

RESUME OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 21, 2022

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, July 21, 2021, at 6:30 PM in the Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois, with County Executive Darlene Kloeppel presiding and Matthew Cross as Clerk of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following members present: Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Passalacqua, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Carter, Cowart, Esry, and Patterson – 16; absent: Michaels, Paul, Rodriguez, Taylor, and Wolken – 5; late: Fortado (arrived at 7:14 PM) – 1. County Executive Kloeppel declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business. Williams departed early at approximately 7:00 PM and missed the vote on the final four resolutions.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Executive Kloeppel recited 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 July 7, July 14, and July 20, 2022.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

Board Member Esry offered a motion to approve the Agenda/Addenda; Board Member Vanichtheeranont seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Standing Committees:

- A. County Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Shields-Carter Meeting Room
- B. Environment & Land Use Committee
Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Shields-Carter Meeting Room
- C. Highway and Transportation Committee Meeting
Friday, August 5, 2022 at 9 AM
1605 E Main Street, Urbana

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Committee of the Whole:

- A. Justice & Social Services; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments; Finance
Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Shields-Carter Meeting Room

County Board:

- A. Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Shields-Carter Meeting Room

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Marlon Mitchell, of H3 Coalition *and* First Followers Founder and Executive Director, spoke in support of the proposed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the H3 Coalition program.

Benjamin Beaupre of Champaign spoke about community violence, praising the work of the Community Violence Prevention Task Force, the Racial Justice Task Force, and the Citizens' Oversight Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Thorsland noted the success of the June 30, 2022, joint meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Environment and Land Use Committee, but the Zoning Board of Appeals was unwilling to participate in the scheduled October joint meeting.

Board Member Goss noted several constituent complaints of county offices not returning telephone calls.

Board Member Carter spoke in support of County Employees in current contract negotiations.

Board Member Cowart spoke about constituent complaints about untimely police/sheriff responses in parts of the county.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Summers offered an omnibus motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board of June 23, 2022; Board Member King seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Passalacqua offered an omnibus motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2022-143 authorizing payments of claims *and* No. 2022-144 authorizing purchases not following purchasing policy; Board Member Cowart seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Board Member Cowart offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-145 approving budget amendment BUA 2022/7/204 for the receipt of Truck Access Route Program (TARP) funds from the State of Illinois for the County Road 20 recycle and overlay project; Board Member Lokshin seconded. The motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Passalacqua, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Carter, Cowart, Esry, and Patterson – 16

Nays: none

Board Chair Patterson offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-146 approving budget amendment BUA 2022/7/44 for appropriations required to expend funds received from the Illinois Department of Human Services for Emergency Transitional Housing; Board member Goss seconded. Board Chair Patterson asked if the funds were for existing or additional services. Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Chief Executive Officer Dalitso Sulamoyo was invited to join the conversation; he stated the funds are to cover staffing and clerical costs. The motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Passalacqua, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Carter, Cowart, Esry, and Patterson – 16

Nays: none

Board Member Cowart offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-147 approving budget transfer BUA 2022/7/95 for the transfer of funds required to board detained minors in out-of-county facilities to address the chronic and persistent staffing shortages; Board Member Williams seconded. Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) Superintendent Keith Willis was invited to join the discussion about the chronic and persistent staffing shortages; he stated the JDC has received a six-month waiver to hire staff without a bachelors' degree, instead requiring either 60-semester hours of higher education or two years' experience in law enforcement. The JDC is currently in the process of hiring more staff, but Superintendent Willis noted that they are continuing to lose staff and supervisors due to the low salary of the positions. Superintendent Willis stated that incarcerated minors are being housed in McLean, Will, and Lake Counties, noting that all Illinois counties are suffering staffing shortages, and he stated that parents of incarcerated minors are made aware of any children being housed outside of Champaign County and have regular telephone and/or Zoom contact. Superintendent Willis stated that the JDC will need eleven additional staff in addition to the recent hires and if those are not filled by October, the future of the JDC will have to be up for discussion. The motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

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Yeas: Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Passalacqua, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Carter, Cowart, Esry, and Patterson – 15

Nays: none

Board Member Goss offered an omnibus motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2022-148 authorizing the County Executive to assign mobile home tax sale certificate of purchase, permanent parcel 29-050-0129 *and* No. 2022-149 authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home permanent parcel 04-002-0054; Board Member Stohr seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Summers offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-150 approving the appointment of election judges for the 2022-2024 term; Board Member King seconded. Board Member McGuire stated that he wanted to know how the judges are contacts as the list provided did not include telephone or email for all on the list. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ONLY

County Executive Kloeppel noted that ARPA Project Manager Kath Larson was not present to provide updates, and that the intergovernmental agreement for housing assistance will require a board vote, so discussion will be tabled until the August Board Meeting.

RPC Chief Executive Sulamoyo was invited to join the discussion of the RPC supplemental request for additional \$500,000. Board Member Goss asked if the additional funding will result in full occupancy; RPC Chief Executive Sulamoyo affirmed. Board Member Carter asked if the Neil St location will be vacated; RPC Chief Executive Sulamoyo stated the Neil St facility will close in February 2023.

Board Chair Patterson briefly presented the recommendation of the Community Violence Prevention Task Force: \$500,000 to the H3 Coalition, \$15,000 to A Vision to Succeed, \$500,000 to DREAAM House, and \$385,000 to the Housing Authority of Champaign County. Marlon Mitchell of H3 was invited to join the discussion. Board Member Goss asked if the H3 Director and Secretary positions have been filled; Dr. Mitchell stated the positions will be filled after the contract is finalized. Board Member Goss asked if H3 has received ARPA funds from any Champaign County municipalities; Dr. Mitchell stated they had not. Board Member Goss asked about the Strategic Planning Consultant; Dr. Mitchell stated H3 has contracted with the Treel Center. Board Member Goss requested Dr. Mitchell provide the metrics with which H3 will evaluate programmatic success. Board Member Carter invited Board Members Goss and McGuire to offer their expertise to aid H3; Board Member Goss stated he merely wants to know the metrics with which H3 will evaluate. Board Member Fortado praised the sustainability aspect of the four funding targets, noting they could leverage the ARPA funds for external funding beyond 2024. Board Member Carter stated she was both hopeful and thankful for the project funding. Board Member McGuire stated that there

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are extant programs that need funding and the four programs targeted by the Community Violence Prevention Task Force will waste much needed money. County Executive Kloepfel noted these grants are intended to get the programs off the ground, and as such it is expected that the majority of funding will be spent on staffing, which is a typical impediment to programmatic startups. Board Member Fortado noted the funding includes both staffing and program expenses, and that staff funding is a typical and expected expense.

ADJOURNMENT

County Executive Kloepfel adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.



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