

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD  
**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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**JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, September 9, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.**

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

**1776 E. Washington, Urbana**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anderson, Carter, Gladney, James, Nudo, Rosales,  
Smucker

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Hunt, Sapp

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deb Busey (County Administrator), Kay Rhodes  
(Administrative Secretary)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Gladney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call established a quorum present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM**

**MOTION** by Carter to approve agenda; seconded by Anderson. **Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Smucker to approve Justice & Social Services Committee June 1, 2009 minutes; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**OMNIBUS MOTION** by James to receive and place on file Animal Control June & July 2009; Public Defender May & June 2009; Probation Court Services April – July 2009; Coroner April – December 2007 & January – December 2008 (*August 2008 Report not finalized*); Head Start July & August 2009; and Emergency Management Agency June – August 2009 reports; seconded by Rosales. **Motion carried.**

Nudo entered the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**MOTION** by Anderson to approve the Application for the Annual E.M.A. Assistance Grant and if approved, acceptance of award; seconded by Rosales. **Motion carried.**

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Gladney discussed the Citizens Advisory Committee on Jury Selection minutes included in the packet. He wanted to provide these so members of the parent committee could get an idea of the Citizens Advisory Committee's progress. Ms. Putman is on this committee and takes very good notes. Gladney asked if there were any questions about the minutes. Rosales inquired if there was a full committee. Gladney affirmed this.

Nudo asked about the reference to Mr. Ammons giving a presentation to the parent committee. Gladney explained that the meeting time of the parent committee conflicts with Mr. Ammons schedule. Gladney stated he asked Mr. Ammons to provide a written report instead, however this has not occurred. Nudo asked Ms. Avery could give a presentation instead. Gladney agreed.

Nudo stated there were several references in the notes about working with the school system. He would like to see a civics class taught in middle schools and high schools about jury duty. Gladney explained Mr. Ammons was in contact with a teacher at Centennial High School to have a class work on proposals for a commercial. Judge Difanis is seeking funds for some radio spots that young people listen to. Gladney asked the committee what they thought the best approach was on contacting the schools. Busey felt they should contact the Regional Office of Education. She explained the Regional Office of Education is working to get all the schools in Champaign County to adopt the Clock & Bell Tower for "Make a Difference Day" in October. She felt this would be an opportune time to approach the ROE about including with this a focus on what happens at the courthouse with one of the points focusing on jury duty. Gladney agreed to speak with CACJS regarding these suggestions.

Gladney recapped the activities of the CACJS August meeting. They talked to a member of a national jury study group. The committee was advised the racial make-up for jury summons was not too bad. This did not agree with the reports from the court watching group.

Gladney pointed out a map of the summary of addresses for those receiving a summons in 2008. Nudo asked if the tracking included information on those who moved and left no forwarding address. It was understandable to have low representation by students on the U of I campus because they move frequently.

## **SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

Busey stated the recommendation from the Assistant State's Attorney is that the minutes remain closed.

**MOTION** by James to keep the minutes closed; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.** James asked if at some point the older closed session minutes could be opened, particularly when the employee no longer works for Champaign County. Busey explained it is never a good idea to make personnel documents public. However, she is investigating the time frame in which closed session minutes regarding personnel issues can be destroyed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

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

Agenda Item 7A – Approval of Application for Annual E.M.A. Assistance Grant & if approved, acceptance of award for grant designated for Consent Agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Rhodes  
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.*