

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

**Justice & Social Services/Highway & Transportation/County Facilities/Environment & Land Use
Tuesday, September 6, 2011
Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center
1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christopher Alix, Carol Ammons, Ron Bensyl, Astrid Berkson, Tom Betz, Lorraine Cowart, Aaron Esry, Stephanie Holderfield, Stan James, John Jay, Brad Jones, Alan Kurtz, Ralph Langenheim, Gary Maxwell, Brendan McGinty, Diane Michaels, Steve Moser, Alan Nudo, Steve O'Connor, Patsi Petrie, James Quisenberry, Michael Richards, Geraldo Rosales, Jon Schroeder, Pius Weibel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jan Anderson, Lloyd Carter

OTHERS PRESENT:

Susan Chavarria (RPC), John Hall (Director of Zoning), Deb Busey (County Administrator), Alan Reinhart (Facilities Director), Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Tom Berns & Chris Billing (Berns, Clancy & Assoc.), Ranae Wolken (recording secretary)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weibel called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

ROLL CALL

The secretary called the roll. It was noted that Anderson and Carter were not present and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rosales to approve the minutes of August 2, 2011 as presented; seconded by Esry. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

Motion by Richards to approve the agenda; seconded by James. Betz requested that item 9.A.2 be conducted separately. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Chair Weibel introduced the new recording secretary, Ranae Wolken.

Moser noted for the committee's information that Wayne Busboom passed away the previous week. Mr. Busboom was the husband of former County Board member Patty Busboom and that he was a good farmer and public servant for many years. Ms. Busey reminded Board members the deadline for paying for the County Board photos is September 13.

Holderfield talked briefly about the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen and that it does not get any government funding and is currently feeding up to 200 people a day. Because they don't receive funding, she stated that if anyone is interested, they do take donations.

Ammons stated a memorial service is to be held at the Courthouse Plaza on Sunday, September 11 from 2-4pm. A reception for police and fire personnel will be held immediately following at the Post Office in Urbana.

Kurtz stated that last week twenty-five to thirty elected officials from East Central Illinois traveled to DeWitt County and attended a seminar at the Clinton landfill. He said the consensus of those attending about building a PCB landfill over the drinking water that it is the wrong place and time to build. He stated there is skepticism in claims that it would not leak and destroy our drinking water. Steve Carter, City of Champaign, is preparing something to report and Kurtz hopes to have that report to bring to the Board later.

JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES

Resolution – Champaign County Joining the National Moment of Remembrance of the 10th Anniversary of September 11th

Richards stated the one item is a Resolution for Champaign County to join in the Commemoration on September 11. Kurtz stated his wife and son were at the World Trade Center the day before the attack for a visit and that is a day that should never be forgotten.

MOTION by Kurtz to recommend to the full Board approval of a Resolution for Champaign County Joining the National Moment of Remembrance of the 10th Anniversary of September 11th; seconded by Esry. Richards stated EMA needs this approved formally for sirens to be coordinated with church bells to be sounded off for the noon remembrance time. This is a nationwide resolution being presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION

Monthly Reports – County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – August 2011

Motion by Betz to receive and place on file the Monthly Reports for August, 2011 of the County Engineer; seconded by Kurtz. **Motion carried unanimously.**

County Engineer

Resolution Awarding of Contract for Stanton Road District

Jeff Blue spoke about the letting for the Stanton Road project that was held this morning in the Highway Engineer's office. He directed the committee's attention to bids received, seven in all which is unusual for this type of project which is an aluminum box culvert. Appropriation for this project was already made and approved back in December, 2010. They are now ready

for approval of the bids on the project. The engineer's estimate was \$153,747. The low bid from Newell Construction came in at \$153,379 and was under the estimate.

