



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Finance/Policy/Justice Addendum
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Tuesday, January 18, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center
1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois

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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

10 **Finance/Policy, Personnel, & Appointments/Justice & Social Services**

11 **Tuesday, December 14, 2010**

12 **Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center**

13 **1776 E. Washington St., Urbana, Illinois**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Alix, Carol Ammons, Jan Anderson, Ron Bensyl, Astrid Berkson, Lloyd Carter, Lorraine Cowart, Stephanie Holderfield, Stan James, John Jay, Brad Jones, Greg Knott, Alan Kurtz, Brendan McGinty, Diane Michaels, Alan Nudo, Steve O'Connor, Pattsy Petrie, James Quisenberry, Michael Richards, Giraldo Rosales, Larry Sapp, Jonathan Schroeder, C. Pius Weibel

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas Betz, Ralph Langenheim, Steve Moser

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OTHERS PRESENT: Sergeant Curtis Apperson (Sheriff's Office), Kat Bork (Administrative Assistant), Deb Busey (County Administrator), David DeThorne (Senior Assistant State's Attorney), Tony Fabri (Auditor), John Hall (Planning & Zoning Director), Stan Jenkins (Supervisor of Assessments), Andy Rhodes (IT Director), Mark Shelden (County Clerk), Dan Welch (Treasurer)

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CALL TO ORDER

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Weibel called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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ROLL CALL

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Bork called the roll. Alix, Ammons, Anderson, Bensyl, Berkson, Carter, Cowart, Holderfield, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, Kurtz, McGinty, Michaels, Nudo, O'Connor, Petrie, Quisenberry, Richards, Sapp, Schroeder, and Weibel were present at the time of roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum.

Weibel announced Betz, Langenheim, and Moser were out of town.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

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MOTION by James to approve the agenda and addendum; seconded by Kurtz.

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Weibel stated agenda item agenda item 7.E.2, the Resolution in Opposition in HB5055 under Other Business for Policy, Personnel, & Appointments is removed. The bill is not going anywhere at this time. He further stated agenda item 9.A.9 under Finance, Budget Amendment #11-00004 was removed from the agenda and the discussion of the VAC would be moved to the top of the Finance agenda items.

48 Rosales entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

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50 **Motion carried as amended with unanimous support.**

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52 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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54 Michael Woznick, a Champaign County Chamber of Commerce member and a board
55 member for a business empowered PAC; spoke about the size of the County Board. He was
56 speaking on behalf of both entities to support moving forward on reducing the size of the County
57 Board following the public approval of the advisory referendum on the November agenda. A
58 smaller County Board coupled with non-partisan redistricting would benefit the voters of
59 Champaign County.

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61 Weibel closed public participation after verifying no one else wished to speak.

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63 **COMMUNICATIONS**

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65 Kurtz announced that they will be able to reopen the Courthouse's helpdesk for the next
66 year. They have come up with either private donations or grants with the help of Cameron Moore
67 from RPC, Valerie McWilliams from Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance, Roger Holland and Linda
68 Frank from the Courthouse. Kurtz thanked the individuals for their support. They are looking for a
69 more permanent solution. The helpdesk will reopen in January.

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71 **POLICY, PERSONNEL, & APPOINTMENTS**

72 **Appointments/Reappointments**

73 **Rural Transportation Advisory Group**

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75 **MOTION** by Weibel to appoint Christine Bruns (term from 12/22/2010 to 11/30/2011),
76 Minor Jackson (term from 12/22/2010 to 11/30/2011), Martha Paap (term from 12/22/2010 to
77 11/30/2012), Andy Kulczycki (term from 12/22/2010 to 11/30/2012), Michelle Ramage (term from
78 12/22/2010 to 11/30/2012), and Stan James (term from 12/22/2010 to 11/30/2012) to the Rural
79 Transportation Advisory Group; seconded by McGinty.

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81 Weibel said the individual applications were on the Board's desks. The individuals were
82 recommended to him by the people who were actually starting this service. Schroeder wished more
83 people who lived outside Champaign or Urbana, such as Rantoul, had applied for these
84 appointments, but he had no objections to the appointees. Weibel explained each appointee covered
85 a number of different requirements. Andy Kulczycki worked in Rantoul and Stan James was from
86 Rantoul.

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88 Petrie inquired why the terms for some members were shorter than others. Weibel explained
89 the terms were staggered to prevent all the members' terms from expiring at one time.

