office of Education to have a number of books available at the Detention Center. Associated with the books would be a program to assess the prisoners' abilities and reading levels as they complete the books. This would be followed up while the juveniles are on probation after their release. Putman asked where the money for personnel would come from. Gordon said they had some additional monies available for personnel, to be included with what will be shifted from the purchase of books. Anderson commented that the program itself was not rejected by the Grant Application Review Subcommittee; the Regional Office of Education failed to meet the application deadline, therefore the application could not be considered. The subcommittee determined it must uphold the deadline requirement because other agencies had worked hard to meet it.

Motion carried.

### **HEAD START**

#### **Monthly Report**

**MOTION** by Hogue to receive and place on file the monthly Head Start report; seconded by James. Motion carried.

**JOB CONTENT EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

**Recommend to the Policy, Personnel, and Appointments Committee Approval of the Re-evaluation of Senior Secretary Assigned to the Mental Health Board to Administrative Compliance Specialist, Assigned to Salary Grade Range E**

**MOTION** by Schroeder to recommend to the Policy, Personnel, and Appointments Committee Approval of the Re-evaluation of Senior Secretary Assigned to the Mental Health Board to Administrative Compliance Specialist, Assigned to Salary Grade Range E; seconded by James. Motion carried.

**Recommend to the Policy, Personnel, and Appointments Committee Approval of the Classification of the Director of Environmental Services Position to Grade Range I, and the Creation and Classification of the Director of Maintenance Position to Grade Range K, Effective upon Approval of the Position by the County Board**

**MOTION** by Putman to recommend to the Policy, Personnel, and Appointments Committee Approval of the Classification of the Director of Environmental Services Position to Grade Range I, and the Creation and Classification of the Director of Maintenance Position to Grade Range K, Effective upon Approval of the Position by the County Board; seconded by Sapp. Motion carried.

**NURSING HOME**

**Monthly Report for March and April**

**MOTION** by Sapp to receive and place on file the Nursing Home report for March and April; seconded by Hogue. Tapley asked about the Nursing Home's population changes. Richardson stated there was a drop in admissions in December and January, but with the closing of nursing home facilities in the area, such as Manor Care, the census has improved with increased admissions. Tapley asked how much the revenue has increased. Richardson answered the revenue figures depend on whether a resident is private pay, Medicare, or Medicaid. She will provide more detailed figures at next month's meeting. Motion carried.

**Recommend Award of CCNH RN/LPN Scholarship in the Amount of \$2,500 to Betty Maka**

**MOTION** by James to recommend award of CCNH RN/LPN Scholarship in the Amount of \$2,500 to Betty Maka; seconded by Schroeder. Putman asked how many applied for the scholarship. Richardson said Maka was the only applicant. James asked about the mistake in the amount of the scholarship. Richardson thought the scholarship details had just been misread by Maupin, the current amount is correct. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Award of Bid #20050-007, Oxygen Supplier Contract to RCS Management Corporation**

**MOTION** by Tapley to approve the award of Bid #20050-007, Oxygen Supplier Contract to RCS Management Corporation; seconded by James. Tapley had spoken with Jeremy Maupin and there were some concerns whether this contract was legal. Anderson read a statement from Maupin detailing why he removed this item from last month's County Board agenda. Maupin was uncertain whether the Nursing Home could have RCS perform the public aid billing for this service. RCS submits their public aid billing directly to the state instead of sending it to the Nursing Home to then submit to the state. He confirmed it was legal. James asked if this contract supplies services on an as needed basis only. Richardson stated all oxygen vendors supply work on an as needed basis. Motion carried.

**Recommendation for Environmental and Maintenance Director Positions**

Anderson stated this matter had been settled with previous motions.

**SHERIFF**

**Letter from University of Illinois Interim Chancellor**

Provided for information only.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Approval of Resolution Adopting the Philosophy and Principles of Balanced and Restorative Justice in Champaign County**

**MOTION** by Hogue to approve the Resolution Adopting the Philosophy and Principles of Balanced and Restorative Justice in Champaign County; seconded by Putman. Fletcher requested a change in the fifth whereas clause to 705 ILCS 405/6-12. This is the provision that deals most with Juvenile Justice Council. Hogue and Putman agreed to treat the change as a friendly amendment. Anderson stated this resolution was drafted by the C-U Area Project staff and the philosophy is already being supported by programs funded by the Juvenile Delinquency Grants. Rietz noted the resolution calls for the County Board to support the creation of a Juvenile Justice Council and it is her plan to move forward on that process. Garmon gave a definition of balanced and restorative justice.

James thought the ¼ Cent for Public Safety Sales Tax was passed to help build the Courthouse and other projects. Busey stated the originating resolution which established the criteria for the referendum in 1998 included a 5% set aside for juvenile delinquency prevention. Tapley pointed out several grammatical mistakes in the resolution that will need to be corrected. The committee discussed the original purpose of the ¼ Cent for Public Safety Sales Tax and juvenile delinquency across the country. Fletcher clarified that the Juvenile Justice Council is a body set up by statutes of which the County Board is one of several participants, so its final form is up to the Council as a whole.

Motion carried.

Anderson said she had attended Jeremy Maupin's reception. The residents and staff were happy for him, but sad to see him go.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Tapley and Anderson requested minor changes to the April 12, 2005 minutes. The Recording Secretary agreed and thanked them for the information.

Putman informed the committee of a letter received from Sandra Ahten about a brainstorming meeting for improved library services at the County Jail to be held May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 in the Lierman Avenue facility. Greenwalt recommended the Champaign Public Library Book Sale as an excellent place for friends of prisoners to purchase inexpensive books to donate to the jail library. Putman planned to attend the meeting and will report back to the Justice & Social Services Committee.

Hogue stated she and Wysocki attended a dialogue at the Champaign City Council about suicides that she found very informative. Busey recommended the committee review the May Finance Committee agenda. There is an item on it for enhanced mental health services at the County Jail facilities from the Sheriff.

**DETERMINATION OF ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON COUNTY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA**

The Chair designated items VII A & B, VIII A, XI C, and XIII A to be placed on the County Board Consent Agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork  
Administrative Secretary

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