

RESUME OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 19, 2019

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 19, 2019, at 6:31 P.M. in the Lyle Shields 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: Eisenmann, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clifford, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, and Rosales – 20; absent:, Clemmons – 1. Thereupon, County Executive Kloeppel declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Executive Kloeppel read a prayer reflecting on the end of the year and the beginning of a new year. 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 November 28, December 5, and December 12, 2019.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

Board Member Goss offered to move items XIII C 1 & 2 (Res. 2019-360 and 2019-361) up in the agenda, between VI (Date/Time of Next Regular Meetings) and VII (Public Participation). Board Member Goss offered a motion to approve the Agenda/Addenda as amended; seconded by Board Member Thorsland. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Standing Committees:

- A. County Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2020 @ 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

- B. Environment & Land Use Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2020 @ 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

- B. Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting
Friday, January 10, 2020 @ 9:00 AM
1605 E Main Street, Urbana

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Committee of the Whole:

- A. Justice & Social Services; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments; Finance
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @ 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

County Board:

- A. Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 2020 @6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

- B. Study Session – Tentative
Tuesday, January 28, 2020 @ 6:00 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

HONORING COUNTY EMPLOYEES (items XIII C 1 & 2)

Board Member Stohr offered a motion to adopt resolution No. 2019-360 Honoring Retiring County Employees; Board Member Esry seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Board Members Young and Rector proceeded to read the names of all county employees who retired in 2019; those employees present were presented with a plaque.

Board Member Ingram offered a motion to adopt resolution No. 2019-361 Honoring County Employees; Board Member Stohr seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Board Members Young and Rector proceeded to read the names of all county employees reaching 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Vic White, Superintendent of Prairieview-Ogden School District (#197), spoke about problems with tax-levy distribution from the Treasurer's Office, noting his district has not yet received its final distribution of 2019 (approximately \$165,000).

Andrew Larson, Superintendent of Unit 7 School District, spoke about problems with tax-levy distribution from the Treasurer's Office, noting his district has not yet received its final distribution of 2019 (approximately \$619,000).

John Bambenek spoke about needed reforms to county government, suggesting the elimination of the County Executive office, the reduction of County Board from 22 to 7 or 9 members, and the imposition of term limits for county officials.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Board member Esry offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, comprising of 14 Resolutions; Board Member Cowart seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Yeas: Eisenmann, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clifford, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, and Rosales – 21
Nays: None

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Young spoke on the lack of communications between county offices and the board. He then requested a motion to County Executive Kloeppeel to implement recommendations he had previously emailed to board members. County Executive Kloeppeel denied Board Member Young's request, declaring it out of order as Communications was not the appropriate place.

Board Member Goss asked for an update on the audit of the Treasurer's office finances and an update on the Regional Planning Commission's grants.

Board Member Esry asked about the County's financial position at the year's end.

Board Member Ingram noted an upcoming meeting with the Superintendent at Garden Hills Academy on January 7, 2020 at 5 PM.

Board Member McGuire asked when the Treasurer's office will issue financial reports.

Board Member Summers noted that at this time the Regional Planning Commission has concerns about grants, but they are not yet at risk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Esry offered a motion to approve the minutes of the final minutes from the Ad Hoc IT Planning Committee of November 13, 2019; seconded by Board Member Taylor. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Patterson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board of November 21, 2019; seconded by Board Member Ingram. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES

County Executive Kloeppeel noted the Summary of Action taken for County Facilities on December 3, 2019 was accepted and placed on file.

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AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Summary of Action taken for the December 10, 2019 Committee of the Whole (Justice & Social Services; Finance; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments) was accepted and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE

Board Member Esry offered an omnibus motion to approve the annual renewal of three Recreation and Entertainment Licenses: Alto Vineyards, 4210 North Duncan Road, Champaign 01/01/20-12/31/20; Curtis Orchard, 3902 South Duncan Road, Champaign 01/01/20-12/31/20; Gordyville LLC, 2205 County Road 3000N, Gifford 01/01/20-12/31/20; Board Member Thorsland seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

HIGHWAY

Board Member Cowart offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-345 awarding of contracts for the furnish & delivery of aggregate materials for 2020 maintenance of various road districts in Champaign County; Board Member Ingram seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

POLICY, PERSONEL, & APPOINTMENTS

Board Member Cowart offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-368 amending Ordinance No. 2019-13 an ordinance establishing a discrimination and harassment policy; Board Chair Rosales seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES

Board Member Patterson offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-364 approving the application and, if awarded, acceptance of the Illinois Department of Transportation Grant; Board Member Ingram seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCE

Board Member Cowart offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-362 authorizing budget transfer 19-00013 Fund 080 General Corporate / Dept 022 County Clerk; Board Member Tinsley seconded. Board Member Stohr commended the County Clerk for the financial savings. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Yeas: Eisenmann, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clifford, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, and Rosales – 21

Nays: None

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Other Business

AD HOC IT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Board Chair Rosales offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-365 approving the Six-Year Information Technology Plan; Board Member Taylor seconded. Information Technology Director Andy Rhodes was invited to join the discussion that involved various board members, covering the court case management system, the use of AS400, and IT personnel. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

AUDITOR

Board Member Summers offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-363 authorizing purchases not following purchasing policy; Board Member Cowart seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Thorsland offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-367 authorizing payment of claims; Board Member Goss seconded. Discussion followed involving various board members; County Auditor Danos and County Treasurer Prussing were invited to join the discussion, which covered the delay in the audit update and the Treasurer's delay in distributing tax levy monies. Motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURN

County Executive Kloeppel adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM.



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