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91 **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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94 Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District

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96 **MOTION** by Weibel to appoint Linda Bauer and Ronald Peters to the Champaign-Urbana
97 Mass Transit District for terms from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2015; seconded by Kurtz.
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99 Petrie asked Weibel why he chose Bauer over James Butler. Weibel said Bauer was
100 selected over the other two candidates because she is an active bus rider and he wants someone on
101 the board who uses the bus.
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103 **Motion carried with unanimous support.**
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105 Champaign Southwest Mass Transit District

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107 **MOTION** by Weibel to appoint David Short to the Champaign Southwest Mass Transit
108 District from a term from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2015; seconded by James.
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110 **Motion carried.**
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112 Appointment of the Zoning Board of Appeals Chair

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114 **MOTION** by Weibel to appoint Eric Thorsland as Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals;
115 seconded by Cowart.
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117 Weibel noted Thorsland already sits on the ZBA; this appointment is just to make him the
118 Chair.
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120 Schroeder stated he served on ZBA for ten years and for five years as the ZBA. He has
121 nothing against Thorsland, but Schroeder was very disappointed with how Thorsland conducted
122 himself at the meetings when he took over as substitute Chair during the public hearings for the
123 windmill farms. Schroeder stressed that ZBA is the County Board's ear for zoning and ZBA is the
124 public hearing body for land use in Champaign County. He felt a witness was almost being
125 badgered at one of the windmill farm public hearings. The Chair can ask questions, but not suppose
126 answers. He would not vote for Thorsland for the Chair position at the present time.
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128 Kurtz spoke in support of appointing Thorsland the ZBA Chair and of his dedication as a
129 public servant.
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131 Holderfield identified herself as the witness Thorsland badgered at a public hearing and felt
132 it was unfortunate that anyone would ever be treated with such disrespect and disdain. She had
133 nothing against Thorsland as person, however, his activity was inappropriate and she cannot vote to
134 support that behavior. She understood there is no one else willing to step forward in order to be
135 ZBA Chair. She asked the Board to consider shelving this appointment. If Thorsland is appointed
136 as Chair, she suggested there should be an understanding that no one ever deserves to be treated in
137 that manner.
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139 Kurtz asked if Holderfield should not vote on this appointment due to what he termed a
140 conflict of interest. Ammons said Holderfield could vote against the motion and disagreed that
141 Holderfield had a conflict of interest. Weibel called for a point of order because Holderfield does
142 not have an obvious conflict of interest by its definition since Holderfield has no financial gain in
143 this vote.
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145 Jay spoke of his service on the ZBA and the excellent Chairs the ZBA has had. The ZBA
146 cannot have a Chair who badgers witnesses who come before ZBA. He recommended the County
147 Board carefully think about who is being appointed as the ZBA Chair. The Board continued to
148 discuss the appointment of Thorsland as the ZBA Chair.
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150 **Motion carried.**

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152 Community Action Board
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154 **MOTION** by Weibel to appoint Bill Manning to the Community Action Board for a term
155 from December 22, 2010 to December 1, 2012; seconded by James. **Motion carried with**
156 **unanimous support.**
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158 Lincoln Exhibits Committee

159 Request for Approval of Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding between the Champaign
160 County Forest Preserve District, the Champaign County Forest Preserve District Foundation, and
161 the Champaign County Board
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163 **MOTION** by Cowart to approve the amendment to Memorandum of Understanding
164 between the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, the Champaign County Forest Preserve
165 District Foundation, and the Champaign County Board; seconded by James. **Motion carried with**
166 **unanimous support.**
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168 Lincoln Exhibits Committee 1st Annual Report to the Champaign County Board and the Champaign
169 County Forest Preserve District, December 2010
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171 **MOTION** by Weibel to receive and place on filed the Lincoln Exhibits Committee 1st
172 Annual Report to the Champaign County Board and the Champaign County Forest Preserve
173 District, December 2010; seconded by James.
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175 James was aware Wysocki has been very active as a member of the committee and he was
176 impressed at the job done by the committee on exhibits even with limited funds.
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178 **Motion carried with unanimous support.**
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180 County Administrator
181 Vacant Positions Listing
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183 The vacant positions listing was provided for information only.
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185 **County Clerk**
186 **Monthly Fees Report**

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188 **MOTION** by Weibel to receive and place on file the County Clerk monthly fees report for
189 November 2010 and the Semi-Annual Report - November 2010; seconded by Alix.

