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

**Finance; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments; Justice & Social Services
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
Lyle Shields Meeting Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Alix, Jack Anderson, Brad Clemmons, Lorraine Cowart, Shana Crews, Aaron Esry, Stan Harper, Josh Hartke, Matt Hiser, Jim McGuire, Diane Michaels, Max Mitchell, Kyle Patterson, Patti Petrie, Jon Rector, Giraldo Rosales, Stephen Summers, James Tinsley, C. Pius Weibel

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Jay, Robert King

OTHERS PRESENT: Gordy Hulten (County Clerk), Tami Ogden (Deputy County Administrator/Finance), Kay Rhodes (Administrative Assistant), Rick Snider (County Administrator), Dan Welch (Treasurer)

CALL TO ORDER

Weibel called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Rhodes called the roll. Alix, Anderson, Clemmons, Cowart, Crews, Esry, Harper, Hartke, Hiser, McGuire, Michaels, Mitchell, Patterson, Petrie, Rector, Rosales, Summers, Tinsley, and Weibel were present at the time of roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

MOTION by Rosales to approve the Agenda/Addenda; seconded by Petrie. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Esry to approve the minutes of November 10, 2016; seconded by Anderson. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

James Golaszewski, Beth Schafer, Joni Barnes, and Mayor Prussing spoke on the value of retaining the University of Illinois Police Training Institute here in the community. Racial Justice Task Force members: Sara Balgoyen, Artice James, Gerry Walter, and Esther Patt, all spoke regarding the need for the County to provide a suitable meeting space for their work. Rohn Koester and James Kilgore supported the work of the Racial Justice Task Force and asked the County to provide the needed meeting space.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Alix had only recently learned from a constituent of the meeting space difficulties experienced by the Racial Justice Task Force and he hoped that the issues could be resolved very soon. Weibel assured Alix that he was working on better arrangements for them.

Hiser added that he had attended the last Racial Justice Task Force meeting and members discussed a current data collection project, which he felt would be helpful moving forward with the further discussions regarding the County Jail.

Rector called for a point of order. McGuire felt further discussion on this topic could take place more appropriately under the Justice and Social Services portion of the agenda and agreed that the task force needed a proper meeting space. Hiser agreed, and would share more information regarding the data collection at that point in the agenda.

Crews announced that the Social Justice Dinner at the McKinley Foundation would be held April 29, 2017 and nominations are still open for individuals in the community and community groups for consideration of award of a \$500 stipend.

Petrie updated members regarding retired County Board member, Gary Maxwell and current County Board member, John Jay.

JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES

Reentry Program

Hiser pointed out that Rosecrance representatives were available to answer any questions regarding the Community Reentry Program Quarterly Report and the proposed extension of the current contract for services.

Petrie pointed out that this is the third year that the County Board has supported the Community Reentry Program and she felt that the quarterly reports did not provide enough detail.

Bruce Barnard and Celeste Blodgett explained that a large part of the reentry program is making the initial contact because prior to the initiation of the program, this was not happening and of course, after that, it is up to these individuals to seek and participate in the opportunities presented to them. Currently, 36% choose to engage in services after the initial contact. Barnard added that this program does not provide services; it links individuals with community services and resources geared towards their needs that are already in place.

Alix asked if the communication regarding pre-release notifications from the Department of Corrections had improved. Barnard stated that they were able to get the local parole office to participate in the Reentry Council. Blodgett added that she receives a weekly notice of release, but she sometimes needs to check with the local office because many times parolees are not included on these lists.

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Alix asked if they felt that the Reentry Program had been more successful with people released from the Department of Corrections than those released from the County Jail. Barnard felt that the length of incarceration presents the highest risk factor.

Alix asked Barnard to elaborate on a key point noted in the quarterly report, which was a need for specialized housing, both in the jail and out in the community. Barnard explained that many County jails have created segregated housing for those individuals with mental illness, which provides a more therapeutic environment for these individuals.

Barnard said that the Champaign County Jail Administration has indicated a willingness to do this, but currently do not have the necessary facility resources to do so. Barnard added that the County Jail does not have the current facilities to hold any type of reentry meetings either. Recently, a MRT clinical training session was cancelled in order to accommodate a reentry meeting focus group.

Barnard further stated that out in the community there is no designated housing available for the homeless reentry population or those at risk of homelessness. Housing may only be available if an individual has a mental illness or drug addiction. The Champaign County Housing Authority has certain restrictions that do not allow for the reentry population. Alix hoped that the Housing Authority would become more flexible in the future, especially when a housing candidate is an active participant in the reentry program.

