

County Board Meeting

Items Distributed *December 19, 2017*

XI. Standing Committees:

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1. Adoption of Resolution No. 10166 Authorizing Champaign County Participation in a Joint Application with Municipalities for the Illinois Housing Development Authority Land Bank Capacity Program (*Revised*)

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B. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments

1. Adoption of Resolution No. 10191 Establishing a County Executive Style of Government Transition Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 10166

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAMPAIGN COUNTY PARTICIPATION
IN A JOINT APPLICATION WITH MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE ILLINOIS
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LAND BANK CAPABILITY
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Champaign County has identified more than 10 properties that contain dangerous structures which may have to be demolished and cleaned up by Champaign County; and

WHEREAS, the typical process by which Champaign County forces the removal of a dangerous structure involves Champaign County placing a lien against the property after demolition and eventually foreclosing on the lien to force sale of the property to reimburse Champaign County some or all of the costs of demolition and clean up; and

WHEREAS, a Land Bank may be a more efficient means of disposing of a dangerous structure property after Champaign County has removed a dangerous structure and taken ownership of the property but there is no Land Bank in Champaign County; and

WHEREAS, a feasibility study for a Champaign County land bank that was proposed in April 2017 would have included Rantoul, Urbana, the City of Champaign and Champaign County and the cost of that feasibility study was estimated to cost \$4,340 per jurisdiction but the Champaign County Board did not authorize Champaign County participation and that feasibility study did not occur; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Housing Development Authority has announced that it is requesting grant applications for a new program, the Land Bank Capacity Program (LBCP), which may be used to reimburse some or all of the costs of creating and operating a land bank including applicable administrative expenses including staffing and other overhead costs related to the Program as well as costs related to property acquisition, demolition, and redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Rantoul, Champaign, and Urbana are interested in making a joint application for this grant with Champaign County; and

WHEREAS, applications for the LBCP Grant will be accepted on a "rolling basis" starting January 15, 2018, but Champaign County's participation in a joint application will have to be approved by the County Board at the Board meeting on December 19, 2017, to meet the January 15 deadline; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Champaign County Board that:

1. The Champaign County Board approves Champaign County's participation in a joint application to the Illinois Housing Development Authority for a Land Bank Capacity Program Grant and if awarded, participation in that grant subject to the following:
 - a. The costs to Champaign County for a land bank feasibility study and developing a land bank operational plan shall not exceed \$10,000 (not including staffing costs) without prior County Board approval; and
 - b. Participation in the Land Bank Capacity Program Grant shall not obligate Champaign County to any future costs associated with establishing and operating a land bank nor shall it obligate Champaign County to be a part of any land bank without prior County Board approval; and
 - c. The County Administrator is hereby directed to review the final Land Bank Capacity Program Grant Application to be submitted by the Village of Rantoul to verify that the terms of the final Application are consistent with this Resolution; and
2. The Champaign County Board Chair is hereby authorized to sign the attached letter of commitment for the application and to execute said grant award documents upon receipt from the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED and RECORDED this 19th day of December, 2017.

C. Pius Weibel, Chair
Champaign County Board
Champaign County, Illinois

ATTEST: _____
Gordy Hulton, County Clerk
and *ex-officio* Clerk of the Champaign County Board

January 11, 2018

Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA)
111 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 1000
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Re: Land Bank Capacity Program (LBCP)

To Whom It May Concern,

I write on behalf of Champaign County in support of the Village of Rantoul's proposal to the Illinois Housing Development Authority's (IHDA) Land Bank Capacity Program (LBCP) concerning a Champaign County Land Bank. IHDA created the LCBP to support land banks and land banking in Illinois. The grant program is only available to communities outside the Chicago metro area and we believe our county is an excellent candidate to receive IHDA's support.

If successfully funded by IHDA, the Village and its partners will engage in a multi-phase project that will include, but not be limited to:

- Conducting a feasibility analysis for a new Champaign County Land Bank;
- Developing operational plans for creating a Champaign County Land Bank; and,
- Provided that the operational plan is sustainable, initiating land bank activities.

The ultimate objectives of the Land Bank will include: facilitating housing redevelopment and new economic investment; encouraging environmental improvements; and, reducing blight and criminal activity associated with blight in Champaign County and the region.

Through this letter, we acknowledge Champaign County's interest in supporting the application and commit ourselves to helping the Village execute activities as described in the grant application.

Sincerely,

C. Pius Weibel, Chair
Champaign County Board

RESOLUTION NO. 10191

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE STYLE OF GOVERNMENT
TRANSITION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The Champaign County Board wishes to establish the County Executive Transition Committee as a special committee of the Champaign County Board; and

WHEREAS, The special committee shall consist of five members: two Democrats, two Republicans and will be chaired by the County Board Chair; and

WHEREAS, The County Board Chair has selected Jim Goss, Jim McGuire, Kyle Patterson, and Steve Summers to serve on said committee;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Champaign County Board establishes the County Executive Transition Committee as a special committee of the Champaign County Board, which shall consist of C. Pius Weibel (Chair), Jim Goss, Jim McGuire, Kyle Patterson, and Steve Summers.

PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND RECORDED this 19th day of December A.D. 2017.

C. Pius Weibel, Chair
Champaign County Board

ATTEST: _____
Gordy Hulten, County Clerk
and ex-officio Clerk of the
Champaign County Board