

RESUME OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
June 18, 2009

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 7:02 P.M. in the Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois, with C. Pius Weibel presiding and John Farney as Secretary of the Meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Board Members Present: Doenitz, Hunt, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, Kurtz, Langenheim, Nudo, O'Connor, Richards, Rosales, Sapp, Schroeder, Smucker, Wysocki, Ammons, Anderson, Beckett, Bensyl, Betz, Cowart and Weibel – 23; Absent: Gladney, McGinty, Moser and Carter – 4. Thereupon, the Chair declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Weibel asked for a moment of silence in honor of Jim Shields, son of former County Board Chair Lyle Shields, and Jean Marie Wyld, former County Board Member, both of whom recently passed. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

READ NOTICE OF MEETING

The Clerk read the Notice of the Meeting, said Notice having been published in the *Fisher Outlook* on June 2, 2009; *Southern Champaign County Today* on June 3, 2009; *The Leader* on June 4, 2009; *Mahomet Citizen* and *Rantoul Press* on June 10, 2009; *County Star* and *Savoy Star* on June 11, 2009; and *News Gazette* on June 16, 2009. Board Member Betz offered a motion to approve the notice; seconded by Board Member Ammons. Approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member James offered the motion to approve the amended minutes of the County Board Meeting of May 21, 2009; seconded by Board Member Bensyl. Approved as amended by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM

Board Member Ammons offered the motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by Board Member Cowart. Approved by voice vote.

DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Chair Weibel announced that the next Meeting of the County Board will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. and that there would be no committee meetings during the month of July.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jane Quinlan, Regional Superintendent of Schools, spoke regarding Ordinance 849, Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Service Occupation Tax at a rate of 1% in the County of Champaign, Illinois, to be used exclusively for school facilities purposes. Dianna Visek spoke regarding Resolution 7004, Employment Agreement for the County Administrator. Duane Northrup, Champaign County Coroner, spoke regarding cuts to State funding of Public Aid burials, increased Autopsy fees, and Coroner budget cuts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Kurtz announced the birth of a grandson, Lawson Murphy Kurtz, born earlier in the day at Carle Foundation Hospital. Board Member Anderson announced the June 20th rally to support Human Service funding by the state. Board Member Nudo announced the current census numbers and a projected \$6,000.00 loss for the month of April at Champaign County Nursing Home. Board Member Wysocki announced the County and County Co-Administrator Busey had been recognized for the third year in a row with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE

Board Member Wysocki requested the adoption of Resolution No. 7008 Appointing Michael Smith to the Board for the Care and Treatment of Persons with a Developmental Disability, term ending June 30, 2012, be removed from the consent agenda. Board Member Smucker requested the adoption of Ordinance No. 851 Amending Ordinance No. 837 Establishing Single Administrator System and Prescribing the Duties, Powers and Responsibilities of the County Administrator and the adoption of Ordinance No. 852 Amending Ordinance No. 779 – Champaign County Personnel Policy Ordinance, be removed from the consent agenda.

POLICY, PERSONNEL, & APPOINTMENTS

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7005](#) Appointing Christopher White to the Forest Preserve District Board, term ending June 30, 2014.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7006](#) Appointing Prashanth Gowda to the Champaign County Board of Health, term ending June 30, 2012.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7007](#) Appointing Mark Huls to the Champaign County Board of Health, term ending June 30, 2012.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7009](#) Appointing John Mumma to the Locust Grove Cemetery Association, term ending June 30, 2015.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7010](#) Appointing Robert Rice to the Locust Grove Cemetery Association, term ending June 30, 2015

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7011](#) Appointing Edward Fiscus to the Prairie View Cemetery Association, term ending June 30, 2015.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7012](#) Appointing Phillip Van Ness to the Prairie View Cemetery Association, term ending June 30, 2015.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7013](#) Appointing Craig Wise to the Prairie View Cemetery Association, term ending June 30, 2015.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7014](#) Appointing R. Charles Bensyl to the Stearns Cemetery Association, term ending June 30, 2015.

Adoption of [Ordinance No. 850](#) Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Mechanic, and other workers employed in Public Works.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7015](#) Waiving the Requirement for the Appointed Officials' Annual Performance Evaluations in FY2009.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7016](#) Approving the Illinois Census 2010 Proclamation.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7017](#) Approving Waiver of County Board Rule 12-F (3) for July 2009 County Board Meeting.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 6979](#) Appointing Donald Hughey to the Sangamon Valley Fire Protection District, term ending April 30, 2010.