Petrie asked what type of progress the Reentry Council had been made to create an intergovernmental agreement with the various entities for a community crisis center. Barnard explained that there were two approaches occurring simultaneously: 1) the Reentry Council, whose primary focus is reentry and early contact to provide the needed community services; 2) the Crisis Response Planning Committee, whose primary focus is a very detailed planning process to document and identify needs, collect data and look at the criminal justice system using the sequential intercept model. Barnard added that the Crisis Response Planning Committee did not have enough data at this time to support the cost of a behavioral assessment center for the community.

The Community Reentry Report for September 2016-November 2016 was received and placed on file.

MOTION by Weibel to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing and extended contract between the County of Champaign and Rosecrance for reentry program services; seconded by Hartke. **Motion carried with unanimous support.** Petrie did not want the item placed on the consent agenda.

Monthly Reports

All reports were received and placed on file.

Other Business

There was no other business.

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Chair's Report

Hiser briefly discussed the methodology of data collection by the University of Illinois students for the Racial Justice Task Force. He explained that the data was coming directly from the County's justice system.

Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

There were no items for the Consent Agenda.

POLICY, PERSONNEL, & APPOINTMENTS

Appointments/Reappointments

MOTION by Weibel to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Jim Goss as a County Board member from District 1 replacing Gary Maxwell for an unexpired term ending 11/30/2018; seconded by McGuire. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Weibel to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Kay Grabow to the Lincoln Legacy Committee, term 3/1/2017-2/28/2020; seconded by Anderson. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Weibel to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Darren Johnson to the Salt Fork Drainage District Board for an unexpired term ending 8/31/2019; seconded by Anderson. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Weibel to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Tyler Wright to the Ogden-Royal Fire Protection District Board for an unexpired term ending 4/30/2018; seconded by Harper. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Weibel to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Nathan Montgomery to the Rural Transit Advisory Group, term 1/1/2017-12/31/2018; seconded by Rector. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

OMNIBUS MOTION by Weibel to recommend County Board approval of resolutions appointing Dick Norton, Wednesday Medlen, and Giraldo Rosales to the Community Action Board, Terms 1/1/2017-12/31/2019; seconded by Hartke. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Cowart left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

County Clerk

OMNIBUS MOTION by Crews to receive the monthly reports for November 2016, December 2016, and January 2017; as well as the Semi-Annual Report – July 2016-December 2016 and placed them on file; seconded by Weibel. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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MOTION by Hartke to recommend County Board approval of a resolution to establish place of election for City of Champaign #2, #3, #4, #5, #7 and #8; and Cunningham #3, #4, and #5; seconded by Hiser.

Alix and Petrie supported the motion based on the State's Attorney's opinion. However, they were concerned about the added costs to the County. McGuire was against the motion and believed that the additional expenditures to implement this resolution would better benefit County residents used elsewhere. **Motion carried with a roll call vote of 10-8.** Alix, Crews, Hartke, Hiser, Patterson, Petrie, Rosales, Summers, Tinsley, and Weibel voted in favor of the motion. Anderson, Clemmons, Esry, Harper, McGuire, Michaels, Mitchell, and Rector voted against it.

County Administrator Monthly HR Report

November and December 2016 reports; January 2017 report received and placed on file.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report.

Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

Items A3-7 were designated for the Consent Agenda.

FINANCE

Treasurer

The Treasurer's reports of November 2016, December 2016, and January 2017 were received and placed on file.

OMNIBUS MOTION by Hartke to recommend County Board approval of resolutions authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate Certificate of Purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel 15-025-0132 and permanent parcel 20-032-0245; seconded by McGuire. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

OMNIBUS MOTION by Michaels to recommend County Board approval of resolutions authorizing the County Board Chair to assign mobile home tax sale Certificates of Purchase on permanent parcels 03-002-0138; 14-020-0168; 30-058-0148; and 30-058-0243; seconded by Hartke. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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Auditor

The Auditor's reports of November 2016, December 2016, and January 2017, as well as the Quarterly Report were received and placed on file.

Nursing Home

Anderson stated that the financial situation at the nursing home had not changed. The nursing home currently owes approximately \$3 million to vendors. Michaels pointed out a typo on the Monthly Financial Report on page 3. The report was received and placed on file.