MOTION by Jay to recommend to the full Board approval of a Resolution Awarding of Contract for the Replacement of a Tank Car Culvert Located in Stanton Road District, Section #10-28971-00-BR to Newell Construction Company, Danville, Illinois in the amount of \$153,379.00; seconded by Moser. Petrie inquired about the timeline. Blue stated it should be complete by December 15, 2011. Ammons inquired about the engineer. Blue stated Cummins Engineering from Springfield did the design for this type of structure. The structure is delivered in pieces and then assembled by the contractor on site. This is a two-week project at most. **Motion carried with Ammons voting no.**

Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund Pursuant to 605 ILCS 5/5-501 – Philo Road District

Jeff Blue informed the committee this is a very small project along the Embarras River near Philo. The bridge is washing out and is becoming exposed. Riprap needs to be redone and placed by hand. This is for repair to the structure, estimated at \$8,500.

MOTION by Langenheim to recommend to the full Board the approval of a Petition Requesting and a Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund Pursuant to 605 ILCA 5/5-501 – Philo Road District; seconded by James. Blue clarified they project will entail re-grouting the old riprap and re-grouted and sealed on top of that. Alix requested that it be noted this is for a repair and not a replacement when it is discussed at the full Board meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

None.

Designation of Items to be Placed on the County Board Consent Agenda

Item 8C to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY FACILITIES

East Campus Stormwater Management

Presentation: Berns, Clancy & Associates

Betz stated that representatives from Bern, Clancy & Associates was here to conduct a presentation on storm water management.

Chris Billing introduced himself and stated he was here to present the study and analysis. The first page is basically recapping the summary of the management plan prepared in 2006 that started with the Highway building then continued on with the ILEAS re-use project. That project was okay'd by the City of Urbana. There are two watersheds on the site – 11.3 acres on the western portion and the east watershed that wrapped from the eastern boundary lines from the Humane Society, around the Juvenile Detention Center and continues on to the north side of the Adult Detention Center that was about 31.8 acres. Because of the flat grades there are 3 outlets

to the watershed on Main Street. The idea is connect all of the outlets together. The plan is to handle 72% imperviousness and looks to future conditions and improvements. At the present time it is less than that. He continued with explanation of storm water maintenance currently being maintained. All would follow the City of Urbana 100 year water flow. He directed the committee's attention to the map with storm sewer lines, 100 year peak flow rates, and culverts that direct water throughout. It is noted that new buildings the last few years have added to the imperviousness.

He set up the second map which is one of the proposed approaches to storm water management their firm determined was to be presented to the Board. Alix asked for confirmation of existing outlets, specifically the outlets from the drainage basins and does the north basin drain to the west basin and out from there. Billing confirmed they function as one pond. The first plan took a storm sewer extension approach to the plan. They cut the sections up into smaller acre portions and looked at flow as it was outlined in the original plan. The box that is near Art Bartell Road is needed to make connections. This approach would be able to utilize some of the existing lines as they are sufficient. It didn't seem reasonable to dig that up. A brief explanation continued about the connections network. Weibel asked would this plan go in the softball fields south of the highway building. Yes, Billing pointed out the direction of the drainage in that area. At some point in the future the drainage would run to the west side of that. Billing said they also looked at utilities in place and they stayed away from the sanitary sewer that serves that spine along Art Bartell Rd. There is a water main further to the east which makes the sewer line run along Art Bartell. The other thing to note is the storm sewer will have to cross sanitary lines and have to keep them 10 feet apart vertically.

The next sheet in their proposal is a cost estimate for the first proposed approach option. This approach would run just under \$400,000 in order to run the lines and extend the concrete box. It would also include the cost of the repair of any lawn messed up during the project. Weibel asked how long this project would take considering average weather conditions. Billing said that assuming average weather conditions it would take about two months of construction. He stated there is nothing tricky about the project, and that it is pretty straight forward line construction and methods for this style of construction. Rosales about any existing cracks there might be or with what happened with the recent heavy rains, would it be better to put in larger pipes instead of due to the integrity of the pipe lines. Billing did not look at any existing condition of the existing 18" lines. He hasn't heard any reports that line have had any problems with the integrity of the existing sewer line. If found, billing talked about line the inside of the lines if it were necessary. Billing noted the proposal takes into account the needs of the future. Maxwell asked if Billing felt this proposed work would solve the storm water management problem to which Billing confirmed that it would and he continued with clarification of the pipe sizes in this approach.