FINANCE

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7018](#) - Budget Amendment:

Budget Amendment #09-00054

Fund: 475 RPC Economic Development Loans

Dept: 757 CSBG American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Increased Appropriations: \$13,000.00

Increased Revenue: \$549,000.00

Reason: Receipt of American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Funds to support and sustain economic growth and employment opportunities through small business lending. Loan disbursement and repayment of principal will be through a balance sheet account created by the Auditor's Office.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7019](#) - Budget Amendment:

Budget Amendment #09-00055

Fund: 104 Early Childhood Fund

Dept: 837 Head Start-American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

Increased Appropriations: \$176,500.00

Increased Revenue: \$176,500.00

Reason: Receipt of Area Funds for a cost-of-living increase for Head Start staff, Quality Improvement Fund to improve staff qualifications to meet federal credentialing requirements, updating and replacing classroom supplies and equipment, and the purchase of a vehicle for family Advocate staff to transport families.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7020](#) - Budget Amendment:

Budget Amendment #09-00056

Fund: 104 Early Childhood Fund

Dept: 608 Early HS - American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

Increased Appropriations: \$70,000.00

Increased Revenue: \$70,000.00

Reason: Receipt of area Fund for a cost-of-living increase for Head Start staff, Quality Improvement Fund to improve staff qualifications to meet federal credentialing requirements, updating and replacing classroom supplies and equipment, and the purchase of a vehicle for family advocate staff to transport families.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7021](#) - Budget Amendment:

Budget Amendment #09-00057

Fund: 075 Regional Planning Commission

Dept: 691 Home Energy Assistance - HHS - Odd Year

Increased Appropriations: \$1,100,000.00

Increased Revenue: \$1,100,000.00

Reason: Receipt of additional funds from the U.S Department of Health and Human Services for expansion of energy assistance to low income individuals and families.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7022](#) - Budget Amendment:

Budget Amendment #09-00058

Fund: 080 General Corporate

Dept: 043 Emergency Management Agency

Increased Appropriations: \$54,000.00

Increased Revenue: \$54,000.00

Reason: Homeland Security Grant Fund for ECO Equipment.

HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7026](#) for Contract Award Authority.

Adoption of [Resolution No. 7027](#) Authorizing the County Board Chair to sign Amendment #1 to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Urbana and the County of Champaign concerning the funding for the construction of Windsor Road and Appropriating \$2,000,000 from the County's Motor Fuel Tax Funds, Section #00-00361-00-PV.

Board Member Beckett offered the motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Board Member James. Chair Weibel asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Consent Agenda adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Doenitz, Hunt, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, Kurtz, Langenheim, Nudo, O'Connor, Richards, Rosales, Sapp, Schroeder, Smucker, Wysocki, Ammons, Anderson, Beckett, Bensyl, Betz, Cowart and Weibel – 23;

Nays: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JUSTICE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Board Member Anderson, Vice-Chair, announced the committee had no items for board action.

COUNTY FACILITIES

Board Member Beckett, Chair, recommended the adoption of [Resolution No. 7028](#) Appropriating \$12,361.05 from the Champaign County Nursing Home Construction Fund for Invoice #12326 from the Raterman Group, Ltd.; seconded by Board Member Betz. Discussion followed. Adopted by voice vote.

Board Member Beckett recommended the adoption of [Resolution No. 7029](#) Approving an Agreement between the County of Champaign and the Urbana Park District for the Installation of a water line, seconded by Board Member Cowart. Discussion followed. Adopted by voice vote.

Board Member Beckett discussed the June 17 dislodging of interior brick at the Champaign County Courthouse which resulted in bricks falling into the Champaign County State's Attorney office.

POLICY, PERSONNEL & APPOINTMENTS

Board Member Betz, Chair, recommended the adoption of [Ordinance No. 849](#) Imposing a Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Service Occupation Tax at a rate of 1% in the County of Champaign, Illinois, to be used exclusively for school facilities purposes; seconded by Board Member Ammons. Discussion followed. Board Member James offered an amendment to set the Tax at a rate of .25%; seconded by Board Member Hunt. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was requested. Board Member Bensyl abstained due to a business relationship with one of the parties involved.

Amendment to Ordinance No. 849 failed by roll call vote.

Yeas: Doenitz, Hunt, James, Jay, Jones, Knott and Sapp – 7;
Nays: Kurtz, Langenheim, Nudo, O'Connor, Richards, Rosales,
Schroeder, Smucker, Wysocki, Ammons, Anderson, Beckett,
Betz, Cowart and Weibel – 15;

Abstain: Bensyl – 1.

Discussion followed. A roll call vote was requested. Board Member Bensyl abstained due to a business relationship with one of the parties involved.

