

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD**  
**Committee of the Whole Minutes**

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*Tuesday, September 4, 2012 – 6:00pm*  
*Lyle Shields Meeting Room*  
*1776 E. Washington St., Urbana, IL*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alix, Ammons, Bensyl, Berkson, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Holderfield, James, Jay, Kibler, Kurtz, Langenheim, Maxwell, McGinty, Michaels, O'Connor, Petrie, Quisenberry, Richards, Rosales, Schroeder, Weibel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Anderson, Moser

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deb Busey (County Administrator), Sheriff Walsh, Gordy Hulten, Alan Reinhart, many members of the public

**Call to Order**

Board Chair Weibel called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

**Roll Call**

The secretary called the roll and the following were present: Alix, Ammons, Bensyl, Berkson, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Holderfield, James, Jay, Kibler, Kurtz, Langenheim, Maxwell, McGinty, Michaels, Mitchell, O'Connor, Petrie, Quisenberry, Richards, Rosales, Schroeder and Weibel.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Rosales to approve the minutes of August 7, 2012, as presented; seconded by Mitchell. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of Agenda/Addendum**

**Motion** by James to approve the agenda for the meeting; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Participation**

Scott Bidner spoke in opposition to a zoning case on the agenda.

James Kilgore spoke about the jail situation.

Lauren Murray, Annie Murray, Gwen Miller spoke in favor of the zoning case request on the agenda.

Martel Miller spoke in favor of more programs for youth and opposed building more jail space.

Beldon Fields spoke regarding public safety and the jail situation.

Jeremy Baumberger spoke regarding the upcoming decision on the jail needs assessment study.

A. Kirby read a letter from A. Courson in favor of the zoning case for L.A. Gourmet Catering.

B. Twist spoke about the jail situation and mental health inmates.

Susan Warsaw spoke in favor of L.A. Gourmet.

Chris Evans spoke regarding the jail situation and the jail needs assessments study.

Catherine Ehler spoke in favor of the L. A. Gourmet catering.

Durl Kruse spoke regarding the jail needs assessments study.

### Communications

Kibler said the Champaign County Farm Bureau had sent a letter thanking the Sheriff for his help with the Farm Bureau Tractor Drive.

### Environment & Land Use

#### Zoning Case 699-AM-11

**Motion** by Quisenberry to recommend approval of a request to amend the Zoning Map to change the zoning district designation from the existing AG-1 Agriculture Zoning District to the AG-2 Agriculture Zoning District to allow the development of an event center authorized by the Zoning Board of Appeals in related Zoning Case 700-S-11; seconded by James. Schroeder said there have been other businesses located in the area of the proposed event center and this would not be a special use, but rather a zoning change in the Ag district. Langenheim asked the difference was between a country club and an event center in operation. Hall said that was a good point, but possible ten acres is a bit small for a country club. James asked for a roll call vote. Carter spoke in favor of approving the zoning change request. Jay said this is a reasonable request, being beneficial not only to Hensley township, but to the County as well. Mitchell said he can see the ambience they wish to create with this new business. Petrie stated why she intended to vote against the case and that is that it should revert back to AG-1 should this particular business close. Holderfield addressed the issue for Petrie's suggestion. She said it makes it difficult to finance property if the business on the property is there now. Alix said the basis for his decision relates to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the work they have completed. Quisenberry and Michaels both stated they appreciate the work that L.A. Gourmet has put into their request.

**Motion** by Ammons to call the question; seconded by Weibel. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to approve the zoning map change carried by roll call vote with Alix, Ammons, Bensyl, Berkson, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Holderfield, James, Jay, Kibler, Kurtz, Langenheim, McGinty, Maxwell, Michaels Mitchell, O'Connor, Quisenberry, Richard, Rosales, Schroeder and Weibel voting yes. Petrie voted no.**

### Monthly Report

**Motion** by Langenheim to receive and place on file the monthly report of the Zoning Office; seconded by Quisenberry. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### County Facilities

#### Designation of Top Ranked Firm for Consulting Services for Champaign County Jail Needs Assessment

**Motion** by Ammons to recommend approval that ILPP be designated as the top ranked firm for consulting services for the Champaign County Jail Needs Assessment study; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried by roll call vote with Alix, Ammons, Berkson, Betz, Carter, Carter, Cowart, Kurtz, Langenheim, McGinty, Petrie, Quisenberry, Richards, Rosales and Weibel voting yes and with Bensyl, Esry, Holderfield, James, Jay, Kibler, Maxwell, Michaels, Mitchell, O'Connor and Schroeder voting no.**

#### Recommendation for Shields Meeting Room Improvements to Enhance County Board Public Access

Ms. Busey stated there are significant issues with the sound system, which is failing. She also noted the number of county board members will decrease on December 1. She noted there are two designs on the desks this evening that will improve several areas of the meeting room with regard to the sound system, video filming of the meetings and the configuration of the room. She noted the County Clerk, the IT Department, Physical Plant and the Treasurer's Office have compiled their resources to follow through with upgrades and changes.