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191 Petrie asked why the November 2010 report listed the date it was signed as June 2009.
192 Shelden presumed that was a typo.

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194 **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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196 **Request Approval of Liquor Ordinance Amendments**

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198 **MOTION** by Weibel to approve the Liquor Ordinance amendments requested by Mark
199 Shelden; seconded by O'Connor.

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201 Weibel stated these amendments were deferred from the November meeting because he had
202 hoped to get some information from the County's legal counsel on this issue before this meeting.
203 He has not received any information from the State's Attorney's Office, neither had Shelden or
204 Busey.

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206 **MOTION** by Weibel to defer the item until more information is received; seconded by
207 McGinty. **Motion carried to defer with unanimous support.**

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209 **Other Business**
210 **Resolution Establishing Guidelines for the Champaign County 2011 Apportionment Plan**

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212 **MOTION** by McGinty to approve the Resolution Establishing Guidelines for the
213 Champaign County 2011 Apportionment Plan; seconded by Knott.

214
215 Knott was extremely pleased the issues has gotten this far, since it has been developing for
216 three-four years. The voters validated the discussion held last fall about reducing the size of the
217 County Board with the referendum. He urged his colleagues to validate the voters' direction by
218 forwarding this to the Redistricting Commission. Knott thought a smaller board with more districts
219 would be more effective. The Board discussed various options last fall and the 22-member, 11-
220 district County Board was a compromise of those options.

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222 Petrie shared what she has heard from constituents about the Board size issue. She is in
223 favor of reducing the size of the Board. Members of the public commented on the functionality, or
224 lack thereof, of the Board. People who wanted the Board to improve its functionality always listed
225 reducing the size of the Board as a way to make that happen. She has learned that the reason some
226 people voted against referendum was that there was only one option on Board size and it would
227 create an even number of Board members. People voted for the referendum because they wanted a
228 reduced County Board and change in the Board. She was concerned about the restrictiveness of the
229 resolution tonight compared to comments she has heard from certain constituents.

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231 Anderson will vote for the resolution because voters supported it. No voters she has heard
232 from have made any suggestions about the number of Board members; they just wanted the Board
233 size reduced.

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235 James heard comments from rural residents who were worried about a large rural area
236 having only two representatives. He compared it to the amount of area covered by the
237 representatives in the state or federal governments.

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239 Berkson remarked that people objected to lack of choice in referendum question. Most
240 people she spoke with wanted a smaller County Board. She did not think the Board gave people
241 enough choices.

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243 McGinty described how the size options were vigorously discussed by the last Board and
244 why the compromise was reached to place the issue on the ballot. 74% of voters supported the
245 referendum changing the Board size and number of districts and he will respect what the people
246 said. He recommended supporting the resolution and moving on.

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248 Nudo and O'Connor also spoke in support of the resolution.

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250 Michaels asked for roll call vote.

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252 Carter stated the people in his district wanted to know why no one could answer their
253 questions. He claimed only a few Board members run the County Board and the Board size was not
254 the problem.

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256 Kurtz noted the referendum was advisory and this does not stop the Board members from
257 bringing a substitute resolution for a smaller board with a different make-up.

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259 James called the question.

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261 **Motion carried with a vote of 23 to 1.** Alix, Ammons, Anderson, Bensyl, Berkson,
262 Cowart, Holderfield, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, Kurtz, McGinty, Michaels, Nudo, O'Connor, Petrie,
263 Quisenberry, Richards, Rosales, Sapp, Schroeder, and Weibel voted in favor of the motion. Carter
264 voted against the motion.

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266 Resolution in Opposition to HB5055

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268 This item was removed from the agenda.

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270 **Chair's Report**

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272 There was no Chair's report.

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274 **Designation of Items to be Placed on County Board Consent Agenda**

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276 Agenda items 7.A 1-2, 5, & B.1 were designated for the consent agenda.

