



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Finance/ Policy, Personnel, & Appointments/Justice & Social Services
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Brookens Administrative Center/Zoom
1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on May 11, 2021

Members Present via Zoom: Titianna Ammons, Lorraine Cowart, Aaron Esry, Stephanie Fortado, Jim Goss, Stan Harper, Jordan Humphrey, Mary King, Jenny Lokshin, Jim McGuire, Diane Michaels, Brad Passalacqua, Jacob Paul, Emily Rodriguez, Chris Stohr, Jennifer Straub, Steve Summers, Leah Taylor, Eric Thorsland, Jodi Wolken

Members Physically Present: Kyle Patterson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Darlene Kloeppel (County Executive), Tami Ogden (Deputy Director of Finance), Bill Colbrook (Director of Administration), Megan Robison (Recording Secretary), Aaron Ammons (County Clerk), Cassandra “CJ” Johnson (Treasurer), George Danos (Auditor), Orion Smith (Chief Deputy Auditor), Mike Ingram (Recorder of Deeds)

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Agenda/Addenda

MOTION by Ms. Taylor to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Straub. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. March 9, 2021 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Goss to approve the minutes of March 9, 2021; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Ms. Lokshin noted her name was missing from the members present list. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Participation

JB Tinsley spoke to the Board about the resolution honoring Lloyd Carter. Mr. Tinsley had known Mr. Carter since childhood and would like to see the Board pay homage to Mr. Carter for his 24 years of service.

Jenny Putman was here to speak in favor of the resolution honoring Lloyd Carter. Ms. Putman shared some stories about Mr. Carter and Mr. Shields. She believes it would be an honor, to both men, for them to share the name of the room.

Shane Gilbert spoke about the eviction moratorium. He shared how this is affecting local landlords. He would like the Board to consider foregoing the collection of property tax interest.

Mike Ingram spoke in favor of the resolution honoring Lloyd Carter. He mentioned that Mr. Carter was only the fourth black Board member in Champaign County.

VI. Communications

None

VII. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments

A. County Executive

1. Monthly HR Report – March 2021

Received and placed on file

2. Appointments/Reappointments

- a. Resolution appointing Darrell Schiff to the Mt. Olive Cemetery Association, unexpired term ending 6/30/2026
- b. Resolution appointing David Bosch to the Broadlands-Longview Fire Protection District, term 5/1/2021-4/30/2024
- c. Resolution appointing Jill Stewart to the Edge-Scott Fire Protection District, term 5/1/2021-4/30/2024
- d. Resolution appointing John Flavin to the Ivesdale Fire Protection District, term 5/1/2021-4/30/2024
- e. Resolution appointing Patrick Quinlan to the Ludlow Fire Protection District, term 5/1/2021-4/30/2024
- f. Resolution appointing Tyler Wright to the Ogden-Royal Fire Protection District, term 5/1/2021-4/30/2024
- g. Resolution appointing Chris Hausman to the Pesotum Fire Protection District, term 5/1/2021-4/30/2024
- h. Resolution appointing Mike McHenry to the Philo Fire Protection District, term 5/1/2021-4/30/2024
- i. Resolution appointing Douglas Enos to the Sangamon Valley Fire Protection District, term 5/1/2021-4/30/2024
- j. Resolution appointing Paul Berbaum to the Scott Fire Protection District, term 5/1/2021-4/30/2024
- k. Resolution appointing Richard Denhart to the St. Joseph-Stanton Fire Protection District, term 5/1/2021-4/30/2024
- l. Resolution appointing Michael Tittle to the Thomasboro Fire Protection District, term 5/1/2021-4/30/2024
- m. Resolution appointing Vicki Foley to the Tolono Fire Protection District, term 5/1/2021-4/30/2024
- n. Resolution appointing Dennis Davis to the Tolono Fire Protection District, term 5/1/2021-4/30/2024
- o. Resolution appointing David Dupre to the Windsor Park Fire Protection District, term 5/1/2021-4/30/2024

- p. Resolution appointing Matthew Hausman to the Mental Health Board, unexpired term ending 12/31/2023
- q. Resolution appointing Daphne Maurer to the Mental Health Board, unexpired term ending 12/31/2024
- r. Resolution appointing County Board Member Stan Harper as the alternate liaison to the Labor/Management Health Insurance Committee

OMNIBUS MOTION by Ms. Cowart to recommend County Board approval of resolutions appointing Darrell Schiff, David Bosch, Jill Stewart, John Flavin, Patrick Quinlan, Tyler Wright, Chis Hausman, Mike McHenry, Douglas Enos, Paul Berbaum, Richard Denhart, Michael Tittle, Vicki Foley, Dennis Davis, David Dupre, Matthew Hausman, Daphne Maurer and Stan Harper to their respective boards; seconded by Ms. King. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- s. Currently vacant appointments – full list and information is available on the County’s website

Mr. Stohr listed some of the current vacancies.

- t. Applications for open appointments

Mr. Stohr listed the current applicants for open appointments.

- 3. Recommendation to the Finance Committee for approval of the creation of the Director of Operations position in salary grade range J and the concurrent elimination of the Director of Training position

MOTION by Ms. Lokshin to approve and forward the creation of the Director of Operations position to the Finance Committee; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Discussion followed regarding why this change is necessary. Many members stated this change should not be the concern of the Board as long as the change stays within the Clerk’s budget. Upon roll call vote:

Yea: 14 – Humphrey, King, Lokshin, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Wolken, Ammons, Cowart, Fortado, Patterson

Nay: 7 - Goss, Harper, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Paul, Esry

The **MOTION CARRIED**.