Ammons stated she didn't understand completely the need to address the management on the west side because she hadn't heard of any flooding in that area. Billing stated there are past reports of some flooding periodically and that is exasperated with nearly 1 ½ acres of new pavement and roof areas have been added since and add to the imperviousness. He said this approach would leave the roadside ditches in place to help move water around, but run the storm pipe thru the same corridor to get from Main Street to the back of the campus. Alix asked how much of existing green infrastructure is staying. Billing replied that all that is staying in place and it is not part of the proposed plan, which just includes the new infrastructure. All ditches

and culverts will stay in place and be useful in getting the water to the storm water system. Alix asked if that's not the case with the second approach to which Billing said he would explain with the next approach.

Billing began with a description of the other alternative approach. He said this plan uses the best management practices approach in dealing with drainage conditions with this watershed. Under the present conditions, the west area has most of the volume and is built in front of fleet maintenance. Most of the volume is already built there. All of the problems have occurred in area 2 further east. He noted one other important aspect and that is the need to use all 3 outlets with connections because of the volume. The biggest impact would be during smaller storm events. The larger rain events would still be taken care of. A variety of things can be done to create retention, but change the imperviousness to deal with it. Basically the big hill of top soil slope is changed to prairie and change the volume of water coming off of it. There some bio swales noted in the dark green and run along the roadside ditches. The condition change would soak up more water than just grass conditions. This approach would still use 15" culverts under the road to move the water around in the watershed. There are some standard salt tolerant vegetation swales near the salt dome because of some of the salt that may run off to those areas. Some amount of open water is included in the wetlands, with a couple of deep pockets of water, probably less than a foot deep up to a couple of feet deep. This approach also includes some gardens. A brief description about the rain gardens continued.

Betz asked if the wetlands would always be wet to which Billing confirmed that yes. Betz asked about possible mosquito problems. Billing stated that maintenance should be ongoing, however the water would not be stagnant, but would flow. Water levels would rise and fall with flow. He said there are several acres of water that would flow from. Langenheim asked if there was any flooding expected on Art Bartell Road with this approach. Billings answered that this approach would improve the current ditch now and has included an under drain to make sure that water moves thru the swale. He said you should not see it ponded over Art Bartell, but there is a low spot on Art Bartell towards the back, but that is the purpose of one of the proposed swales.

Betz asked why is the second approach the best management practice as opposed to the first option given. Billing stated the new name given to these alternative types of approach compared to the standard line. Billing said this is a way to do something different with water than drain it downstream and is a more environmentally conscious movement to hold water back and not flood downstream. Betz also asked if there are greater upkeep costs to second option. Billing said there is some maintenance costs involved. Underground maintenance costs less than keeping wetlands and rain gardens above ground due to the exposure. He said for the first years of the best management practice approaches, plants would take a while to establish and weeds could take over unless maintained. It is important to get the plants established.

Nudo asked how often there would be a need to retrench or transfer sediments. Billing said that as long as plants are established, there should be a very slow deposition of sediments, about 10-15 years before extensive maintenance. Billing said that more sediment occurs in the smaller rain events.

Jay asked how many acres the best management practice option takes away on the east campus. Billing estimated approximately 12-15 acres are taken out of consideration for future

use. Holderfield asked how long the project is expected to take from start to finish for the second option. Billing said about the same amount of time, however there would be different types of crews installing the swales and pipes. He said the second option would have to start at the optimum time of year due to plantings that need to be done. He assumes that plants would mature in 3-5 years. He also said that some of the work can begin in the winter, but landscaping on either plan could begin in the spring. Later in April to mid-June is the opportune time and yes it would take heavier maintenance the first year, little bit less the second year and less the third year to make sure the plant mix is established.

