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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE MINUTES

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

Brookens Administrative Center, Jennifer K. Putman Meeting Room
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Betz, Brendan McGinty (Chair), Alan Nudo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol Ammons, Jonathan Schroeder

OTHERS PRESENT: Deb Busey (County Administrator), Patti Petrie (County Board Member), C. Pius Weibel (County Board Chair)

CALL TO ORDER

McGinty called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Betz, McGinty, and Nudo were present at the time of roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM

MOTION by Betz to approve the agenda; seconded by Nudo. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Betz to approve the Strategic Planning Committee July 6, 2011 minutes; seconded by Nudo. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

REVIEW FEEDBACK ON IDEAS & INITIATIVES FROM COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

The committee reviewed the ten County Board members' responses to the Strategic Plan ideas and initiatives that were received. Betz said the comments revealed to him the Board

membership's profound discouragement with regard to this process. Of the 27-member Board, 17 members did not respond to the ideas that would set the tone, character, and goals of the County. This lack of response disturbed Betz. He was reluctant to draw conclusions from such a small sample. Nudo said there were several reasons for the lack of engagement. The Republicans do not see that the opinions of both sides would be considered after the redistricting issue. He suggested discussing this form in the caucus meetings. Weibel noted the some Board members only care about certain topics and none of the others. Betz wanted to spend the first ten minutes of the August 9th Committee of the Whole meeting making Board members fill out the response form. Nudo agreed it was very important to have more input from the Board. The committee continued to discuss how to engage the majority of the Board on these issues and agreed to complete the forms at Tuesday's caucus meetings.

The committee discussed Idea #14 about the continuing development of the Champaign County Nursing Home's self-sufficiency. Nudo did not think many Board members wanted to move to self-sufficiency. McGinty said the discussions over the years have been how to make the Nursing Home financially break even. The goal of Champaign County is not to make money operating a Nursing Home, but neither is the goal to lose money. Self-sufficiency represents a solvent and stable financial statement. Weibel thought the term "self-sufficiency" could be better defined. McGinty did not want the General Corporate Fund to continue subsidizing the Nursing Home. Busey noted the Nursing Home is an enterprise fund, which by definition, is supposed to be self-sufficient. Nudo said financially solvent also means the Nursing Home has to set aside funds for capital improvements. Discussion continued over this idea. Betz suggested rewriting the goal as "financial solvency of the Nursing Home with ongoing evaluation of management" and Weibel concurred. Discussion continued over the wording of goals. The committee discussed that they would prioritize the goals after receiving more feedback from the Board to be useful in the budget process, handling requests from departments, and in measuring accomplishments.

Busey stated the current Strategic Plan's goals could be reissued as ongoing goals for the FY2012 budget preparation process and the departments could be directed to align to those goals. This could help the committee avoid feeling rushed because of the budget process. The committee reviewed the present Strategic Plan's goals. The committee concurred with using those goals for the FY2012 budget process while it develops the FY2012 Strategic Plan.

REVIEW VISION, MISSION, & VALUES

This item would be addressed at a future meeting.

ESTABLISHMENT OF GOALS

This item would be addressed at a future meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee did not schedule its next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

McGinty adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork

Administrative Assistant

Secy's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.