

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

**Finance; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments; Justice & Social Services
Tuesday, August 12, 2014
Lyle Shields Meeting Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Alix, Astrid Berkson, Aaron Esry, Stan Harper, Josh Hartke, Stan James, John Jay, Jeff Kibler, Alan Kurtz, Ralph Langenheim, Gary Maxwell, Jim McGuire, Diane Michaels, Max Mitchell, Patsi Petrie, James Quisenberry, Rachel Schwartz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lloyd Carter, Lorraine Cowart, Michael Richards, Giraldo Rosales, Jon Schroeder

OTHERS PRESENT: Van Anderson (Deputy County Administrator/Finance), Deb Busey (County Administrator), John Farney (Auditor), Judge Ford, John Hall (Planning & Zoning Director), Roger Holland (Courts Administrator), Kay Rhodes (Administrative Assistant)

CALL TO ORDER

Kurtz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Rhodes called the roll. Alix, Berkson, Esry, Harper, Hartke, James, Jay, Kibler, Kurtz, Langenheim, Maxwell, McGuire, Michaels, Mitchell, Petrie, Quisenberry, and Schwartz were present at the time of roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Kibler to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of June 10, 2014; seconded by James. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Niloofer Shambayati spoke in opposition to the expansion of the satellite jail.

COMMUNICATIONS

Kurtz announced that Jeff Blue, Champaign County Highway Engineer, had been named Engineer of the Year by the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers.

POLICY, PERSONNEL, & APPOINTMENTS

Appointments/Reappointments

OMNIBUS MOTION by Kurtz to recommend County Board approval of resolutions authorizing the following appointments to their respective drainage districts, terms September 1, 2014-August 31, 2017: Blackford Slough – Vern Zehr; Conrad & Fisher – Harlan Trotter; Fountain Head – Robert Barker; Kerr & Compromise – Wayne Emkes; Lower Big Slough – Lowell Estes; South Fork – Richard Rice; Nelson-Moore-Fairfield – John Heiser; Okaw – Larry Dallas; Pesotum Slough Special – Forrest Brewer; Prairie Creek – Stanley Wolken; Raup – Lester Wolken; Salt Fork – Dennis Bergman; Silver Creek – Cecil Hudson; St. Joseph #3 – Charles Daly; Somer #1 – Troy Flessner; Union Stanton & Ogden Townships – Les Olson; St. Joseph #4 – Duane Goodwin; Triple Fork – Lowell Johnson; Union #1 Philo & Crittenden – Robert Grove; Union #3 South Homer & Sidney – Robert Lee; Upper Embarrass River Basin – Andrew Edwards; Union #1 Philo & Urbana – Roy Douglas; West Branch – Stanley Wolken; Willow Branch – Steve Maddock; Wrisk – Steven Herriott; #2 Town of Scott – Daniel Noel; Pesotum Consolidated – Chris Hausman; Longbranch Mutual – Norman Uken; Kankakee – Patrick Feeney; #10 Town of Ogden – John Ehmen; seconded by Kibler.

Petrie encouraged board members representing the rural districts to seek qualified applicants for the other drainage district vacancies. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Kurtz to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the appointment of Karen Hughey to the Dewey Community Public Water District, for an unexpired term ending May 31, 2018; seconded by Maxwell. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Kurtz to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the appointment of Rodney Loschen to the Ludlow Fire Protection District for an unexpired term ending April 30, 2017; seconded by James. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

County Clerk

MOTION by Mitchell to receive the June and July 2014 monthly reports and place them on file; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Circuit Court

MOTION by Kurtz to send the Circuit Court Specialty Courts Coordinator position to the Job Content Evaluation Committee for review and evaluation; seconded by James. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Planning & Zoning

MOTION by Alix to approve the request to send the Planning and Zoning Associate Planner position to the Job Content Evaluation Committee for reevaluation; seconded by Kurtz. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Job Content Evaluation Committee

MOTION by Hartke to recommend to the Finance Committee approval of classification of the CAC Forensic Interviewer position to Grade Range H; seconded by Kibler. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

County Administrator

MOTION by Kibler to receive the Administrative Services June and July 2014 monthly reports and place them on file; seconded by James. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Kurtz to recommend County Board approval of an ordinance to revise and update the Champaign County Travel Policy; seconded by Berkson. **Motion carried.**

Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair's Report

Quisenberry updated the committee on the work of the Strategic Planning Subcommittee. Quisenberry asked members to contact committee members with comments regarding the County Board's Strategic Plan. Quisenberry wanted to schedule a study session to discuss the plan in October and he hoped to have a completed plan to present to the board by November 2014.

Designation of Items for the Consent Agenda

Items A1-4, E1; were designated for the Consent Agenda.

FINANCE

County Administrator

Busey introduced Elizabeth Hennessy of William Blair & Company and explained that the county had worked with William Blair for assistance with bond issues over the years. Ms. Hennessy gave a presentation for refunding of Champaign County Series 2005B Bonds. Ms. Hennessy provided an update on market conditions showing that in the last six months interest rates had decreased. The Municipal Yield Curve showed that interest rates dropping to just above those seen in 2012, which is the lowest interest rates have been in the last seven years. She explained that callable maturities were eligible for refunding for savings. She explained that the 2005B Bonds were callable January 1, 2015 and presented an excellent opportunity for savings. Series 2006A-call date January 1, 2016 and Series 2007A-call date January 1, 2017 were also eligible for refunding at or before the call date.

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Refunding the bonds prior to the call date is possible; the low short-term interest rates reduce savings due to negative arbitrage. Bonds may be refunded on a current basis 90 days prior to the call date. She explained that when the County issues less than \$10 million of bonds in any calendar year, the bonds are bank qualified, which means that banks receive an additional tax benefit from the federal government, which they would pass along to the County in the form of lower interest rates.