Richards asked about best guesses on the sanitary fees and would it reduce the amount of fees paid by the County. Billing said that currently no one is charged for storm water, only sanitary sewer fees. But he noted the City is looking into possibly charging storm water fees. He stated the County could possibly be charged on amount of impervious area. He said the second option would certainly improve the water quality. He didn't know for certain if the City would credit for second above ground storm water management plan. Kurtz inquired about times of drought. Billings said that watershed plants would have extensive root systems and should be able to tolerate drought, but wetland plants could dry up somewhat and may become dormant. But they would recover once they receive water.

Quisenberry wanted clarification if the second option reduces the tax because of the reduced imperviousness. Billing said yes, as long as they give credit. He said the City does plan to look at the amount of imperviousness and there is less runoff with second plan. He couldn't answer for sure because the City hasn't decided yet.

Langenheim asked about the difference in the grounds maintenance costs between the options. Billing said very little has been taken out of the mowing, but planting would not add mowing. Routine maintenance may be 3-5 times a year with going thru the plants and weeding, a little hard to say, but may take a little bit of time the first couple of years. He stated that people could talk to someone if they have a similar type of plan and find out how much they spend in time. Brief discussion continued.

Petrie stated that coming from the EPA every day there are new rules and regulations, and most of these regulations go towards best management practices (second option). She wanted to respond to some of the questions asked earlier. She said when the plantings are planted properly they survive under all of the conditions asked about. She continued on to describe a couple of areas in town that are already established after just one year. There are many examples in the community. She then asked a question about acreage assigned for wetlands. She would have preferred using the ditching as the wetlands so that acreage isn't taken up and can be used for future space expansion. Petrie also felt the assumptions in the proposal are based on green construction and she doesn't see that areas in the proposal that include green construction, with the example that current concrete lots not porous as it should be. She says the county should think about those things in the future because that is what EPA is pushing for in future projects.

Maxwell said the only way he would want to spend the additional money is if it improved water quality. He felt the only reason to approve the second option would be if it improved water quality and there was a potential for the only reason was pollution runoff.

Esry asked how much deeper and wider would the ditches have to be, as Petrie suggested earlier, if the larger areas were taken out. Billing said that if pipe size were increased by one pipe size, then he could probably reduce the larger areas. Berkson stated that this is a matter of sustainability and what this is about is returning the water to the aquifers. Billing responded that it would help the shallow aquifers, but not the aquifer that drinking water is taken from. But it would mitigate a more even flow and provide flood control.

Billing said there are other goals and approaches to address best practices that the standard drainage practices do not address. Billing also noted that the EPA standards are always changing and there are never less regulations, but always more to keep in mind.

Billing said there are two attachments to the end of the proposals – one addresses previous questions about the existing pond on the west side and the concern about its steep bank. He suggested excavating it to a gentler slope and installing a goose grid, along with planting native plants along the edge. The proposed cost for this project would be approximately \$42,000.

The last page explains the second alternative to correcting the steep slope in the pond retaining wall edge is to remove and add concrete blocks in creating a stairway for an emergency exit from the pond. This approach would cost approximately \$6,000. This approach would take about a week.

Petrie asked if they had considered taking the two retention ponds and turning them into wetlands. Billing replied that they hadn't because of the depth of the ponds. In the edge treatment they can take the edges and plant some wetlands type plants that could go around. But the ponds are too deep and would require putting fill back in. She said she understood that, but her concern was taking up acreage that could be used for future space use. Billing stated that wouldn't gain any storm water detention by doing that.

