

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

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, July 23, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. in the Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois and remote participation via Zoom due to social distancing necessitated by the Coronavirus, with County Executive Darlene Kloeppel presiding, Angie Patton as Clerk of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following members present: Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Wolken, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Ingram, Rosales – 16; late: McGuire, Stohr, Fears, and Young -- 4 absent: Eisenmann --1. Thereupon, County Executive Kloeppel declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business. Board Members Harper, Young, Goss, and Clemmons departed before meeting was adjourned.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Executive Kloeppel read a quote from a speech from John F. Kennedy. 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 July 9, July 16, and July 21, 2020.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

Board Member Fortado offered a motion to approve the Agenda/Addenda; Board Chair Rosales seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers,
Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Cowart,
Dillard-Myers, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, and Rosales – 21

Nays: None

DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Standing Committees:

- A. County Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 6:30 PM

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- Lyle Shields Meeting Room
- B. Environment & Land Use Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room
- C. Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting
Friday, August 7, 2020 at 9:00 AM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

Committee of the Whole:

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

County Board:

- A. Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room
- B. FY2021 Legislative Budget Hearings
Monday, August 24, 2020 @ 6:00 PM
Tuesday, August 25, 2020 @ 6:00 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

All public participation was remote via Zoom.

Benjamin Beaupre spoke about coronavirus and public safety. Encouraged Board Members to read hand-outs from business owners.

PRESENTATION

Carly McCrory-McKay, Executive Director from the Champaign County Economic Development presented about their fiscal year activities, recent work since pandemic, and new strategic plan. Board Member Stohr inquired about resources for businesses. Board Member Ingram and County Executive thanked Executive Director, McCrory-McKay for the presentation.

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Harper informed the Board about the WWII plaque in honor of James Kelly who worked for the Public Works department. Board Member Harper will be working with facilities to finish the project.

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Board Member Ingram mentioned listing reports on the County website.

Board Member Summers thanked Board Member Harper for his work on the WWII plaque.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Ingram offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board of June 18, 2020; seconded by Board Member Goss. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Esry offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-173 Accepting an Extension of the Illinois Housing Development Authority Abandoned Properties Program Grant and Authorizing the County Executive to Execute the Grant; seconded by Board Member Rector. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Yeas: Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Esry, and Fortado – 20
Nays: None

Board Member Goss offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-174 Authorizing Award of Contract to Tyler Technologies, Inc., for the Munis ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) System, Implementation Services and Vendor Support pursuant to RFP2019-006; seconded by Board Member Fortado. County Executive Kloeppel clarified this resolution was a formality because they weren't under County Executive form of government when it was approved. Board Member Fortado commented on the detailed memo that was provided and all the work that went into ERP. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Yeas: Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Young, Wolken, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Fears, Goss, Esry, Harper, Rosales, and Fortado – 21
Nays: None

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Board Member Cowart offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-172 to adopt the 6-year Workforce Plan. Motion was seconded by Board Member Young. Board Member Young expressed concern that the Board was never consulted. Board Member Stohr liked the idea of moving employees to a living wage but had questions about monthly trainings and the impact that would have on services. Board Member Stohr cited the recent issue with County Clerk having monthly meetings. Board Member Stohr asked Chief Deputy Executive Griffiths to explain what restorative leadership was. Chief Deputy Griffiths explained it was a big bracket and the effort is focused on modernizing County leadership and the way we manage staff. Chief Deputy Griffiths expressed this is the first step to try to make these changes before engaging stakeholders. Board Member Summers expressed consulting the Board should have come before the plan was drafted. Motion failed by unanimous roll call vote.

Yeas: None

Nays: Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Young, Wolken, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Fears, Goss, Esry, Harper, Rosales, and Fortado – 21

Board Member Rector offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-175 Appointing Debra Ruesch to the Developmental Disabilities Board, term 7/1/20 – 6/30/23. Motion was seconded by Board Member Ingram. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Yeas: Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Young, Wolken, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Fears, Goss, Esry, Harper, Rosales, and Fortado – 21

Nays: None

Board Member Ingram offered a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-176 Approving the Appointment of Election Judges for the 2020-2022 Term. Motion was seconded by Board Member Thorsland. Board Member Michaels asked about a voluntary list. Director of Training, Michelle Jett clarified the difference between commissioned and appointed Election Judges. Board Member Michaels expressed concern about personal information like DOB being released. Board Member Dillard-Myers also expressed concern over addresses being released as well. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Young, Wolken, Cowart, Goss, Esry, Harper, and Fortado – 17

Nays: Dillard-Myers, Fears, and Rosales – 3

Board Member Fortado offered an omnibus motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-177 Authorizing an Acceptance of the CARES Act Grant between

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Champaign County and the Illinois State Board of Elections and Resolution No. 2020-178 Authorizing an Acceptance of the FY2021 Postage Grant Award between Champaign County and the Illinois State Board of Elections. Motion seconded by Board Member Stohr. Board Member Harper began to talk about previous County Board meeting. Board Member Patterson sited Point of Order. County Executive Kloepfel stated the discussion should pertain to the resolution. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Esry, Fears, Fortado, and Rosales – 18