Ms. Hennessy explained the options when refunding bonds in advance of the call date versus waiting until the call date and the breakeven increase in interest rates. She explained that by keeping the maturity term the same for the Series 2005B Bonds and replacing the current debt service of \$18,283,563 with new refunding debt service of \$16,398,967 the savings would be \$1,884,596 for the Public Safety Sales Tax with a present value of \$1,276,804.

Schwartz asked for the cost to the County for the refunding the bonds. Hennessy said the approximate cost was usually about 1.25% of the par-amount of the bonds. Schwartz stated that she expected the costs to be paid upfront and asked why the highest savings to the County was in 2015. Hennessy explained that the cost is paid out of the bond proceeds and does not come out of the first year's payment. The costs are amortized over the life of the issue and she believed that the first year showed a higher savings because it was a partial year with only half the time to pay on it.

Ms. Hennessy said that if the County chose to wait until the call date for refunding the 2006A Bonds, the potential savings would increase versus a new refunding debt service in 2014. The 2014 Net PV (Present Value) savings as a percent of refunded bonds was 3.09% and waiting until 2015 could save approximately \$192,000 with a Net PV savings of 6.85%.

Ms. Hennessy explained that there were no savings on the 2007A Bonds by refunding them at this time. She explained that by waiting for the call date, which was January 1, 2016, the County could save approximately \$300,000 in debt service if rates stay the same.

Ms. Hennessy recapped the proposed debt plan for the County: 1) November 2014-current tax-exempt refunding of Series 2005B Bonds (non-bank qualified) depending on future financing plans; 2) November 2015 – bank qualified current tax-exempt refunding of Series 2006A Bonds; 3) November 2016 – bank qualified current refunding of Series 2007A Bonds. This plan would maximize the bank-qualified advantage and reduce negative arbitrage.

Alix said that although no formal action would be taken by the committee at this meeting, he asked if anyone had objections to the plan. There were no objections to the plan.

OMNIBUS MOTION by Kurtz to receive and place on file the General Corporate Fund FY 2014 Budget Projection and the General Corporate Fund FY 2014 Budget Change reports; seconded by Berkson. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Treasurer

MOTION by Harper to receive the Treasurer's June and July 2014 reports and place them on file; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION Kurtz to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the disbursement of funds on a defaulted contract for the mobile home tax sale, parcel 14-019-0102; seconded by Esry. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Auditor

MOTION by James to receive the Auditor's June and July 2014 reports and place them on file; seconded by Kibler. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Kibler to receive the Quarterly Financial Report and place on file; seconded by Berkson. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Michaels to receive the FY2013 Popular Annual Financial Report and place on file; seconded by Mitchell. Farney explained that this report was a basic financial report presented in a way for the public to understand where their tax dollars go. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Nursing Home Monthly Report

MOTION by James to receive the Nursing Home Monthly Report and place it on file; seconded by Kurtz. Maxwell said that the nursing home proposed budget requested over \$500,000 in capital improvements. He stated that the Nursing Home Board of Directors voted to recommend that the County Board eliminate the ongoing repayment of bonds (\$4 million General Sales Tax Bonds) from the FY2015 Nursing Home budget.

Schwartz did not believe that the Nursing Home ever should have paid it. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Budget Amendments/Transfers

MOTION by Kibler to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Transfer #14-00007** for Fund/Dept. 080 General Corporate-040 Sheriff; 140 Correctional Center for a total amount of \$112,841 to pay for increase in salaries due to settlement of FOP contracts; seconded by Quisenberry. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Amendment #14-00029** for Fund/Dept. 620 Health-Life Insurance-120 Employee Group Insurance with increased appropriations of \$2,500 and no increased revenue to pay for valuation of plan changes for OPEB Actuarial Study; seconded by Kibler. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Kurtz to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Amendment #14-00030** for Fund/Dept. 085 County Motor Fuel Tax-060 Highway with increased appropriations of \$1,400,000 and no increased revenue for City of Urbana Philo Road Project, salt purchase, and county highways 20 and 11 project 13-00434-00-RS; seconded by Schwartz. Discussion followed. Kurtz withdrew his motion. **Item forwarded to full board without recommendation to allow time for further explanation regarding Philo Road Project.**

Emergency Management Agency

MOTION by Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the application, and if awarded, the acceptance of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant for FY2015; seconded by Michaels. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

State's Attorney

MOTION by James to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing a contract between the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the States Attorney for FY 2015; seconded by Kurtz. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the Violent Crime Victims Assistance Program Grant Agreement between the Illinois Attorney General and the States Attorney for FY2015; seconded by McGuire. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Job Content Evaluation Committee

MOTION by Kurtz to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the addition of CAC Forensic Interviewer position in Grade Range H to the CAC staffing budget, effective August 17, 2014; seconded by Quisenberry. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair's Report

Designation of Items for the Consent Agenda

Items E1-2; F1; G1-2; H1 were designated for the County Board Consent Agenda.

JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES

Monthly Reports

OMNIBUS MOTION by Langenheim to receive the Animal Control-May and June 2014; Emergency Management Agency-June and July 2014; Head Start-June 2014; Probation & Court Services-May and June 2014, and the 2nd Quarter Statistics; Public Defender-May and June

2014; and the Veterans' Assistance Commission-June and July 2014 reports and place them on file; seconded by Kibler. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair's Report

Berkson stated that the Reentry Program was applying for grants.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION by James to approve the closed session minutes of June 10, 2014; seconded by Alix. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 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.