



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

*Finance/ Policy, Personnel, & Appointments/Justice & Social Services*  
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois  
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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

**MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on June 9, 2020**

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**Members Present:** Brad Clemmons, Lorraine Cowart, Connie Dillard-Myers, Jodi Eisenmann, Cynthia Fears, Stephanie Fortado, Jim Goss, Mike Ingram, Jim McGuire, Kyle Patterson, Jon Rector, Chris Stohr, Steve Summers, Leah Taylor, Eric Thorsland, Jodi Wolken, Charles Young, Giraldo Rosales

**Members Absent:** Aaron Esry, Stan Harper, James Tinsley

**Others Present:** Darlene Kloeppel (County Executive), Tami Ogden (Deputy Director of Finance), Megan Robison (Recording Secretary), Aaron Ammons (County Clerk), George Danos (Auditor), Dustin Heuerman (Sheriff), John Hall (Director of Planning & Zoning), Marisol Hughes (Treasurer), Alejandra Aguero (Chief Deputy Treasurer), Elizabeth Burgener-Patton (Board of Review), Lisa Benson (Community Services Director, RPC)

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**Agenda Items**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Rosales called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

A verbal roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

**III. Approval of Agenda/Addenda**

**MOTION** by Ms. Cowart to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Young. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

A. March 10, 2020

**MOTION** by Mr. Goss to approve the minutes of March 10, 2020; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**V. Public Participation**

Amy Gibbons introduced herself as a small business owner in the community.

Annie Murray, Pear Tree Estate owner, asked the Board to recognize the economic impact that COVID-19 has had on Champaign County and the small businesses. She would like to see Champaign County re-open faster than Governor Pritzker's plan.

Mr. Ammons read a statement about the affect that COVID-19 has had on elections and what his office has done to keep voters and judges safe.

**VI. Presentations**

A. Youth Assessment Center

Ms. Benson presented information about the Youth Assessment Center to the Board. She highlighted their history, services, data, goals and future steps for the program. Discussion followed about changes due to COVID-19, what a formal station adjustment entails, and programs where youth are referred.

**VII. Communications**

Mr. Stohr proposed that the County Board create an ad hoc committee on incarceration, diversion, and Sheriff's Office relocation. He stated the many issues the committee should discuss, the leaders and organizations that should be included in the conversation, and a timeline for a recommendation to be made. Mr. Stohr is requesting this item to be included on the May County Board agenda for discussion and approval.

Mr. Rector recognized his constituent Brian Blume. Mr. Blume is asking the County Board to delay due dates and waive late fees on property tax bills. Mr. Rector also mentioned the difficulties that small businesses are currently facing due to the Governor's current order.

Mr. Ingram thanked everyone that has been making face masks for the community. He also mentioned the virtual town hall that is being held on May 26<sup>th</sup> regarding home rule.

Mr. Thorsland spoke about the Lincoln Legacy Committee and their current efforts. He also asked that everyone support the vote by mail effort. Finally, he spoke about the outbreak at Rantoul Foods and his hopes that the County Board of Health can get all of the resources they need.

Ms. Fortado commended Ben Galewsky for his creation of a database to help connect agencies with volunteers.

Mr. Goss expressed his sorrow over the loss of Rudy Frasca and how he will be missed in the community.

**VIII. Finance**

A. Budget Amendments/Transfers

1. Budget Amendment 20-00016

Fund 080 General Corporate / Dept 077 Zoning Enforcement

Increased appropriations: \$30,000

Increased revenue: \$0

Reason: Proposed demolition and clean-up of 202 Third Street, Fooseland, Illinois

**MOTION** by Mr. Thorsland to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing budget amendment 20-00016; seconded by Mr. Patterson. Discussion followed. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

2. Budget Amendment 20-00019  
Fund 080 General Corporate / Dept 026 County Treasurer  
Increased appropriations: \$34,300  
Increased revenue: \$0  
Reason: Request for part time temp staff to assist with bank reconciliations for 3 months. Also, for expenditures that are historical pay from funds 619 which is unable to support this cost due to over utilization in FY 2019

**MOTION** by Ms. Fortado to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing budget amendment 20-00019; seconded by Mr. McGuire. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- B. Treasurer
  1. Monthly Report – March 2020

Received and placed on file – Ms. Hughes and Ms. Agüero discussed property taxes with the Board members

- C. Auditor
  1. Monthly Report – April 2020

Received and placed on file – Mr. Goss mentioned the new Chief Deputy Auditor and the audit status

- D. County Executive
  1. Resolution authorizing the execution of a service agreement for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such a program (electric aggregation)

**MOTION** by Mr. Thorsland to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the execution of a service agreement for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such a program (electric aggregation); seconded by Mr. Ingram. Discussion followed. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

2. Resolution authorizing execution of Emergency Management Agency COVID-19 Related Supplies Capital Fund Participation Agreement

**MOTION** by Mr. Young to recommend County Board approval of a Resolution authorizing execution of Emergency Management Agency COVID-19 Related Supplies Capital Fund Participation Agreement; seconded by Ms. Cowart. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

3. Ideas to mitigate County expenses in 2020 and 2021

Ms. Kloeppel and Ms. Ogden are meeting with Department Heads to discuss the 2021 budget and determine different areas of savings. Ms. Ogden suggested the fund balance should be protected by mitigating the balance by approximately \$1,000,000. Discussion followed about getting more specific reference points, tax revenue ideas, re-opening businesses, a hiring freeze, saving on commodities and furloughs.