277 **JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES**

278 **Monthly Reports**

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280 Richards announced there was no current report from the Emergency Management Agency.
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282 **MOTION** by James to receive and place on file the Animal Control October 2010, Head
283 Start November 2010, and Probation & Court Services October 2010, and Public Defender
284 September 2010 monthly reports; seconded by Rosales. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**
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286 **Animal Control**

287 **Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services with the City of**
288 **Champaign**

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290 **MOTION** by Ammons to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control
291 Services with the City of Champaign; seconded by Anderson. **Motion carried with unanimous**
292 **support.**
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294 **Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Impound Services with City of Urbana**

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296 **MOTION** by Carter to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Impound
297 Services with City of Urbana; seconded by Quisenberry.
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299 James asked if this contract would bring in more revenue. Busey said the agreement reflects
300 a slight increase.
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302 **Motion carried with unanimous support.**
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304 **Other Business**

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306 There was no other business.
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308 **Chair's Report**

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310 Richards announced the Citizens Advisory Committee on Jury Selection meeting was
311 canceled this month.
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313 **Designation of Items to be Placed on County Board Consent Agenda**

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315 There were no items for the consent agenda.
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317 **FINANCE**

318 **Budget Amendments & Transfers**

319 **Budget Amendment #10-00099**

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321 **MOTION** by Jones to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Amendment
322 #10-00099 from Fund 670 County Clerk Automation Fund – Department 022 County Clerk for

323 increased appropriations of \$5,000 for the Regular Part-Time Employees line and \$2,000 for the
324 Joint Department Regular Employee line with no increased revenue; seconded by Jay. **Motion**
325 **carried with unanimous support.**

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327 Budget Amendment #10-00100

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329 **MOTION** by Ammons to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Amendment
330 #10-00100 from Fund 080 General Corporate – Department 021 Board of Review for increased
331 appropriations of \$4,298 for the Appointed Official Salary line with no increased revenue; seconded
332 by James. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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334 Budget Amendment #10-00101

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336 **MOTION** by Cowart to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Amendment
337 #10-00101 from Fund 080 General Corporate – Department 080 General Corporate for increased
338 appropriations of \$1,279 for the Cooperative Extension Service line with increased revenue of
339 \$1,279 from the Payment in Lieu of Taxes line seconded by Jay. **Motion carried with unanimous**
340 **support.**

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342 Budget Transfer #10-00012

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344 **MOTION** by Cowart to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Transfer #10-
345 00012 from Fund 613 Court's Automation Fund – Department 030 Circuit Clerk for transfers of
346 \$125 to the Salaries and Wages line, \$1,100 to the IMRF-Employer Cost line, and \$30 to the
347 Workers' Compensation Insurance line from the Furnishings, Office Equipment line; seconded by
348 Rosales. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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350 Budget Transfer #10-00013

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352 **MOTION** by Ammons to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Transfer
353 #10-00013 from Fund 081 Nursing Home – Departments 410 Administrative, 430 Nursing
354 Services, and 462 Alzheimer's Unit for transfers of \$41,000 to the Full-Time Employees line,
355 \$28,000 to the Overtime line, \$30,000 to the No-Benefit Full-Time Employees line, \$24,000 to the
356 IMRF- Employer Cost line, \$24,000 to the Regular Full-Time Employees line, and another \$13,000
357 to the IMRF-Employer Cost line from the Grant Match line; seconded by Anderson. **Motion**
358 **carried with unanimous support.**

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360 Schroeder returned to the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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362 Budget Amendment #11-00001

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364 **MOTION** by Jay to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Amendment #11-
365 00001 from Fund 083 County Highway – Department 060 Highway for increased appropriations of
366 \$107,760 for the Heavy Equipment line with no increased revenue; seconded by Cowart. **Motion**
367 **carried with unanimous support.**

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369 Budget Amendment #11-00002

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371 **MOTION** by James to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Amendment
372 #11-00002 from Fund 080 General Corporate – Department 071 Public Properties for increased
373 appropriations of \$60,924 for the Brookens Building Repair-Maintenance line with increased
374 revenue of \$60,924 from the DOE-Energy Efficiency, Conservation-ARRA line; seconded by
375 Rosales.

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377 Weibel exited the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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379 **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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381 Budget Amendment #11-00003

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383 **MOTION** by Ammons to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Amendment
384 #11-00003 from Fund 080 General Corporate – Department 010 County Board for increased
385 appropriations of \$7,500 for the Martin Luther King Event Expense line with increased revenue of
386 \$7,500 from the Martin Luther King Event Contributions line; seconded by Richards. **Motion**
387 **carried with unanimous support.**

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389 Budget Amendment #11-00004

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391 This item was removed from the agenda.

