

RESUME OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 19, 2019

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, September 19, 2019, at 6:31 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: Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Patterson, Rector, Summers, Thorsland, Vachaspati, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Clifford, and Rosales – 17; absent: Eisenmann, Stohr, Taylor and Tinsley. Thereupon, the County Executive declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Executive Kloeppel read about love and kindness in lieu of a prayer. 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 September 5, September 12, and September 16, 2019.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

Board Member Rosales offered a motion to approve the Agenda/Addenda; seconded by Board Member Esry. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Standing Committees:

- A. Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting–
Friday, October 4, 2019 @9:00 AM
1605 E. Main Street, Urbana

- B. County Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 @ 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

- C. Environment & Land Use Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2019 @ 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

Committee of the Whole:

- A. Justice & Social Services; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments; Finance

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Tuesday, October 15, 2019 @ 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

County Board:

- A. Special Finance Committee of the Whole
Thursday, September 26, 2019 @6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

- B. Public Hearing on Truth in Taxation
Thursday, October 24, 2019 @ 6:00 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

- C. Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 24, 2019 @6:00 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Champaign County Clerk Aaron Ammons read an open letter he authored in response to a recent *Rantoul Press* interview with Board Member Goss. Clerk Ammons defended the hard work of the County-wide elected officials elected in November 2018 and their staffs.

Chris Hausman, Champaign County Farm Bureau *and* Pesotum Consolidated Drainage District Commissioner, spoke about taxation and assessment for drainage districts, noting that the drainage districts have not yet received their budgeted monies.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board member Esry offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as a whole, comprising 19 Resolutions; Board Chair Rosales seconded. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Yeas: Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Patterson, Rector, Summers, Thorsland, Vachaspati, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Clifford, and Rosales – 17

Nays: None

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Ingram spoke about two upcoming training sessions for CU One-to-One school-based mentoring program on September 26 and October 9, 2019 at the Mellon Administration Building.

Board Member Thorsland spoke about an upcoming household hazardous waste event; registration is available on the county website. He also addressed the *Rantoul Press*

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interview with Board Member Goss and applauded Clerk Ammons for his address during the public participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Vachaspati offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular County Board Meeting of August 22, 2019; seconded by Board Member Harper. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

The approval of the minutes of the Closed Session of the County Board of July 18, 2019 was delayed until all Board members had a chance to review the document.

STANDING COMMITTEES

County Executive Kloeppele noted the Summaries of Action taken for County Facilities (September 3, 2019) and Highway & Transportation (September 6, 2019) were accepted and placed on file.

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

County Executive Kloeppele noted the Summary of Action taken for the September 10, 2019 Committee of the Whole (Justice & Social Services; Finance; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments) was accepted and placed on file.

Finance

Board Member Goss offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-277 establishing salaries of elected officials—Circuit Clerk, Auditor, Coroner, Recorder, and County Board Chair; Board Member Clifford seconded. Motion approved by voice vote.

Board Member Goss offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-278 establishing a county cannabis retailers' occupation tax in the County of Champaign, Illinois; Board Member Thorsland seconded. Board Member Patterson asked about the anticipated revenue amount and its placement in the budget; Deputy Director of Finance Ogden joined the discussion, noting that the revenue is unknown at this point and the placement has yet to be determined. Motion approved by voice vote.

Board Member Young offered a motion to adopt the eleven Policy, Personnel, and Appointments resolutions as an omnibus package (Resolution Nos. 2019-249 appointing Lucas Meharry to the Pesotum Consolidated Drainage District, 2019-250 appointing Steve Moser to the Silver Creek Drainage District, 2019-251 appointing Dwaine Horsch to the Sangamon & Drummer Drainage District, 2019-252 appointing Dennis Butler to the Pesotum Slough Special Drainage District, 2019-253 appointing Jerry Thinnies to the Union Drainage District #1 of

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Crittenden & Philo, 2019-254 appointing William Wilson to the Union Drainage #2 of St. Joseph & Ogden, 2019-255 appointing Joe Irlle to the Beaver Lake Drainage District, 2019-256 appointing Steven Westfall to the Upper Embarras Drainage District, 2019-257 appointing A. Lee Roberts, Jr. to the Zoning Board of Appeals, 2019-258 appointing Rachel Voss to the Rural Transit Advisory Group, and 2019-259 appointing Marc Eckerty to the Sadorus Fire Protection); Board Member McGuire seconded. Board Member Young noted his intention to vote no for all. Motion approved by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Board members have received packets containing information on Property Tax Levy/Rate Projections FY2020 *and* FY2020 Budget Increase Request Information and General Corporate Fund Consolidated Budget.

Board Chair Rosales offered a motion to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-275 authorizing payment of claims—September 2019; Board Member Clifford seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Cowart offered a motion to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-276 authorizing purchases not following policy and emergency purchases; Board Chair Rosales seconded. Board Member Fortado asked why the purchase fell under this category; discussion followed among various board members, determining the reasoning was that taxes were paid on the purchase. The Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (CLOSED SESSION)

Board Member offered a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2019, Closed Session of the County Board, now that the Board members had reviewed the document; Board Member Vachaspati seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote

RECESS

County Executive Kloeppel recessed the meeting at 7:07 PM.



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