

RESUME OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 18, 2019

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, July 18, 2019, at 6:35 P.M. in the Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois with County Executive Kloeppel presiding and Matthew Cross as Clerk of the Meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following members present: Clifford, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Patterson, Stohr, Summers, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Clemmons, and Rosales – 16; late Vachaspati (at 6:37 PM) – 1; absent: Eisenmann, King-Taylor, Rector, Taylor, and Young. Thereupon, the County Executive declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Executive Kloeppel read a prayer from an anonymous tablet in Chester Cathedral, England. 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 News Gazette* on June 27, July 4, and July 11, 2019.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

County Executive Kloeppel noted the addenda to the agenda to include Resolutions 2019-185 and 2019-186.

Board Member Goss noted an error in Resolution No. 20019-175, stating "Equipment Less than \$500," where the text should state "Equipment Less than \$5,000."

Board Member Goss offered a motion to approve the Agenda/Addenda as amended; seconded by Board Member Stohr. Approved as amended by unanimous voice vote.

DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Standing Committees:

A. Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting–Friday, August 2, 2019 @9:00 AM
1605 E. Main Street, Urbana

B. County Facilities Committee Meeting–Tuesday, August 6, 2019 @ 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

C. Environment & Land Use Committee Meeting–Thursday, August 8, 2019 @ 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

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Committee of the Whole:

- A. Justice & Social Services; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments; Finance
Tuesday, August 13, 2019 @ 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

County Board:

- A. Regular Meeting—Thursday, August 22, 2018 @ 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

- B. Legislative Budget Hearings
Monday, August 26, 2019 @ 6:00 PM and Tuesday, August 27, 2019 @6:00 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dave Beck, AFSCME 31 Staff Representative, spoke on the ongoing contract negotiations with Champaign County.

Dottie Vura-Weis spoke on the County Jail. She noted that the jail's average daily population is 150.2 persons, down from previous years (163 last year and 249 in 2012). She also commented on the Five-Year Strategic Plan, applauding the jail avoidance strategies contained therein, and she urged the increased use of community mental health services in efforts to decrease the jail population.

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Summers spoke of the need to update and upgrade the County elections hardware and software, noting particularly that the elections computer uses the Windows XP operating system.

Board Member Stohr spoke of the Record Expungement Seminar being held at the Illinois Department of Employment Services. He also spoke of the training in prescribed burns and chain saw use being held this fall, and the environmental consequences of the 36 legacy dumps and fills in the county, recommending pilot project for maintenance and repairs.

Board Member Patterson also spoke of the Record Expungement seminar, stating that registration is currently open and the even is in need of volunteers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Vachaspati offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular County Board Meeting for June 20, 2019; seconded by Board Member Summers. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

Finance

Board Member Patterson offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-180 Authorizing Payments of Claims – June; Board Member Cowart seconded. Adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Ingram offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-181 Authorizing Payments of Claims – July; Board Member Thorsland seconded. Adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Vachaspati offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-182 Authorizing Purchases Not Following Purchasing Policy; Board Member Cowart seconded. Adopted by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance

Board Member Goss offered a motion to approve the adoption of the six resolutions Authorizing the cancellation of the Appropriate Certificate of Purchase on a Mobile Home as an omnibus package (Resolution Nos. 2019-164 Permanent Parcel No. 30-058-0196, 2019-165 Permanent Parcel No. 04-006-0115, 2019-166 Permanent Parcel No. 14-019-0031, 2019-167 Permanent Parcel No. 15-025-0742, 2019-168 Permanent Parcel No. 30-055-2269, 2019-170 Permanent Parcel No. 30-058-0159, and 2019-171 Permanent Parcel No. 04-002-0109); Board Member Ingram seconded. The six-resolution omnibus package was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Goss offered a motion to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-169 Authorizing the execution of Deed of Conveyance of the County's Interest or Cancellation of the Appropriate Certificate of Purchase on Real Estate, Permanent Parcel No. 24-28-15-100-002; Board Member Esry seconded. Adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Goss offered a motion to approve the adoption of seven resolutions regarding Property Tax Budget Amendments and Recommendations regarding Reserve Fund Balances as an omnibus package (Resolution Nos. 2019-172 Authorizing Budget Amendment No. 19-00033, 2019-173 Authorizing Budget Amendment No. 19-00032, 2019-174 Authorizing Budget Amendment No. 19-00031, 2019-176 Authorizing Budget Amendment No. 19-00034, 2019-177 Authorizing Budget Amendment No. 19-00035, 2019-178 Authorizing Budget Amendment No. 19-00036, and 2019-179 Authorizing Budget Amendment No. 19-00037); Board Member Fortado seconded. The seven-resolution omnibus package was adopted by roll call vote.

