

RESUME OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
January 23, 2020

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. in the Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois with County Executive Darlene Kloeppel presiding and Matthew Cross as Clerk of the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following members present: Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Clifford, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, and Rosales – 18; late: Patterson (at 6:34) – 1; absent: Eisenmann and Thorsland– 2. Thereupon, County Executive Kloeppel declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business.

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

County Executive Kloeppel called for a moment of silence for Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk Brian Kelley prior to reading 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 **January 9, 16, 20**.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA**

Board Member Goss offered to remove item X. D-8 (Res. 2020-10) from the Consent Agenda; it was placed following XIV. Areas of Responsibility. Board Member Esry offered a motion to approve the Agenda/Addenda as amended; seconded by Board Chair Rosales. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**APPOINTING COUNTY BOARD MEMBER IN DISTRICT 9**

Board Member Dillard-Myers offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-23 Appointing Cynthia Fears as a County Board Member in District 9 to replace Pranjali Vachaspati for an unexpired term ending November 30, 2020; Board Member Cowart seconded. Discussion followed between various board members; Board Chair Rosales noted Fears' strong resumé, particularly her work with jails; Board Members Fortado, Ingram, and Patterson expressed concerns that Board Chair Rosales was not following the recommendation of the County Democratic Party Central Committee and concern for that precedent relating to any future board appointments regardless of party. Motion carried by voice vote.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

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County Clerk Ammons administered the oath of office to newly appointed Board Member Fears.

**DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**Standing Committees:**

- A. County Facilities Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 4, 2020 @ 6:30 PM  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room
  
- B. Environment & Land Use Committee Meeting  
Thursday, February 6, 2020 @ 6:30 PM  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room
  
- B. Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting  
Friday, February 7, 2020 @ 9:00 AM  
1605 E Main Street, Urbana

**Committee of the Whole:**

- A. Justice & Social Services; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments; Finance  
Tuesday, February 11, 2020 @ 6:30 PM  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

**County Board:**

- A. Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 23, 2020 @6:30 PM  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No public participation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Board member Esry offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda—as amended to exclude Res. 2020-10—comprising 14 resolutions; Board Member Goss seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Yeas: Esry, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Clifford, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, and Rosales – 20  
Nays: None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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Board Member Stohr noted the Crawford County Forest Preserve District is offering classes in forest management.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Member Cowart offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board of December 19, 2019; seconded by Board Chair Rosales. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Summaries of Action taken for County Facilities on January 7, 2020 and Environment and Land Use on January 9, 2020 were accepted and placed on file.

### **AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY**

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Summary of Action taken for January 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole (Justice & Social Services; Finance; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments) was accepted and placed on file.

#### **POLICY, PERSONNEL, & APPOINTMENTS**

Board member Young offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-20 establishing 2020 office closures for training meetings for the County Clerk's Office; Board member Ingram seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Yeas: Esry, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Patterson, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Clifford, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, and Rosales – 19

Nays: Rector – 1

#### **FINANCE**

Board Member Goss offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-18 authorizing budget amendment 19-00069 Fund 080 General Corporate / Dept 026 County Treasurer; Board Member Fortado seconded. Various board members discussed the on-going issues with the County Treasurer's office; Deputy Finance Director Ogden was invited to join the discussion to explain the potential effect of not authorizing the budget amendment (a red mark on the CAFR). Motion failed by roll call vote.

Yeas: Fears, Fortado, Ingram, Patterson, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Tinsley, Young, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, and Rosales – 12

Nays: Esry, Goss, Harper, McGuire, Rector, Wolken, Clemmons, Clifford

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Board Member Goss offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-19 authorizing budget amendment 19-00070 Fund 619 Tax Sale Automation / Dept 026 County Treasurer; Board Member Ingram seconded. Motion failed by roll call vote.

Yeas: Fears, Fortado, Ingram, Patterson, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Tinsley, Young, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, and Rosales – 12  
Nays: Esry, Goss, Harper, McGuire, Rector, Wolken, Clemmons, Clifford – 8

Board Member Goss offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-10 authorizing budget transfer 19-00014 Fund 083 County Highway / Dept 060 Highway; Board Member Esry seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Yeas: Esry, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Clifford, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, and Rosales – 20  
Nays: None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

### **Other Business**

#### **AUDITOR**

Board Chair Rosales offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-14 authorizing purchases not following policy; Board Member Summers seconded. Discussion followed: County Clerk Ammons was invited to join the discussion to explain Clerk's office purchases—they were largely timing issues. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Clifford offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-15 authorizing payment of claims; Board Member Cowart seconded. Discussion followed: County Auditor Danos discussed the status and timetable of the 2018 audit. Motion carried by voice vote.

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**ADJOURN**

County Executive Kloeppel adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Ammons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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