

## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

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### County Facilities

June 22, 2006 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Room 2, Brookens Administrative Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Beckett (Chair), Avery, Cowart, Hogue,  
James, Jay, Weibel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Knott, Sapp

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Barb Wysocki, Denny Inman, Deb Busey,  
Susan McGrath, Tom Betz, Neville Bilimoria  
(Duane Morris) Jim Gleason (GHR) Media

### Call to Order

Chair Beckett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A roll call confirmed a quorum present.

### Approval of Agenda/Addendum

**MOTION** by Hogue to approve the agenda; seconded by James. There was no addendum for the meeting. **Motion carried.**

### Public Participation

There was no public participation.

### Champaign County Nursing Home Construction Project

#### **Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11 to consider litigation which is pending against Champaign County**

Mr. Beckett explained this is a special meeting and the agenda anticipated two closed sessions for the mold and HVAC issues. He stated that whatever the committee does will require a closed session at the full board and it seems redundant to have the closed session here, in committee. He recommended, for the mold issue, they defer the issue to later in the evening for consideration and action without any recommendation from the committee. His recommendation for the HVAC issue is the same.

Mr. Weibel and Ms. Cowart arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Beckett continued, stating if anyone wants to go into closed session, the committee can do so. He explained that his intent is to ask the full board to permit the County to go into binding arbitration on the HVAC issue and to go into mediation on the mold remediation issue. He reminded the committee that at their last meeting they had deferred two payments; he stated he had the deferred items placed back on the agenda pointing out that not paying those bills presents a potential risk in the bigger situations. He understands that not paying the bills is a gesture that the County is upset but he wants to make sure the committee understands there is a legal affect.

Ms. McGrath stated she has reviewed the contracts the County entered into with Farnsworth Group and PKD, Inc. The problem in deferring the payment of bills is that, pursuant to the contract, if we don't pay this the architect can suspend the contract and not perform anything further. We also risk our ability to enter into mediation or arbitration on the larger issues.

Mr. Beckett stated the PKD bill is large but it consists of pass through items and he recommends they not defer.

**MOTION** by Weibel to defer the Closed Session to consider the HVAC issue to the full County Board without recommendation; seconded by James. **Motion carried.**

### **HVAC System Solutions**

No action taken.

**Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11 to consider litigation which is eminent against Champaign County.**

**MOTION** by James to defer the Closed Session to consider the mold remediation issue to the full County Board without recommendation; seconded by Weibel. **Motion carried.**

### **Reconsider Farnsworth Group Invoice #91618**

**MOTION** by Avery to recommend County Board approval of Invoice #91618 from Farnsworth Group in the amount of \$690.48 for Architectural Engineering Professional Services/Construction Reimbursable Expenses rendered through April 21, 2006 per agreement dated March 2003; seconded by Weibel. **Motion carried** with Jay opposed.

### **Reconsider PKD, Inc. Pay Request #40**

**MOTION** by Weibel to recommend County Board approval of pay request #40 from PKD, Inc. in the amount of \$53,240 for Professional Services provided through May 20, 2006 per agreement dated February 2003 ( \$8,955 – Staff; \$2,396 – Reimbursable, \$41,889 – General Conditions & Change Orders 1,2 & 3); seconded by James.

Ms. Avery referred to an email from Mr. Stilger to Denny Inman regarding the deferment of this payment. She stated we have a long standing relationship with PKD and she didn't feel it was necessary for them to point out that we would be withholding payment from minority contractors. She stated, for the record, she was surprised at the tone by which the email was written.

**Motion failed** with a 4/3 roll call vote. Voting no were Avery, Cowart, Hogue and Jay. Voting yes were Beckett, James and Weibel.

Mr. Beckett asked for a motion to reconsider because the committee is putting the County at risk.

**Motion** by Avery to reconsider the motion; seconded by Hogue. **Motion carried** with Jay opposed.

**Original Motion carried** with a 6/1 roll call vote. Voting yes were Beckett, Avery, Cowart, Hogue, James and Weibel. Voting no was Jay.

### **Other Business**

#### **ILEAS Lease Renewal**

**MOTION** by James to recommend County Board approval of the ILEAS lease renewal; seconded by Weibel.

Ms. McGrath explained the ILEAS lease is for the small space that METCAD has, in the 1905 building, for communication. They had to change some numbers for the amount of space they will be renting because it will be larger, which is a benefit to us.

**Motion carried.**

Mr. Beckett reminded the committee that we had sent out surveys to employees at Brookens regarding the County Clerk space and stated he will have the results copied and distributed to the committee.

**Adjournment**

Chair Beckett declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Talbott  
Administrative Secretary