Ammons asked about the level of urgency and whether it fits in with existing priority level of dealing with infrastructure within the County. Betz noted this is provided for the Board to study for a period of time, and possibly make some decisions next month. Reinhart said it's not urgent to the plan, as long as the city knows it is being considered. There is no urgency unless there is some 50 year rain, but that's not expected anytime soon. Busey stated the Board is looking at these proposed approaches because of the new building on Art Bartell and storm water management was a part of the plan from the beginning, being budgeted at \$450,000 and was included in the bonding of the project. She anticipated this portion of the project to be completed by the end of 2012. The City of Urbana was told this phase of the project would be completed within a year of the building completion. Quisenberry asked for clarification that this means we are committed to the city about following the plan that was part of the County's ability to receive the permits.

Berkson asked if there was a green solution that is not as costly as the best practices plan. Reinhart stated the proposals presented this evening were the opinions of the firm, but he cannot say right now that the next design would cost as much. Petrie asked what the options of investigating those further. Busey stated that in order for the information the Board received this evening, the Board entered in contract with Berns, Clancy & Associates to do the work required. The Board went through the QVS system to select the firm and after selection of the

firm and entered into a contract for \$36,000 to do the work that was presented tonight. QVS is statutorily required to do this work. Weibel asked if we can go back and ask Berns, Clancy for something in between options A & B. Busey responded that would have to be negotiated because that is additional work.

Selection of Plan to be Implemented

Betz stated this item will be on the agenda next month and asked the Board members to read this and be ready for it next month.

Facilities Director Monthly Reports

Reinhart pointed out the monthly utilities report and states we are right on target with utility expenditures.

Motion by Jay to receive and place on file the monthly reports of the Physical Plant; seconded by James. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Clock Tower Update

Reinhart was happy to report that the finial is in Rantoul at Taylor Studios who has ordered the materials to repair and is submitting the design to be reviewed by professors at the University of Illinois to improve the structure and hopes to have the report tomorrow. Repair is estimated to be six-eight weeks. Petrie stated that since the insurance company has released some of the money she wondered if insurance would cover the remainder of the costs and if there are there additional costs. At this point the insurance company has covered all costs to this point.

Courthouse & Brookens Building Efficiency Summary Report

Reinhart supplied a summary report using those two buildings only due to time factor. Comparing gas between the two years is difficult as the contract with the gas coop was not started until summer of 2010. The electricity contract was also different in the middle of the year also due to two different coop firms and rate changes. It's hard to compare last year to this year. He continued on to mention lower the cost per square foot for natural gas and electricity. As an indicator the Brookens building went from 7.29 therms per heating degree day in 2010 and we're now at 8.02 therms heating degree day. Costs went down, but the heating degree days went up, which makes it difficult to compare. Weibel mentioned the courthouse seems more consistent with use, rather than Brookens. He thought there was a big improvement in efficiency.

Petrie asked what does Reinhart feel contributes to the savings. He answered that there are two major things, one is installing light sensors, motion sensors and time switches. Also removed were the gym lights and replaced them with high efficiency lights. At the Courthouse, the system that runs the building systems was replaced and that has added to the improvement of the efficiency. Petrie would like to see over time what the return rate will be.

Motion by Quisenberry to receive and place the Building Efficiency Summary Report; seconded by Ammons. **Motion carried unanimously.**

202 Art Bartell Rd. Construction Project Report

Reinhart directed the committee attention to the report. He noted the coroner's sink arrived last week. Roessler has completed the electrical rough in and the sink in on schedule to be complete. The maintenance shop has almost completely moved out of the Gill building and plans to be completely out by the end of September. Busey stated the Gill Building lease terminates on November 30.