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393 Budget Transfer #11-00001

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395 **MOTION** by Jones to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Transfer #11-
396 00001 from Fund 080 General Corporate – Department 036 Public Defender for a transfer of
397 \$38,700 for the Attorney Fees line from the Regular Full-Time Employees line; seconded by James.
398 **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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400 Petrie inquired why the monthly payments increased after three months. Busey explained
401 the Public Defender negotiated the compensation and terms of this contract, so she was unable to
402 answer why the compensation increased

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404 Weibel returned to the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

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406 Bensyl asked if the item could be deferred until the Public Defender could provide an
407 answer to the questions about the compensation. Busey stated the contract was negotiating in April
408 2010 and is already in place. The compensation increases from March through November to \$3,300
409 instead of \$3,000. Weibel suggested moving this item to the December County Board meeting and
410 only defer it at that meeting if the information is not received. Busey stated the Public Defender
411 actually provided the Board with more information than they would normally receive with a budget
412 amendment by providing the contract.

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414 Bensyl asked to forward this budget amendment to the County Board meeting without a
415 recommendation. There was no objection from Board members to move the budget amendment to
416 the County Board meeting without a recommendation.

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418 Budget Amendment #11-00007

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420 **MOTION** by Jay to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Amendment #11-
421 00007 from Fund 080 General Corporate – Department 043 Emergency Management Agency for
422 increased appropriations of \$19,548 for the Other Equipment line with increased revenue of
423 \$19,548 from the Homeland Security-State Homeland Security Program line; seconded by
424 Ammons. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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426 Budget Amendment #10-00105

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428 **MOTION** by Jones to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Amendment
429 #10-00105 from Fund 076 Tort Immunity Tax Fund – Department 075 General County for
430 increased appropriations of \$54,000 for the Worker’s Compensation Insurance line with no
431 increased revenue; seconded by Holderfield.

432
433 James inquired if the budget amendment was intended to pay for workers’ compensation
434 premiums, not because the County has been sued. Busey confirmed that was accurate.

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436 **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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438 Budget Amendment #10-00104

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440 **MOTION** by Ammons to recommend to the County Board approval of Budget Amendment
441 #10-00104 from Fund 627 Property Tax Interest Fee Fund – Department 026 County Treasurer for
442 increased appropriations of \$72,000 for the To General Corporate Fund 080 line with no increased
443 revenue; seconded by Cowart. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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445 State’s Attorney

446 Resolution to Designate the Office of the State’s Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor as Agent and
447 Resolution Authorizing a Litigation Assistance Agreement Between the County of Champaign &
448 the Office of the State’s Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor

449
450 **MOTION** by James to approve the Resolution to Designate the Office of the State’s
451 Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor as Agent and Resolution Authorizing a Litigation Assistance
452 Agreement Between the County of Champaign & the Office of the State’s Attorneys Appellate
453 Prosecutor; seconded by Kurtz. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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455 Hiring Freeze Waiver

456 Request to Waive Hiring Freeze for Part-Time Custodian Position

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458 **MOTION** by Kurtz to waive the hiring waive for the part-time Custodian position;
459 seconded by Anderson.

460 James wanted to know if this request was for a new position. Busey stated this is an existing
461 position that Physical Plant is asking to fill because an employee left the County's employment.
462 James wanted to give the department heads the right to fill positions if people leave, as long as the
463 position is not new. Busey explained there is a recommendation to change the hiring freeze
464 resolution later on this agenda that addresses that issue.

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466 Berkson noted that no shrinkage by attrition can be accomplished if every vacated position
467 is replaced. Busey concurred and explained 40 positions have been eliminated from County
468 departments since the current hiring freeze was adopted.

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470 **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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472 Request Waiver of Hiring Freeze for Appraiser/Analyst Position

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474 **MOTION** by Nudo to waive the hiring waive for the Appraiser/Analyst position; seconded
475 by Knott.

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477 Weibel asked for the Supervisor of Assessments to explain why it would be extremely
478 difficult for his office to fulfill statutory obligations without this position. Jenkins stated that his
479 office is staffed by seven employees, whereas two years ago it had nine employees. The positions
480 he is requesting to fill the Appraiser/Analyst position. The last employee who filled this position
481 exited on October 1, 2010. The necessity of rehiring the position is because next year is a general
482 reassessment year and every parcel needs to be revalued or reviewed. There are also three new
483 township assessors who began their terms on January 1, 2010 and they are still getting up to speed.
484 Jenkins stated there is money in the existing budget to fill this position.