Nays: Goss and Harper – 2

Board Member Thorsland offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-179 authorizing budget amendment 20-00036 Fund 628 Election Assist/Accessibility Dept / Dept 022 County Clerk Increased appropriations: \$398,869 Increased revenue: \$0 Reason: Grant funds from the CARES Act and Postage Grant to help offset cost to increased vote by mail expenses during the 2020 General Election. Motion seconded by Board Member Stohr. County Executive Kloepfel noted there was a correction to revenue line 511 temp salaries. Board Member Rector inquired about would there be a need for increase to budget. Director of Training Michelle Jett said the goal would be to not need more budget appropriation to handle vote by mail increase. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Esry, Fears, Fortado, and Rosales – 18

Nays: Goss– 1

Board Member McGuire offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-180 authorizing budget amendment 20-00035 Fund 075 Regional Planning Commission / Dept 857 LIHEAP CARES Increased appropriations: \$500,000 Increased revenue: \$500,000 Reason: Grant funds from the CARES Act to help prevent, prepare for or respond to home energy needs surrounding the national emergency. Motion seconded by Board Member Patterson. Board Member Stohr commented on the importance of these grants. Board Member Patterson remarked on what a good job RPC had done with grants. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Board Member Goss offered an omnibus motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-181 authorizing budget amendment 20-00038 Fund 075 Regional Planning Commission / Dept 878 Land Use Inventory Increased appropriations: \$190,000 Increased revenue: \$190,000; Resolution No. 2020-182 authorizing budget

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amendment 20-00039 Fund 075 Regional Planning Commission / Dept 879 Systemic Safety Eval Tool Increased appropriations: \$195,000 Increased revenue: \$195,000 Reason: System Safety Evaluation Tool (SSET) will be a web application that allows state, county and municipal engineers to evaluate systemic crash risks, explore potential countermeasures and estimate the benefits and costs of safety improvement projects, using the Champaign County Highway Department roadway network as a demonstration project; Resolution No. 2020-183 authorizing budget amendment 20-00040 Fund 075 Regional Planning Commission / Dept 877 FL Ave Corridor Study Increased appropriations: \$90,500 Increased Revenue: \$90,500 Reason: Evaluate 1.12 miles of Florida Avenue in the City of Urbana in Central Illinois. The goal of this study is to identify and coordinate multimodal infrastructure improvements to increase safety and mobility in this high-priority, high traffic location situated between the City of Urbana and the University of Illinois flagship campus in Urbana-Champaign. Motion seconded by Summers. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Board Member Thorsland offered an omnibus motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-11 authorizing participation in the Douglas County Enterprise Zone; Resolution 2020-186 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Douglas County Enterprise Zone. Motion seconded by Fortado. Board Member Stohr inquired about the coverage of acres of panels. Brian Moody indicated the engineering wasn't complete and couldn't answer. John Hall echoed Brian Moody's statement when asked if he had any info. Board Member Esry asked about if the County would receive income on goods used on project or would we lose revenue. Deputy Director of Finance, Tami Ogden indicated there would be very minimal sales tax loss with an estimation of approximately 6k of revenue loss. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ingram, Michaels, Patterson, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Esry, Fears, Fortado, and Rosales – 15

Nays: McGuire, Rector, and Goss – 3

OTHER BUSINESS

AUDITOR

Board Member Cowart offered an omnibus motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-184 authorizing purchases not following purchasing policy;

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Resolution No. 2020-185 authorizing payment of claims. Board Member Rosales seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Yeas: McGuire, Ingram, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Esry, Fears, Fortado, and Rosales – 17

Nays: Goss – 1

County Executive's July Board Update (for information only)

EMA Report on Recent Hailstorm (for information only)

Board Member Fortado offered a motion to move into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to consider litigation which is pending against or on behalf of Champaign County, and litigation that is probable or imminent against Champaign County. Board Member Fortado asked for the following individuals to enter into closed session along with the County Board: County Executive Kloeppel; Chief Deputy of Finance, Tami Ogden; Asst. State's Attorney, Joel Fletcher; State's Attorney Chief of Civil Division, Barb Mann; County Treasurer, Marisol Hughes; Chief Deputy Treasurer, Alejandra Aguero; Recording Secretary, Angie Patton; and County IT Director Andy Rhodes. The motion was seconded by Board Member Thorsland. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Board Member McGuire asked about the Auditor reports and was the audit complete. County Executive Kloeppel clarified the reports are presented at COW. Auditor George Danos informed the board the audit and reports are on the County website. The Board moved into closed session at 8:36PM.

Yeas: McGuire, Ingram, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Goss, Wolken, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Esry, Fears, Fortado, and Rosales – 18
Nays: None

County Executive Kloeppel returned the County Board meeting to open session with a roll call vote showing the following Board Members present: Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Cowart, Fortado, Ingram, and Rosales – 13; absent: McGuire, Young, Clemmons, Dillard-Myers, Esry, Fears, Goss, Eisenmann, and Harper – 9.

ADJOURN

County Executive Kloeppel adjourned the meeting at 9:38 PM.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Ammons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

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