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**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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**COUNTY EXECUTIVE TRANSITION COMMITTEE**

**Monday, February 5, 2018**

**Brookens Administrative Center, Jennifer K. Putman Meeting Room  
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Goss, Jim McGuire, Steve Summers, C. Pius Weibel (Chair)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kyle Patterson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deb Busey (County Administrator), Pattsi Petrie (County Board member),  
Kay Rhodes (Administrative Assistant)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Weibel called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Goss, McGuire, Summers, and Weibel were present at the time of roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM**

**MOTION** by Goss to approve the agenda; seconded by Summers. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Summers to approve the January 23, 2018 minutes; seconded by Goss. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF NEW COUNTY BOARD RULES**

Weibel explained that the discussion and approval of the new County Board Rules would be an on-going item on every agenda, as the committee members worked through each section to the ultimate final draft. The committee discussed current committee structure pros and cons. Suggested changes for consideration: 1) all standing committees 2) an additional Committee of the Whole meeting incorporating the current standing committees of Environment & Land Use; Facilities; and Highway & Transportation. Busey pointed out that at one time there had been a second Committee of the Whole and it was very effective.

Other suggestions were to make Justice & Social Services a standing committee; move Facilities to the Committee of the Whole with Finance and Policy.

Busey believed that the Committee of the Whole with Finance and Policy is very valuable because it is at this meeting where issues are flushed out and discussed with all the board members present. Then there is time between the Committee of the Whole meeting and the County Board meeting for resolution of issues.

The committee also discussed possible changes to the titles of the County Board Chair, Vice-Chair and Caucus Chairs. There was no objection to the continued use of these titles.

The committee agreed that it was important for the County Executive to designate an individual who would preside over meetings if he/she is unavailable. The committee discussed whether this individual should be a county board member and if so, would this county board member essentially vote twice in the event of a tie; once as a county board member, then again to break a tie vote.

Committee members would discuss the suggested changes to committee structure with their respective caucuses and report back at the next meeting. Busey encouraged inclusion of the County Executive in the preparation of agendas; clarifying in the rules that it is ultimately up to the County Board Chair.

Weibel would summarize the changes discussed for the next meeting. He encouraged committee members to review the Will County Board Rules and Procedures for changes and modifications necessary to the Champaign County Board Rules.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

### **QUESTIONS FOR ST. ATTORNEY**

Weibel would check with the State's Attorney regarding the following: *If a county board member is designated by the County Executive to preside over a county board meeting at which the County Executive is absent; does the county board member retain the ability to vote on the issues?*

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Rhodes,  
Administrative Assistant