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486 **Motion carried.**

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488 Sheriff

489 Request Approval of Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement

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491 **MOTION** by Bensyl to approve the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement; seconded by
492 James.

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494 Kurtz requested an explanation of the agreement. Sergeant Apperson detailed that there two
495 deputies assigned to the FBI taskforce. Money or anything of value seized during the course of a
496 violent crime investigation is put into the Sheriff's bank account and goes to the U.S. Marshals, who
497 then cut the Sheriff's Office a check for 85% of the seized property's value. Ammons asked what
498 that money is used for. To Sergeant Apperson's knowledge the agreement set up a bank account to
499 deposit and transfer money between the U.S. Marshalls and the Sheriff's Office. The money used
500 for investigating violent crimes and narcotics cases. Ammons asked if this money goes into the
501 County's general fund. Apperson thought it just goes to the Sheriff's Office. Busey confirmed the
502 Sheriff has special fund for this revenue and expenditure, which keeps the federal money separate
503 from the general funding. Weibel said a correction needed to be made on the signature line on Page
504 5. The County Board Chair is the official who should sign the agreement if it is approved, not the
505 County Administrator. Busey confirmed that would be corrected.

506 **Motion carried.**

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508 **County Administrator**

509 **Contract with LRS for IBM AS400 Replacement Project**

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511 Busey expressed that this project's budget is included in the FY2011 budget to be paid for
512 from the Courts Automation Fund and the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund as those are the revenue
513 source that pay for this technology. The agreement with LRS has been vetted with the Auditor's
514 Office to ensure compliance requirements in the County's Purchasing Policy and the State's
515 purchasing requirements all have been met. It is a sole source vendor and an approximately
516 \$190,000 project. Additionally, Busey thought it was a good idea for the County Board to see this
517 project and approve it. The technology operations, particularly for the courts systems depend on
518 this technology replacement. It is necessary because the current AS400s are outdated and cannot be
519 maintained into the future.

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521 **MOTION** by Jones to approve the contract with LRS for the IBM AS400 Replacement
522 Project; seconded by Anderson.

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524 Quisenberry questioned what other alternatives were considered to replacing the AS400s.
525 Rhodes said they could not look at alternative technology because the courts software and Sheriff's
526 Office software is based on AS400 technology. They have to either stay with AS400 technology to
527 go out for new software packages for those two areas. Busey said the County Board has an almost
528 \$3 million investment that technology. It was purchased in 2002 and installed and implemented
529 over a six-year period. The costs of the software itself, without including additional hardware and
530 project management costs, were \$2.8 million.

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532 **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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534 **General Corporate Fund FY2010 Revenue/Expenditure Projection Report**

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536 Busey distributed her reports to the Board. The GCF continues to look the way it has in the
537 last couple of months, nearly to the end of the year. She projected the GCF will receive \$30.8
538 million in revenue, taking into consideration that the County will likely not receive income tax
539 money from the State for three months in this fiscal year. That makes a shortfall of \$722,000 in
540 income tax revenue. The other large deficit is in General Government. A good portion of that
541 revenue is attributable to real estate transactions and the criminal justice system fees and fines. The
542 other general sales tax revenues are coming in fairly close to the budget numbers. The final sales
543 tax payment for the Quarter Cent Sales Tax came in yesterday and is up 2.3% for the year. The
544 Public Safety Sales Tax revenue increased 1.14%. Busey projected the expenditure to come in at
545 \$30.77 million. This is \$1 million less than the current budget. Busey stated the FY2011 revenue
546 budget is \$30.9 million and she hopes this is a realistic revenue projection. FY2010 should end
547 with a revenue positive budget between \$700,000-\$800,000. This will help restore the GCF fund
548 balance to 8.5%, disregarding the outstanding Nursing Home loan. She will present a final report
549 on FY2010 in January.

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552 General Corporate Fund Budget Change Report

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554 Busey presented the report of changes to the FY2010 GCF budget.

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556 Harris & Harris Monthly Collections Report

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558 There is no Harris & Harris report for this month.