- 4. Redistricting Advisory Group update

Ms. Kloeppe spoke about her Redistricting Advisory Group and their meetings. She gave information about the criteria the group is using to examine each map. She also explained where to find information about their meetings and the timeline for completion of the redistricting process. Mr. McGuire asked if there was a better way to understand the Hispanic population and making sure they are not under-represented.

B. County Clerk

- 1. Monthly Report – March 2021

Received and placed on file – Mr. Stohr asked about the large increase in marriage fees and Clerk Ammons explained that more people have been getting married since the County is reopening from the pandemic.

C. Other Business

1. County Board

- a. Resolution designating Meeting Room 1 as Shields-Carter Meeting Room

MOTION by Ms. Cowart to recommend County Board approval of a resolution designating Meeting Room 1 as Shields-Carter Meeting Room; seconded by Ms. Fortado. Discussion followed regarding what a wonderful person Mr. Carter was and possibly naming another room after him instead of combining the two names on one room. Upon roll call vote:

Yea: 16 – Harper, Humphrey, King, Lokshin, Paul, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Wolken, Ammons, Cowart, Fortado, Patterson

Nay: 5 – Goss, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Esry

The **MOTION CARRIED**.

D. Chair's Report

Mr. Stohr would like to see the Board continue the discussions regarding the jail modifications.

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

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VIII. Finance

A. Budget Amendments/Transfers

1. Budget Amendment 21-00014

Fund 850 Geog Inf Sys Joint Venture / Dept 111 Operations & Administration

Increased Appropriations: \$27,900

Increased Revenue: \$27,903

Reason: Amendment needed to cover costs for acquisition of enhanced hydro break lines and updated hydro-flattened DEM for generation of county-wide 1ft contours from LIDAR data. CCGIS shall be the administrative agent for this project. The expenditure to be paid with pass through funds from the member agencies as reflected in the requested revenue increases.

2. Budget Amendment 21-00015

Fund 107 Geographic Inf System Fund / Dept 010 County Board

Increased Appropriations: \$5,475

Increased Revenue: \$0

Reason: LIDAR county-wide contour layer to be procured by GIS Consortium with costs allocated to member agencies. Champaign County's cost is \$10,950 with Highway paying 50% and GIS Fund paying 50% if approved by the Board.

OMNIBUS MOTION by Mr. Stohr to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendments 21-00014 and 21-00015; seconded by Mr. McGuire. Discussion followed regarding how important this is for the rural areas of the county. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. Treasurer

1. Monthly Report – March 2021 – Reports are available on the Treasurer's webpage

Received and placed on file

2. Resolution authorizing the execution of a deed of conveyance of the County's interest or cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on real estate, permanent parcel 14-03-35-427-011

MOTION by Ms. King to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the execution of a deed of conveyance of the County's interest or cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on real estate, permanent parcel 14-03-35-427-011; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

3. Collecting interest on property tax payments

Ms. Fortado asked for the Board to share their thoughts on waving property tax interest payments. Treasurer Johnson knows this would create more work for her office but wanted to let the Board know this is an option. The Board discussed extending the grace period, what other counties did last year, requiring proof of hardship and staffing capacity. No one spoke in opposition of the Finance Chair drafting a resolution for the County Board meeting.

C. Auditor

1. Monthly Report – March 2021 - Reports are available on the Auditor's webpage

Received and placed on file

2. Auditor's Update

Auditor Danos gave a quick overview of the current status of the 2019 audit.

D. County Executive

1. Approval of the creation of the Director of Operations position in salary grade range J and the concurrent elimination of the Director of Training position.

MOTION by Ms. Taylor to recommend County Board approval of a resolution creating the Director of Operations position in salary grade range J and the concurrent elimination of the Director of Training position; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon roll call vote:

Yea: 14 – Humphrey, King, Lokshin, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Wolken, Ammons, Cowart, Fortado, Patterson

Nay: 7 – Goss, Harper, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Paul, Esry

The **MOTION CARRIED**.

2. Financial Forecast for General Corporate & Public Safety Sales Tax Funds

Ms. Ogden gave a presentation of the financial forecast for the General Fund, Public Safety Sales Tax Fund and the Capital Asset Replacement Fund. She explained that the County has a very strong financial rating, gave current news and highlights, and outlined some of the County's financial challenges. Ms. Ogden finished with some items to keep in mind for the ARPA funding and suggestions for FY2022 levy reallocation.

E. Other Business

None

F. Chair's Report

Ms. Fortado reminded everyone about the April Study Session regarding the ARPA funding.

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

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IX. Justice and Social Services

A. Monthly Reports – All reports are available on each department's webpage through the department reports page

- Probation & Court Services – February 2021
- Emergency Management Agency – February 2021
- Animal Control – January & February 2021
- Head Start – January & February 2021

Received and placed on file

B. Rosecrance Re-Entry Financial Report – February 2021

Information only

C. Other Business

1. Semi-annual review of closed session minutes

MOTION by Mr. Humphrey to move the minutes, suggested by the State's Attorney's Office, from closed to open and maintain all other minutes as closed; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

D. Chair's Report

None

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

None

X. Other Business

None

XI. Adjournment

Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.