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Yeas: Clifford, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Patterson, Stohr, Summers, Thorsland, Tinsley, Vachaspati, Clemmons, and Rosames – 17

Nays: None

Board Member Rosales offered a motion to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-175 Authorizing Budget Amendment No. 19-00030, as previously amended [correcting the dollar amount from \$500 to \$5,000] during the Approval of Agenda/Addenda; Board Member Cowart seconded. Adopted by a roll call vote

Yeas: Clifford, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Patterson, Stohr, Summers, Thorsland, Tinsley, Vachaspati, Clemmons, and Rosames – 17

Nays: None

Discussion of and amendments to Resolution No. 2019-183 Approving FY2020 Salary Administration and Benefits Contribution Plan for Non-Bargaining Employees.

Board Member Summers initially proposed an amendment to include the exclusion of Board of Review members in both the third and fourth paragraphs of the resolution text. Significant discussion between various board members followed, covering both the appropriate place and language of this exclusion and the appropriateness and necessity of excluding the Board of Review member; Deputy Director of Finance Tammy Ogden was invited to join the discussion. The final language was determined to be in the first bullet point of the fourth paragraph—beginning with the text “NOW, THEREFORE ...” The amended bullet point was as such “A 3.25% across the board wage increase, except Board of Review members, effective January 1, 2020; and”, and Board Member Goss offered a motion to approve the amendment; Board Member Harper seconded. Amendment was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Clifford, Cowart, Fortado, Harper, Ingram, Patterson, Stohr, Summers, Thorsland, Tinsley, Vachaspati, Wolken, and Rosales – 13

Nays: Esry, Goss, McGuire, and Clemmons – 4

Board Member Thorsland next proposed amending the 3% salary increase in the fourth paragraph, second bullet point of the resolution text to 2% plus a 1% merit pool. Significant discussion between various board members followed, covering the function, effects, and necessity of such a change, and if such a change should be located in the salary range portion (as Board Member Thorsland initially proposed) or in the across the board wage increase (as Board Member Fortado suggested); Deputy Director of Finance Tammy Ogden and Deputy Director of Administration Isak Griffiths were

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invited to join the discussion. The final language was determined to be in the previously amended fourth paragraph, first bullet point, changing to "A 2.25% across the board wage increase to be allocated and 1% to be allocated at the department heads' discretion ...", and Board Member Thorsland offered a motion to approve the amendment; Board Member Patterson seconded. Amendment was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cowart, Fortado, Ingram, Patterson, Stohr, Thorsland, Tinsley, Vachaspati, Wolken, and Rosales – 10

Nays: Clifford, Esry, Goss, Harper, McGuire, Summers and Clemmons – 7

County Executive called for a vote on the resolution (No. 2019-183) as amended: the first bullet point under the "NOW THEREFORE" paragraph now states "A 2.25% across the board wage increase to be allocated and 1% to be allocated at the department heads' discretion, except Board of Review members, effective January 1, 2020; and". The resolution failed to be adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Summers, Thorsland, and Tinsley – 4

Nays: Clifford, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Patterson, Vachaspati, Wolken, Clemmons, and Rosales – 13

CLOSED SESSION

Board Chair Rosales moved that the Board enter into a closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2c(11) to "consider litigation that is pending or probable or imminent against or on behalf of Champaign County," and further moved the following individuals to remain present: Legal Counsel, Chief Civil Division; Deputy of Finance; County Executive; and Recording Secretary. Seconded by Board Member Vachaspati. Closed Session was entered into via unanimous voice vote at 8:03 PM

The Board resumed open session with a roll call at 8:18 PM.

Present: Clifford, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Patterson, Stohr, Summers, Thorsland, Tinsley, Vachaspati, Wolken, Clemmons, and Rosales – 17

Absent: Eisenmann, King-Taylor, Rector, Taylor, and Young – 5

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Board Member McGuire offered a motion to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-185 Authorizing Independent Executor's Full and Final Release of All Claims to Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses for the Estate of Reva Ingram (to be distributed); seconded by Board Member Vachaspati. Adopted by unanimous voice vote.

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Board Member Esry offered a motion to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-186 Authorizing Administrator's Full and Final Release of All Claims to include Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses for the Estate of Mildred Coleman (to be distributed); seconded by Board Member Thorsland. Adopted by unanimous voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Member Stohr offered a motion to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-184 to approve the Champaign County Government 6-year Strategic Plan; Board Member Fortado seconded. Adopted by unanimous voice vote.

FURTHER BUSINESS


Board Member Harper commented on the county's performance in regards to taxes and schools.

Board Member Esry commented on the County Treasurer's office not providing reports to the County Board or on the website.

Board Member McGuire expressed a desire for more support and involvement for the County Jail amongst board members and the County Executive.

ADJOURN

County Executive Kloeppel adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.



Aaron Ammons, Champaign County Clerk
and ex-Officio Clerk of the Champaign County Board
Champaign County, Illinois