

RESUME OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 24, 2022

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 24, 2021, at 6:30 PM in the Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois, with County Executive Darlene Kloeppel presiding and Angie Patton as Clerk of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following members present: Williams, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Paul, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, and Patterson – 20; absent: Wolken and Summers – 2. County Executive Kloeppel declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Executive Kloeppel read a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

READ NOTICE OF MEETING

The Clerk read the Notice of the Meeting, said Notice having been published in the *News Gazette* on March 3, 10, and 17, 2022.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

Board Member Esry offered a motion to approve the Agenda/Addenda; Board member Patterson seconded. Executive Kloeppel noted a typo on Consent Agenda item 3b, the end date for that appointment should read 2023. Board Member Esry moved to approve with the correction, Board Member Patterson seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yeas: Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Paul, Passalacqua, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Taylor, Thorsland, and Patterson – 20
Nays: None

DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Standing Committees:

- A. County Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Shields-Carter Meeting Room
- B. Environment & Land Use Committee

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Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Shields-Carter Meeting Room

C. Highway and Transportation Committee Meeting

Friday, April 8, 2022 at 9 AM

1605 E Main Street, Urbana

Committee of the Whole:

A. Justice & Social Services; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments; Finance

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Shields-Carter Meeting Room

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A. Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Shields-Carter Meeting Room

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

PRESENTATION:

A. Re-dedication of Shields-Carter Meeting Room

Board Member Patterson read a brief background of former Board Member Shields and Carter.

B. Baker Tilly – 2020 Audit presentation for Baker Tilly was given by Michael Malatt and Auditor Danos.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Esry offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, comprising 12 resolutions (Nos. 2022-43, 2022-47, 2022-48, 2022-49, 2022-50, 2022-51, 2022-52, 2022-53; Board Member Williams seconded. The motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Wolken, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Paul, Passalacqua, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Taylor, Thorsland, and Patterson – 20

Nays: None

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Goss wanted to recognize Board Member Harper's award by the News-Gazette as the 2021 Farm Leader of the Year award.

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Board Member Esry acknowledged the two newest board members of the Zoning Board of Appeals were in attendance.

Board Member Straub noted the low-barrier homeless shelter will be closing April 15, 2022. Board Member Straub noted that she hopes the Board and other government units can help to serve this population going forward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Lokshin offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board of February 24, 2022; Board Member Michaels seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yeas: Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Paul, Passalacqua, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Taylor, Thorsland, and Patterson – 20

Nays: None

STANDING COMMITTEES

HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Summary of Action Taken for Highway and Transportation on March 11, 2022, was received and placed on file.

COUNTY FACILITIES

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Summary of Action Taken for County Facilities on March 8, 2022, was received and placed on file.

ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Summary of Action Taken for Environment and Land Use on March 10, 2022, was received and placed on file.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Committee of the Whole (Justice and Social Services; Finance; Policy, Personnel, and Appointments) Summary of Action Taken March 15, 2022 Meeting was received and placed on file.

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NEW BUSINESS

Board Member King offered a motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2022-54 authorizing payment of claims. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yeas: Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, Michaels, Rodriguez, Paul, Passalacqua, Stohr, Straub, Thorsland, Taylor, and Patterson – 20

Nays: None

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Member Thorsland offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-55 authorizing administrators full and final release of all claims to include attorneys' fees, costs and expenses. Board Member Patterson seconded. Board Member Thorsland spoke with both caucus chairs and there is no need for further discussion in closed session. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yeas: Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Paul, Passalacqua, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Taylor, Thorsland, and Patterson – 20

Nays: None

Board Member Stohr offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-56 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Geophysical Mapping of the Mahomet Aquifer between the County of Champaign and the Central Illinois Land Bank Authority; Board Member Taylor seconded. Board Member King thanked Board Member Stohr for his work on this item. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yeas: Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Paul, Passalacqua, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Taylor, Thorsland, and Patterson – 20

Nays: None

Board Member Michaels offered a motion to adopt resolution 2022-57 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Rural Housing Rehabilitation Assistance between the County of Champaign and the Central Illinois Land Bank Authority; Board Member Lokshin seconded. Board Member questioned if prevailing wage would have to be considered. Executive Kloeppel clarified that the County followed the same criteria that was used for HUD Rehabilitation Programs. Board Member Fortado noted it was a good point and that in several places of the ARPA rules that prevailing wage must be used. She also noted the funds were to have an allocation of \$250,000 in FY 2022 and another allocation of \$250,000 for FY 2023. Kathy Larson clarified that all that was needed was the financial equipment. Board Member Michaels offered to amend the motion to reflect the payments of \$250,000 this year and \$250,000 for the next. Lokshin seconded the amended resolution. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Yeas: Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Paul, Passalacqua, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Taylor, Thorsland, and Patterson – 20
Nays: None

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ONLY

ARPA Project Manager Kathy Larson provided updates on various ARPA projects. Noting two new requests, one for Crime Stoppers and one for the Village of Mahomet. Tim Ditman, a member of the Crime Stoppers board gave a brief update about their funding request. Various Board Members asked questions about the amount of funding and if funding is provided for relocation services. Ditman noted the recent successes in solving homicide cases. No further information from Village of Mahomet beyond the info sheet they provided. Kathy Larson noted that the categories were changed by the Department of Treasury so many projects will need to be reassigned to fit those categories.

Clark Lindsey presented regarding a request for bonds to finish a project for Clark Lindsey Village. The presentation included numbers and a brief background on Clark Lindsey. Various Board members questioned whether or not they accept Medicaid patients, what happens when residents can no longer pay. Clark Lindsey informed the Board they do not accept Medicaid patients and they try to work with families before they are displaced. Clark Lindsey noted they do pay property taxes and Board Member Williams clarified they are required to pay taxes and they recently contested their assessment for a reduction in payment of property taxes. Board Member Fortado stated that not utilizing prevailing wage in a contract and that this is a core value of the Board. Not having that as part of the project is a non-starter and Board Member Fortado would not be supporting unless it was addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

County Executive Kloeppel adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.



Aaron Ammons, Champaign County Clerk
and ex-Officio Clerk of the Champaign County Board
Champaign County, Illinois