Ordinance No. 849 adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Doenitz, Jay, Knott, Kurtz, Langenheim, Nudo, O'Connor,
Richards, Rosales, Schroeder, Smucker, Wysocki, Ammons,
Anderson, Beckett, Betz, Cowart and Weibel – 18;

Nays: Hunt, James, Jones and Sapp – 4.

Abstain: Bensyl – 1.

Board Member Betz recommended the adoption of [Resolution No. 7004](#) Approving the Employment Agreement for the County Administrator; seconded by Board Member Knott. Discussion followed. Board Member Richards offered an amendment to strike section 5c of Attachment 1A to Resolution No. 7004; seconded by Board Member Ammons. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was requested.

Amendment to Resolution No. 7004 failed by roll call vote.

Yeas: Langenheim, Richards, Ammons and Cowart – 4;

Nays: Doenitz, Hunt, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, Kurtz, Nudo,
O'Connor, Rosales, Sapp, Schroeder, Smucker, Wysocki,
Anderson, Beckett, Bensyl, Betz and Weibel – 19.

Discussion followed. The question was called. A roll call vote was requested.

Resolution No. 7004 adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Doenitz, Hunt, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, Kurtz, Langenheim
Nudo, O'Connor, Rosales, Sapp, Schroeder, Smucker,
Wysocki, Anderson, Beckett, Bensyl, Betz and Weibel – 20;

Nays: Richards, Ammons and Cowart – 3.

Board Member Betz recommended the adoption of [Resolution No. 7008](#) Appointing Michael Smith to the Board for the Care and Treatment of Persons with a Developmental Disability, term ending June 30, 2012; seconded by Board Member Schroeder. Board Member Wysocki abstained due to a business relationship with one of the parties involved. Adopted by voice vote.

Board Member Betz recommended the adoption of [Ordinance No. 851](#) Amending Ordinance No. 837 establishing Single Administrator System and Prescribing the Duties, Powers and Responsibilities of the County Administrator; seconded by Board Member Knott. Discussion followed. Adopted by voice vote.

Board Member Betz recommended the adoption of [Ordinance No. 852](#) Amending Ordinance 779 – Champaign County Personnel Policy

Ordinance; seconded by Board Member James. Discussion followed. Board Member Smucker offered an amendment to sections 2-2.1a; 2-2.1b; and 6-3.4 adding the words “in consultation with the County Board Chair” after the words “County Administrator” and to section 6-2.1 adding the words “shall notify the County Board Chair” after the words “County Administrator”; seconded by Board Member Langenheim. Discussion followed. County Board Vice-Chair Betz briefly chaired the meeting so that Chair Weibel could address the board. Chair Weibel resumed the chair. The question was called. A roll call vote was requested.

Amendment to Ordinance No. 852 failed by roll call vote.

Yeas: Langenheim, Richards, Smucker and Cowart – 4;

Nays: Doenitz, Hunt, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, Kurtz, Nudo, O’Connor, Rosales, Sapp, Schroeder, Wysocki, Ammons, Anderson, Beckett, Bensyl, Betz and Weibel – 19.

Discussion followed. Ordinance No. 852 adopted by voice vote.

FINANCE

Board Member Wysocki recommended the adoption of [Resolution No. 7023](#) for the Approval and, if Awarded, Acceptance of the American recovery and reinvestment Act Grants for Champaign County Facilities; seconded by Board Member Beckett. Discussion followed. Adopted by voice vote.

Board Member Wyscoki recommended the adoption of [Resolution No. 7024](#) – Payment of Claims Authorization; seconded by Board Member Beckett. Adopted by voice vote.

Board Member Wysocki recommended the adoption of [Resolution No. 7025](#) – Purchases Not Following Purchasing Policy; seconded by Board Member Beckett. Adopted by voice vote.

HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION

Board Member Cowart, Chair, recommended the adoption of [Resolution No. 7030](#) for the approval and, if awarded, acceptance of the Emergency Repair Program Grant for the Champaign County Highway Department; seconded by Board Member Jay. Adopted by voice vote.

ENVIRONMENT & LAND USE

Board Member Wysocki, Chair, announced the committee had no items for board action.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Board Member Betz recommended an omnibus approval of closed session minutes of April 23, 2009 – 6:33 p.m.; April 23, 2009 – 7:40 p.m.; April 23, 2009 – 7:54 p.m.; April 23, 2009 – 8:52 p.m. and May 21, 2009; seconded by Board Member Beckett. Approved by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Weibel adjourned the meeting at 8:31 P.M.

Mark Shelden

Mark Shelden, Champaign County Clerk
and ex-Officio Clerk of the Champaign County Board