

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
FACILITIES COMMITTEE
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois**

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on February 10, 2021

DATE: Tuesday January 5, 2021
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lyle Shields Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 E. Washington St., Urbana IL 61802
(ZOOM Meeting)

Committee Members

Present: Steve Summers, Stan Harper, Jodi Wolken, Jordan Humphrey, Emily Rodriguez, Leah Taylor, Jim Goss

Absent: DeShawn Williams

County Staff: Dana Brenner (Facilities Director), Dustin Heureman (Sheriff), Barb Mann (Assistant State’s Attorney), Kyle Patterson (County Board Chair), Dan Busey (Recording Clerk)

Others Present: None

Agenda

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chair Summers called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. Approval of Agenda/Addenda

Moved by Ms. Taylor to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Wolken. Upon Roll Call Vote, the **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

III. Approval of Minutes – November 4, 2020

Moved by Mr. Harper to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Goss. Upon Roll Call Vote, the **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

IV. Public Participation

There was no participation by the public.

V. Communications

There were no communications brought before the committee.

VI. New Business

A. Sheriff’s Presentation and Discussion. Sheriff Heureman highlighted some of the information the Sheriff’s Office has given the Facilities Committee within the last year. The Sheriff stated that it is his goal to give the committee the information they need to make an informed decision on the closure of the Downtown Jail. The Sheriff went into detail about housing inmates, conditions/needs of the facility, ADA Compliance, and other ways in which the downtown jail (built in 1979) is outdated to today’s standards. Sheriff Heureman went over the results of a recent safety survey that was conducted as well. Ms. Taylor inquired about housing classifications, fire drill

procedures, and the absence of carbon monoxide detectors. Discussion followed. Mr. Humphrey asked about the heating in both of facilities (Satellite and Downtown Jails). Mr. Brenner detailed the state of the HVAC equipment and what has been detailed in the Counties 10-year Facilities Plan. Ms. Rodriguez had questions about the “One Door” Policy and how it could affect operations of the jails. Sheriff Heureman stated that he believes the positions created would be more in the field, but also touched on the space limitations of the current facilities. Mr. Summers expressed his goal of having the Facility Committee Members, who have not yet toured the jails, to have an opportunity to do so once COVID restrictions have been lifted.

- B. Humane Society Lease Discussion and Approval. **Moved** by Ms. Taylor to approve the Humane Society Lease; **seconded** by Ms. Rodriguez. Mr. Brenner informed the Committee of the history of the agreement between Champaign County and the Humane Society. Mr. Brenner also went into some of the Humane Societies future plans which have played a part in prompting the request of proposing this new lease to the county. Ms. Mann gave information, based on statute, about what the County Board’s options are in this matter. Mr. Summers stated that he doesn’t believe that the county has given the Humane Society any reason to believe that the County would not continue the current lease with extensions. Ms. Mann mentioned ways that could extend the lease in a more protective fashion for the county. Mr. Brenner spoke about safeguards and milestones that could be added through amendments to the lease. Mr. Goss was asked of his opinion, Mr. Goss stated that he doesn’t necessarily see a need to extend the lease at this point. Mr. Goss gave some examples of why a long-term lease like this may not be in the best interest of the county. Ms. Taylor asked for clarification regarding the term of the lease. Ms. Mann offered more details of the current lease. Mr. Patterson asked Ms. Mann and Mr. Brenner what the benefits of approving the lease would be. The consensus between the two was that it is an agreement made in good will to the Humane Society at their request. Ms. Taylor asked to defer a vote and create a new agreement that would have different wording as far as extensions. Discussion about deferral and renegotiations with the Humane Societies Board followed. Mr. Brenner proposed having a conference with the Humane Societies’ Board and sharing the committee’s thoughts on the matter with them. Mr. Summers, based on the consensus of the committee, stated that after meeting with the Humane Society again that the issue would be re-visited in the next Facility Meeting to discuss progress.
- C. Update on ITB#2020-002 Courthouse & JDC Video Security System Replacement Project. Mr. Brenner delivered an update on the completion of the project. With the Courthouse being \$476,000 and the Juvenile Detention Center being \$241,000. Mr. Brenner went on to explain the extensive upgrades to each facilities Security Systems. Mr. Brenner stated that a punch list for JDC will still need to be made at the scheduled walk through. Mr. Summers inquired about the coverage of the Courthouse parking lot, which Mr. Brenner confirmed there is.
- D. Courthouse Parking Policy Discussion and Approval. Mr. Brenner went over the specifications of the courthouse parking lots and the policy of reserved spots. Mr. Brenner stated that this would be put in place to solidify the current policy. **Moved** by Mr. Goss to approve the agenda; **seconded** by Ms. Wolken. The Policy was approved unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

VII. Other Business

There was no other business brought before the committee.

VIII. Presiding Officer's Report

A. Future Meeting – Tuesday, February 2, 2021 @ 6:30pm

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

Item VI: D

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

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