Chair's Report

Report from County Team re: National Institute of Corrections Planning

Item placed on the desks. He stated that four individuals attended. There were a lot of materials. Busey summarized in the report what was learned in Colorado. He noted the County has exceptional and capable staff that attended the conferences and seminars. He said he has sets of notebooks and those can be loaned to those interested in viewing them. These are copyrighted materials and should not be copied and scanned. Betz mentioned with his history of visiting many jails as a practicing attorney, he thought he knew much about jails, but learned so much more about them at the conference. Now there is a background and will know what questions to ask in the planning process. He said they learned how to predict future incarceration rates, usage, etc. The first step in the process is recognizing there is an issue of a problem. He thinks the County is at the stage of recognition and now must determine where to go from here. He encouraged Board Members to contact the Sheriff's Office and take a tour of that facility to understand what the problems are and aren't. He said that if you've done it before do it again. He said the piece meal approach will not work. This experience opened his eyes to the amount of work that needs to be done. He said that most work will be done by the Sheriff and his staff in terms of knowing what work needs to be done and statistics. He expects the Sheriff to say how the downtown facility will be used. Betz commended the staff that attended the conference and that he is proud to be associated with the County.

Weibel will arrange multiple times with the Sheriff to organize tours and asked that Board Members contact him do to so. Petrie thanked the group for the work that has been done so far. She asked if a study session be scheduled to discuss more in depth what was learned. Betz would like the Sheriff and the others from the conference also attend and give the information because they all have different angles on the presentations. Holderfield said she would like the opportunity to visit the jail before a study session is held.

Busey said the encouraging thing about the conference was to acknowledge the problem. Her perspective, looking at the report she prepared, was that all those attending the conference believed and concurred that the County is in the beginning stage of the needs assessment phase. There is a lot of work that can be done by the County staff and Betz, the Sheriff and she are committed to doing as much as they can until a professional can be working. She said the other advantage that Champaign County has already identified the funding and the existing public safety sales tax fund has the capability to do so or at least a majority of it. She is looking into see if the fund has that ability and will report later on that.

Nudo said this reminds him of the time he came on the board with the Nursing Home project. He said this will take an organized effort to put some timelines on this and placing a timeline on each phase. He felt the jail is in the same crisis mode as the nursing home was. Moser stated he had lunch with Bud Barker and Don Flessner (former County Board members) and discussed with them what they had gone through before current downtown jail was built. They both stressed not to wait on this issue. He said we need to get on this and get done quickly and get the problem solved. He said the current jail is the result of what they were capable of at the time.

Betz likes the idea of developing a timeline and it's necessary. He said the first significant decision is to decide what can be done with downtown facility, whether it can be remodeled, sold or what. Ammons stated she was concerned with assumption that the project as already been decided and implement a timeline to build a new jail. She feels there need to be more public discussion outside of the Boardroom on the social impact of jails in communities. She said she was surprised to hear that rather than using the quarter-cent sales tax for preventative uses, we would shift that money into a building. Betz stated he asked repeatedly at the conference asked about the authority the County Board had in how the jails are used. He said the Board is not the justice system. It is the County Board's responsibility to build the building. He spoke briefly about the legislative system and the reality of justice system. He said that we should not ignore there is a real issue of the downtown building quality. His main concern is the jail safety.

Esry stated the Sheriff has said he would like to use home incarceration, but he no longer has that ability. The Board cannot decide who goes in the facility, that it is the law that decides. Moser said that back when building the satellite jail, time and money was wasted by having County Staff transporting inmates to surrounding counties who in turn were able to build new jails in their counties housing our inmates. Moser said that not doing anything is the poorest excuse to use when the Department of Corrections says we can no longer use the current building. Ammons said her concern is there is already a timeline in place to determine when a new building will be built. Other Board members stated that is not the case just yet. Betz stated that the Board must determine first what a timeline on an assessment would be to see if the downtown facility can be used or remodeled, whether that is a cost effective option. He said at one time he had heard the current facility could be added to on top, but that option needs to be determined. Nudo pointed to the portion on the report on what needs to be identified and that Busey had outlined three possible phases on the control of the decision making. James agreed somewhat with Ammons, but said we have to do what the County Board is allowed to do.

Kurtz asked if there was anything imminent that we would be in trouble with the Department of Corrections. Betz did not want to speculate on anything imminent. Quisenberry said this discussion was turning prohibitive and asked to move forward and possibly schedule a study session. Betz agreed and said a study session will be scheduled.

