

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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**PUBLIC AID APPEALS COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, September 25, 2012**

**Brookens Administrative Center, Meeting Room 4  
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pam Borowski, Bernard Magsamen, James Rusk, C. Pius Weibel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Carol Elliott (Cunningham Township Supervisor), Fred Grosser (Attorney for Cunningham Township), Ranae Wolken (Administrative Assistant)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Weibel called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Wolken called the roll. Borowski, Magsamen, Rusk, and Weibel were present at the time of the roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**OMNIBUS MOTION** by Rusk to approve the minutes of September 22, 2010 and August 8, 2012; seconded by Borowski. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**AGENDA/ADDENDUM**

**MOTION** by Rusk to approve the agenda for the meeting; seconded by Magsamen. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**PUBLIC AID APPEAL FROM CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP  
REGARDING APPELLANT #02.12**

**Receipt of Evidence from Appellant and Township**

Appellant was under the impression he could attend school in place of workfare. School started in August but before then he worked at Habitat for Humanity. Borowski asked if he had contacted the township to notify them he was attending school. He did not.

Rusk asked what date school began. The Appellant stated school started on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Weibel asked what type of classes the Appellant attended. Appellant 2.12 said they were G.E.D. classes.

Weibel swore in the witnesses. Amy Wolf, Caseworker said her first contact with Appellant 2.12 was during the intake appointment where she explained workfare program consisted of 29 hours per month at an agency based on need. She said he was aware that he needed to provide written documentation that he attended school.

Bridgette Butler, Workfare Coordinator, said they had contacted him twice in July letting him know that he was required to attend the Workfare.

Carol Elliott, Cunningham Township Supervisor testified that although Appellant 2.12 had agreed to do the workfare in August, he did not.

**MOTION** by Magsamen to accept exhibits presented and place on file; seconded by Borowski. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**MOTION** by Borowski to enter into Closed Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(4) to Consider Evidence or Testimony Presented in Open Hearing to This Quasi – Adjudicative Body; seconded by to accept the township’s statement of facts into evidence; seconded by Magsamen. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

The committee entered into Closed Session at 9:59 a.m. The committee resumed Open Session at 10:04 a.m.

#### Announcement of Decision

**MOTION** by Borowski to uphold the Cunningham Township’s decision to find Appellant #02.12 ineligible for general assistance benefits based on previous warnings and the Appellant #02.12 failure to comply; seconded by Magsamen. **Motion carried by roll call vote with unanimous support.**

#### OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Rhodes  
Administrative Assistant