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560 **MOTION** by Jones to receive and place on file the County Administrator's reports;
561 seconded by Rosales. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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563 Request to Approve a Resolution Establishing a Hiring Freeze for Champaign County Departments
564 and Offices Funded through the General Corporate Fund and Rescind Resolution No. 7248

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566 Busey presented a request to effectively lift the hiring freeze for permanent replacement
567 positions as they become vacant. She continued to recommend a position be held vacant for three
568 months. The County Board has granted waivers of the hiring freeze to certain areas, primarily in
569 the detention facilities because those operations are down to their minimum staffing levels. Those
570 waivers would still be honored. The GCF departments have eliminated 40 positions over the last
571 two years. A lot of that deduction was accomplished through this hiring freeze and not filling
572 position that became vacant. She pointed out some departments were not asking to fill some
573 positions because they knew they would be asked to eliminate positions. Every office with more
574 the five employees has reduced staffing. Busey feels the current staffing levels create a legitimate
575 argument for and department head to fill position after three month due to overall staffing cuts.
576 This new hiring freeze resolution reflects the current operation and recognizes what the GCF
577 departments have done in eliminated 40 positions.

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579 Nudo recommended deferring this resolution for 3 to 6 months to get some measure from
580 the State about the sales and income tax revenue. He understood Busey's arguments, but the
581 County was not out of woods yet, and department heads have not hesitated to justify the need for
582 certain positions, and he thought the County needs to hear these requests even if all are approved.

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584 Alix asked if the County Administrator could provide some estimate of how many waivers
585 have come before the County Board and whether there is any significant economic or efficiency
586 costs to maintaining status quo. Busey was unable to cite how many waivers had been requested
587 over the last two years. The elected officials have complied with freeze although they are not
588 required to do so. The County just approves the elected officials' budgets and the officers are
589 responsible for the internal operations of their offices. Busey thought the hiring freeze was an
590 effective and necessary tool at the time it was enacted and the department heads did everything
591 required to accomplish the required budget cuts. It seemed like this was the time to equalize the
592 GCF positions by lifting the permanent freeze.

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594 James concurred with Busey that it was time to lift the hiring freeze since the departments
595 will be filling positions they have the budget to pay.

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597 Berkson asked if the County was down to its essential personnel. Busey said that is her
598 opinion. The Board continued to discuss the hiring freeze.
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600 **MOTION** by James to approve the Resolution Establishing a Hiring Freeze for Champaign
601 County Departments and Offices Funded through the General Corporate Fund and Rescind
602 Resolution No. 7248; seconded by Richards. **Motion carried with a vote of 19 to 5.** Ammons,
603 Anderson, Bensyl, Berkson, Carter, Cowart, Holderfield, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, Kurtz, McGinty,
604 Michaels, O'Connor, Richards, Schroeder, and Weibel voted in favor of the motion. Alix, Nudo,
605 Petrie, Quisenberry, and Sapp voted against the motion.
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607 **Treasurer**
608 **Monthly Report – November 2010**
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610 Welch stated that last month the County Board authorized third year of tax anticipation
611 warrants for the Nursing Home and those have gone through in the amount of about \$780,000.
612 Welch explained how increasing the GCF balance back to its goal of 12.5% would mean the fund
613 would have sufficient cash to cover expenditures throughout the year without having to borrow
614 from other funds. He described the monthly payables for the new Board members. The State is
615 now six months behind on sending income tax revenue. Welch offered to answer any questions.
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617 **MOTION** by Ammons to receive and place on file the Treasurer's November 2010 report;
618 seconded by Cowart. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**
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620 **Auditor**
621 **Purchases Not Following Purchasing Policy**
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623 Fabri described the list of purchases not following the Purchasing Policy for the new
624 members. The County Board discussed the Purchasing Policy.
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626 **Monthly Report – November 2010**
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628 **MOTION** by Rosales to receive and place on file the Auditor's November 2010 monthly
629 report; seconded by Holderfield. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**
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631 **Other Business**
632 **Request for Establishment of and Funding for a Veterans' Assistance Commission in Champaign**
633 **County**
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635 **MOTION** by Knott to approve the request for establishment of and funding for a Veterans'
636 Assistance Commission in Champaign County; seconded by Holderfield.
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638 Weibel recalled that a notice was sent to the Board that a Veterans' Assistance Commission
639 was formed in October 2009. Some of the state statutes concerning the VAC were also sent to
640 Board members. This entity is a new ballgame for Champaign County residents and the County
641 Board, so Busey and Weibel are working to determine the direction of this issue and collect more
642 information. Distributed to the Board tonight was a letter addressed to Weibel written on the

643 letterhead of the Illinois Association of Veterans Association. The letter contained some good
644 information, including the statement that no VAC has gotten started without a hitch. Several
645 important steps were listed in the letter. A copy of the Champaign County VAC Bylaws has been
646 filed with the County Clerk. Weibel has asked the County's legal counsel to review the VAC
647 Bylaws. Weibel plans to set up a small committee, probably in January, to represent the County
648 Board at the VAC meeting to share their expertise. The development of a process of how veterans'
649 assistance is to be administered will be addressed in the future.