McGinty said he likes the horseshoe configuration. He said it is a good deal to be able to get this completed in this fiscal year.

**Motion** by Kibler to approve the remodel of the Shields Meeting Room with replacement of video system by the County Clerk, replacement of the sound system and presentation system by County IT, remodel of room by Physical Plant going with Option #1, and replacement of furnishings through the Capital Asset Replacement Fund and further recommends to the Finance Committee the approval of a transfer of \$55,000 from the General County Contingent Line Item to the Physical Plant Budget for the completion of this project; seconded by Mitchell. Berkson said a true horseshoe configuration would make more sense.

**Motion** by Weibel to substitute Option #1 with Option #2; seconded by Quisenberry. Kibler stated either option was okay with him. Jay asked if it was necessary to make the decision at tonight's meeting with regard to the options and asked if that could be left open. Busey said it was most likely it was open because the equipment for both options is the same. Brief discussion continued. Motion carried.

Discussion returned to the main motion. Kibler wanted a further breakdown of the costs associated with the project. Alix wanted to know what kind of seating was to be in place for the public. Gordy Hulten explained for the committee how and where the video cameras would be placed and how the streaming live would work. **Motion carried.**

#### Report Regarding Downtown Jail Facility

Reinhart said he and the Sheriff identified some areas that needed improvements. The first noted was limited roof maintenance and repair. He has some photos showing areas of the roof that needed repair. Another area needing maintenance and repair is the exterior masonry walls. There are areas that need tuck pointing for open cracks and mortar joints.

Reinhart continued with needed interior improvements. He noted the indoor recreation area floor tile has approximately 30% of the tile missing or is broken. The majority of the main corridor locks in the jail area are obsolete. The natural lighting in the day rooms was greatly restricted in the 1980's by welding plate steel over the security windows. A short time later a series of small holes were drilled in the plate steel to allow a limited amount of natural light into the day room. He said shower stalls have multiple layers of paint that have been applied over the years. They can no longer hold adhesion to new paint. A proven method used in two of the stall is install aluminum mechanically fastened to the walls. There are 8 remaining showers that need this work. The final item noted was painting of the cell blocks and day rooms.

He told the committee that he's not received all of the pricing quotes he requested, therefore he provided a range of approximate costs associated with the repairs.

The Sheriff reviewed the priority list and said he disagreed with item #3 on the list, but did agree with all of the other items.

**Motion** by Michaels to recommend to the Finance Committee of the Whole approval of a budget amendment of \$50,000 from the Capital Facilities Fund Reserve for Downtown Correctional Center Maintenance Projects; seconded by Mitchell. Brief discussion continued. It is intended for this to be appropriated in this year's budget, but if necessary it will be re-encumbered in next year's budget due to the time left. **Motion carried.**

Courthouse Air Conditioning Compressor Failure

Reinhart explained about trouble with the Courthouse Air Conditioning Compressor. He reviewed quotes received for repairs to the system.

**Motion** by Quisenberry to recommend to Finance Committee of the Whole approval of a budget amendment of \$11,000 from Courts Construction Complex Fund Balance for the courthouse air conditioning compressor replacement; seconded by Cowart. Petrie asked if there would be a warranty with the repair. Reinhart said there would definitely be a warranty, but he will investigate purchasing an extended warranty. Brief discussion continued. **Motion carried.**

Lease Agreement for RPC for additional space at Brookens Administrative Center

**Motion** by McGinty to recommend approval a Lease Agreement for RPC for additional space at Brookens Administrative Center; seconded by Weibel. **Motion carried.**

202 Art Bartell Construction Project

**Motion** by Quisenberry to receive and place on file the reports of the 202 Art Bartell Construction Project; seconded by Michaels. **Motion carried.**

Physical Plant Monthly Reports

**Motion** by Kurtz to receive and place on file the monthly reports of the Physical Plant; seconded by Michaels. **Motion carried.**

Other Business

None.

Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

The Lease Agreement will be placed on the consent agenda.

**Adjournment**

Meeting declared adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranae Wolken  
Recording Secretary