Other Business

No other business.

Designation of Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda

There are no items needing Board approval.

ENVIRONMENT & LAND USE

Approval of FY2012 RPC Planning Contract

Motion by Betz to approve the FY2012 RPC Planning Contract; seconded by Quisenberry. Moser said that if some of the items were eliminated, could the amount be lowered to reflect what was taken out of the contract. Chavarria replied that it is the prerogative of the Board to do so. Nudo said the study session had one of the better meetings in a long time in discussing the new contract. He wanted more discussion. Petrie expressed concerns about continuation of the contract and would prefer that this evening's discussion be that the money be moved to the county's planning office so that office is the central location of all the planning. Part two of her other comment is she gets mixed comments about the role of RPC in planning and she is still concerned that over time the money that goes to RPC that could have gone to a county planning & zoning department.

Chavarria stated that RPC does multi-faceted planning, short and long-term. They gather research to make good planning decisions and they also help with monitoring the plans. She stated that with the contract that is before the members at this meeting there are three staff members involved that have over thirty years of combined experience. The money in the contract pays for about 2/3 of one of those positions. She stated there is a big difference in what the county would get if paying a County employee versus the experience already in place in RPC.

McGinty wanted to emphasize that he disagreed with Petrie's statements. James agreed with McGinty and thanked Chavarria for the explanation of the breakdown of the numbers and the work they have done. Busey stated, for appoint of information, that for 32 weeks of service, a 52 week employee would use substantial benefits.

O'Connor wanted to say that he felt some items in the contract are questionable in need. Holderfield stated she wasn't quite sure what was getting voted on. She said that members did in study session question duties what RPC does and asked if this is the most prudent contract. Alix would like some clarification on the contract and at what point will this be in contract form. Chavarria noted there were items that were given them to include and then they have some items that they would like the Board to consider adding to the package. Nudo submitted a handout based on a discussion with four- to five other people based on the discussion at the study session. He recommends conducting another study session about items that would fill the budget amount in the contract. Chavarria said they would be willing to do whatever is necessary to move this contract forward. She then reviewed items from the group's discussion on page 27 of the Board packet. They're looking for a total of 335 hours to fill the gap where other items were removed from the contract.

Petrie moved to enter a substitute motion to not consider the contract until after a study session. Weibel stated it is more appropriate to defer the motion to a specific date. Petrie agreed and moved to defer to the October 4 Committee of the Whole meeting; seconded by Holderfield. Weibel stated he does not support the motion because he would like to discuss at least some of the items they agree upon. Jay would support deferring to study session because

there a lot of items that he would like to be able to understand. Berkson state that those opposing should be at the study session this time. Betz stated he wasn't sure what a study session would accomplish. Alix said he would like something to be in contract form in order to be voted on. Moser also wished to defer because it is too ambiguous. **Motion carried to defer with roll call vote with Alix, Cowart, Esry, Jay, Maxwell, Michaels, Moser, Nudo, O'Connor, Petrie, Quisenberry and Schroeder voting yes and Berkson, Betz, Cowart, James, Kurtz, Langenheim, McGinty, Richards, Rosales and Weibel voting no.**

Chavarria asked how best the Board would like it presented at the next meeting. Nudo said his notes from the study session had certain items that had yes's from some people. Holderfield thought a menu of options could be provided and they build from that on the suggestions. Petrie asked why, the way it's written, the 1310 hours are set in stone. Chavarria answered that number is based on who does the work and hourly wage for that person. Alix stated this needs to be in contract form to be able to be voted either up or down. There has to be a clear idea of what is to be passed. Chavarria stated there are already some hours used in providing this information to that point.