Ms. Fears left at 8:05 p.m.

E. Other Business

None

F. Chair's Report

Chair Goss expressed his frustration with how the COVID-19 outbreak at Rantoul Foods was handled by the County Board of Health and Champaign-Urbana Public Health District.

G. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

VIII. A. 1, 2, D. 1, 2

**IX. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments**

A. County Executive

1. Monthly HR Report – April 2020

Received and placed on file

2. Appointments/Reappointments (persons to be appointed distributed at the meeting)

**Applicants (*italics indicates incumbent*):**

a. Penfield Public Water District – 1 position – term 06/01/2020-05/31/2025

- *Carl Withers*

**MOTION** by Mr. Rector to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Carl Withers to the Penfield Public Water District; seconded by Ms. Wolken. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

b. Sangamon Valley Public Water District – 1 position – term 06/01/2020-05/31/2025

- *Frank Howard*
- Michelle Grindley

**MOTION** by Ms. Cowart to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Michelle Grindley to the Sangamon Valley Public Water District; seconded by Ms. Eisenmann. Discussion followed. Upon vote, the **MOTION FAILED**.

c. Farmland Assessment Review Committee – 2 positions – term 06/01/2020-05/31/2024

- *Richard Rayburn*
- Jeffery Adam Watson

**MOTION** by Mr. Goss to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Richard Rayburn and Jeffery Adam Watson to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee; seconded by Mr. Rector. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

d. Union Drainage District #2 of St. Joseph and Ogden – 1 position – unexpired term ending 08/31/2020

- Dwight Raab

**MOTION** by Mr. Stohr to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Dwight Raab to the Union Drainage District #2 of St. Joseph and Ogden; seconded by Mr. Rosales. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- e. South Fork Drainage District – 1 position – unexpired term ending 08/31/2021
  - Dirk Rice

**MOTION** by Mr. Goss to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Dirk Rice to the South Fork Drainage District; seconded by Mr. Rosales. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- f. Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District – 1 position – term 06/01/2020-05/31/2023
  - *Ladell Myrick*

**MOTION** by Mr. Summers to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Ladell Myrick to the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District; seconded by Mr. Patterson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- g. Board of Review – 3 positions – 2 terms 06/1/2020-05/31/2022 and 1 unexpired term ending 05/31/2021
  - *Elizabeth Burgener-Patton*
  - *Zebo Zebe*
  - *Paul Sailor*

**MOTION** by Mr. Goss to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Elizabeth Burgener-Patton to the Board of Review; seconded by Mr. McGuire. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

**MOTION** by Mr. Rector to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Zebo Zebe to the Board of Review; seconded by Mr. Rosales. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

**MOTION** by Mr. Rosales to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Paul Sailor to the Board of Review; seconded by Mr. Clemmons. Discussion followed.

**MOTION** by Mr. Goss for roll call vote; seconded by Mr. McGuire. Discussion followed. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION FAILED** by a vote of 6-11.

3. Preparation for COVID- re-opening

Information only

4. Extension of proclamation of a disaster in Champaign County for Coronavirus-19 response

**MOTION** by Ms. Taylor to recommend County Board approval of an ordinance extending the proclamation of a disaster in Champaign County for Coronavirus-19 response; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Discussion followed.

**MOTION** by Mr. Rector to amend the proclamation for an end date of June 30, 2020; seconded by Mr. McGuire. Discussion followed.

**MOTION** by Ms. Fortado for a roll call vote on the motion to amend; seconded by Mr. Patterson. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION TO AMEND FAILED** by a vote of 6-11.

**MOTION** by Mr. Goss for a roll call vote on the original motion; seconded by Mr. Patterson. Upon roll call vote, the original **MOTION PASSED** by a vote of 11-6.

- B. County Clerk-  
1. April 2020 Report

Received and placed on file

C. Other Business

- D. Chair's Report  
1. County Executive appointments expiring June 2020  
2. Currently vacant appointments made by the County Executive

Upcoming and current vacancies mentioned

E. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

IX. A. 2. a, c, d, e, f

**X. Justice and Social Services**

- A. Monthly Reports
- Probation & Court Services – March 2020 & 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report
  - Public Defender – March 2020
  - Animal Control – February & March 2020

Received and placed on file

- B. Sheriff  
1. Relocation of Sheriff's Office and Downtown Jail

Mr. Patterson mentioned the Sheriff's proposal for relocating the Sheriff's Office and plans for overflow inmates. Discussion followed about location ideas, proper procedures, and current economic issues.

C. Other Business

None

D. Chair's Report

None

E. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

None

**XI. Other Business**

- A. Resignation of District 2 County Board Member John Clifford

Chair Rosales mentioned the recent resignation of County Board Member John Clifford. He stated the Republican Central Committee has forwarded their recommendation and he will be making an appointment at the May County Board meeting.

**XII. Adjournment**

Chair Rosales adjourned the meeting at 9:57 p.m.