Budget Amendments/Transfers

MOTION by Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Transfer 16-00019** for Fund/Dept. 076 Tort Immunity Tax/075 General County with a total transfer of \$45,338 to pay General Corporate's share of Property/Auto/Liability insurance premiums for FY2016; seconded by Michaels. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Summers to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Amendment 16-00077** for Fund/Dept. 080 General Corporate/032 Jury Commission with increased appropriations of \$839 and no matching revenue for a necessary increase in the Temporary Employee Salary line item; seconded by Rector. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Hartke to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Amendment 16-00078** for Fund/Dept. 101 MHB/DDB CILA Facilities/054 CILA Project with increased appropriations of \$20,265 with increased revenue of \$19553 for FY2016 CILA Fund; seconded by Hiser. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Amendment 17-00003** for Fund/Dept. 075 Regional Planning Commission/0795 Urbana Pedestrian Plan with increased appropriations of \$36,053 with matching revenue reflecting receipt of grant from the City of Urbana for the creation of a pedestrian master plan; seconded by Hartke. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Michaels to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Amendment 17-00004** for Fund/Dept. 075 Regional Planning Commission/810 IDOT Rantoul Transportation Plan with increased appropriations of \$42,000 with matching revenue for receipt of federal funding for the Rantoul Transportation Plan; seconded by Weibel. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Hiser to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Amendment 17-00005** for Fund/Dept. 075 Regional Planning Commission/811 CARE4U Urbana Summer Youth Program with increased appropriations of \$30,000 and matching revenue to provide human resource and payroll processing for 25 CARE4U Urbana Summer Youth Program enrollees; seconded by Tinsley. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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County Administrator

General Corporate Fund Reports

Snider stated that the FY2016 revenues were expected to come in at \$1.2 million below the projected budget. The four (4) significant items contributing to this were:

1. **AOIC State Reimbursement -\$740,409:** Grants-in-aid and subsidies from the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts (AOIC) for probation and court services salary reimbursement have been delayed. While reimbursement is generally in arrears 6-months, funds received in January 2016 were in arrears 8-months. An additional impact to FY2016 budgeted revenues is the result of the County's early receipt of AOIC reimbursement in FY2015 (received through November 2015). Current revenue projections assume receipt of one more disbursement prior to the close of the fiscal year.
2. **Nursing Home Loan Reimbursement -\$262,115:** Historically, the Nursing Home has issued Tax Anticipation Warrants in order to pay for its IMRF and FICA obligations in addition to reimbursing the County for the debt service associated with the 2006 construction project. In November, MPA notified the County that there were insufficient funds to reimburse the County for the loan principal and second interest payment.
3. **ILEAS Rent -\$218,475:** Mold testing and remediation planning at the ILEAS building has resulted in the County moving to a short-term lease agreement. In prior years, the County received rent in the current fiscal year for January-June of the subsequent fiscal year. Due to the monthly agreement currently in place, rent received for 2017 will be posted to the appropriate fiscal year and give the County the opportunity to accurately record the revenue moving forward.
4. **County Clerk's Budgeted Transfer -\$71,500:** The FY2016 budget includes a transfer from the County Clerk's Automation Fund to the General Fund. To accommodate the 4% budget cuts and offset increased expenditures in FY2016, the County Clerk proposed transferring \$50,000 in savings from his FY2015 General Fund budget to the his automation fund in order to combine that savings with \$21,500 from the automation fund and transfer \$71,500 back to the General Fund in FY2016. Savings from the FY2015 operating budget totaled \$38,469 and the funds were transferred to the County Clerk's automation fund at the close of the fiscal year. The County Clerk has informed Administrative Services that he has no plans to transfer the \$38,469, nor the \$21,500 to the General Fund. The County Clerk also requested three (3) budget amendments totaling \$151,539 in FY2016.

The General Corporate Fund Budget Projection and Budget Change reports were received and placed on file.

MOTION by Hartke to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the abatement and reduction of taxes heretofore levied for the payment of bonds; seconded by Esry. Snider pointed out that a separate resolution would be brought forth to clean-up some items they discovered after discussions with bond counsel. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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MOTION by Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing a loan to the General Corporate Fund from the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund; seconded by Anderson. Petrie asked when this loan would be needed. Welch responded that the only years in which the County had not borrowed were 2002, 2005 and 2016. In the years of 2011-2015, the County borrowed in the month of April. Welch indicated that whenever his cash flow projections fall within \$1 million, he is concerned because payroll for one (1) month is \$1.7 million. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Weibel discussed a recent notice from the State of Illinois regarding the Illinois Bicentennial Grant Funding Initiative. Weibel stated that if there were no objections that the County Administrator would be the contact person for this initiative. There were no objections.

Other Business

MOTION by Hartke to approve application for FY2017 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Grant; seconded by Rosales. Snider pointed out that in the past, this item had been listed as: “*Request Approval of Application, & If Awarded, Acceptance of Justice & Mental Health Collaboration Program Grant...*”; however, they had just received notification and are requesting permission for staff to move forward and develop the application to be brought back for approval. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Chair’s Report

There was no Chair’s report.

Designation of Items for the Consent Agenda

Items A2-7; D1-6; E3-4 were designated for the Consent Agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION by Hartke to recommend county Board approval of a resolution authorizing the reestablishment of the Strategic Planning Committee, and appointment of the following members: Weibel (Chair), King, Petrie, and Rector, with an additional member to be appointed at a later date; seconded by Mitchell. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Weibel adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Rhodes,
Administrative Assistant

Please note the minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.