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651 Weibel gave his opinion that the County will likely have to provide office space and some
652 financial assistance to the VAC. He wants to make sure this process is done right and asked
653 DeThorne to comment on the VAC Bylaws. DeThorne stated that it is a statutory mandate that the
654 County Board comply with an organization aimed at passing on tax dollars to veterans in need. In
655 reading the Bylaws, DeThorne noticed the VAC is a public body spending public money and this is
656 spending public money and the Open Meetings Act applies. Based on the information he has, there
657 was not a quorum present when the organization was formed. This something that can be remedied,
658 but at this point in time, DeThorne was uncomfortable advising the County Board to proceed in
659 dealing with an entity that is not properly formed. His other concerns, based on the statute's
660 confusing language, included questions regarding whose authority does the County Board
661 responded to. He has started compiling list of things that need to be remedied after reading the
662 VAC Bylaws. On the subject of a dispersal of funds, the County Board knows better than
663 DeThorne where the County stands financially. When the County was notified of the VAC, no
664 funds had been budgeted for the VAC. Weibel asked DeThorne to send his list of the Bylaws'
665 corrections to the VAC and the County Board when it is finished. DeThorne agreed to do so.

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667 Alix noted the relevant statute is extremely broad with regard to the manner and the amount
668 of funding the County is obligated to provide for the VAC. It is important for the United States to
669 look after its veterans, but they were in dark about how much money this will require taxpayers to
670 pay, whether there are formulas or other means of determining the level of assistance the County is
671 supposed to provide, or how other counties with VACs determined the level of funding and where it
672 comes from the general fund or by additional tax levies. DeThorne stated the statute, like many
673 military assistance statutes, has been revised from a legislative perspective and from an
674 interpretation perspective that can be challenging. It appears this was born before the days of the
675 Veterans Administration. The guideline the County has is "provide just the necessary sums of
676 money." They can look at the formulas and regulations for the government bodies that currently
677 exist. He has not seen any information indicating what the need is in Champaign County that the
678 VAC is intending to address.

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680 Jones exited the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

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682 Petrie wanted a defined list of benefits that veterans already have access to within other
683 levels of government to eliminate duplication of services. The budget proposal from the Veterans
684 Assistance Commission of Champaign County included in the informational packet took her breath
685 away. She shares DeThorne's concern about the new budgetary item when the County is on thin
686 ice.

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688 Richards asked if the motion made by Knott actually put forward specific appropriations for
689 the VAC. McGinty said that was not clear and suggested withdrawing or deferring the motion
690 based on DeThorne's comments on this particular case.

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692 **MOTION** by Knott to defer; seconded by Ammons.

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694 Weibel agreed with deferring the issues because it would be useful to have an assessment of
695 the needs of veterans in Champaign County and how many veterans in the county are in need of this
696 type of assistance to determine what should be budget towards this program.

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698 Jones returned to the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Schroeder exited the meeting at 7:12 p.m.
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700 Board members spoke in support of deferring the item to assess the actual need compared
701 with existing services, to ensure the VAC is a legally organized public body, and because the
702 Bylaws are very general.

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704 **Motion carried to defer with unanimous support.**

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706 In other business, Busey learned yesterday that the bond market went south in a bad way last
707 month. Because of this decline, the issuance of about \$2 million in bonds for new facility will wait
708 until January. The project has already begun and there will be bills to pay, so Busey asked to bring
709 a resolution to the County Board next week authorizing the use of loans from other funds to cover
710 those expenses until the bonds are issued. Ammons asked how far along the project was. Busey
711 answered the site work is being done and the steel is being delivered this week.

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713 **Chair's Report**

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715 There was no Chair's report.

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717 **Designation of Items to be Placed on County Board Consent Agenda**

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719 Agenda items 9.A1-8, B.1&2, & E1 were designated for the consent agenda.

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721 **ADJOURN**

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723 adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

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725 Respectfully submitted,

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727 Kat Bork

728 Administrative Assistant

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730 *Secy's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.*