Preliminary Recommendation to County Board for Zoning Ordinance – Zoning Case 683-AT-11

Motion by Petrie to recommend approval of the preliminary recommendation to the County Board for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance – Zoning Case 683-AT-11; seconded by Rosales. Petrie stated, because she is appointed to the LESA update committee, that this particular action has a great deal of reference to LESA and encouraged not taking action on this item until LESA works on the update on the definitions for best prime farmland. Hall stated that if action is not taken, that for every day their office is open they have to go by what is in the current zoning ordinance. He thought that LESA would not be affected by this.

Alix said it would be helpful if the section of the summary were in more in layman's terms. Jay also agreed that this is a long standing concern about the clarity of what the LRMP says. Hall stated that he thought previous meeting made it clear what was being requested of the Board. Both Jay and Alix stated they would like the request to be in plain clear language. Holderfield asked for clarification if the ZBA had the opportunity to change the amendment that was approved by the County Board and now the ZBA is recommending the amendments to the actual ordinance. Hall stated in this request the ZBA added three definitions on page 47 of the attachment. Holderfield also stated there is no clarity in what is being requested. Hall said the County Board has the authority to vote to make changes or not.

She asked for explanation of item 2h on page 49 with regard to emergency services. Hall said the proposed to change emergency services to public services. Jay stated there is a difference between emergency services and public services. He questioned the need to make that change because not all emergency services are public, that there are private emergency service agencies, citing both Carle and Provena ambulance services. Weibel disagreed stating that not all police and fire vehicles are there on emergency calls.

Jay also questioned a statement about wildlife habitat that concerns him. Hall these are only in relevant in agricultural rezoning and what the ZBA would consider a disturbance. Langenheim requested a roll call vote. Moser stated all the CRP contracts along the ditches are 10-15 year lease with the federal government and those contracts stipulate what you can and cannot do during the term of the lease. When the lease terminates, the farmer has the ability to

plow it up and plant in crop if they wish. **Motion carried by roll call vote with Alix, Berkson, Betz, Cowart, Kurtz, Langenheim, Petrie, Quisenberry, Richards, Rosales, Schroeder and Weibel voting yes and with Esry, Holderfield, James, Jay, Maxwell, McGinty, Nudo and O'Connor voting no.**

Preliminary Recommendation to County Board for Zoning Ordinance – Zoning Case 684-AT-11

Motion by Langenheim to recommend approval of the preliminary recommendation to the County Board of the request to Amend Champaign County Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Case 684-AT-11; seconded by Berkson. **Motion carried.**

Upcoming Citizen Planner Workshop on September 14th

This item provided for information only.

Monthly Report

Motion by Betz to receive and place on file the monthly report for Zoning; seconded by Richards. **Motion carried.**

Other Business

None.

Designation of Item to be Placed on County Board Consent Agenda

None.

ADDENDUM

ENVIRONMENT & LAND USE

Six-County ECIEDD Intergovernmental Agreement

MOTION by Weibel to recommend approval of the Six-County East Central Illinois Economic Development District Agreement; seconded by Cowart. Alix noticed there was language about alternate members having voting privileges. He said that he would like this provision in other areas of county business. Petrie asked for clarification if this the same contract that previously existed or is it a new contract. Susan Chavarria said this updates the 2008 contract and takes into account the full Illinois statutes. This does not come annually to the Board. Jay asked if there was any cost to the county to which they said no. **Motion carried with two no votes.**

OTHER BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by McGinty to enter into executive session at 8:25pm pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11) to consider litigation which is probable or imminent against Champaign County and further moved that the following individuals remain present: County's legal counsel, County Administrator and the recording secretary; seconded by Alix. **Motion carried with Alix, Ammons, Berkson, Cowart, Esry, Holderfield, Jay, Kurtz, Langenheim, Maxwell,**

McGinty, Moser, Nudo, O'Connor, Quisenberry, Richards, Schroeder and Weibel voting yes and with James voting no.

Meeting reopened at 8:31pm.

Meeting declared adjourned at 9:25pm.

**Note: The minutes of the meeting reflect the order of business on the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.*