

RESUME OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
May 21, 2020

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 21, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. in the Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois and remote participation via Zoom due to social distancing necessitated by the coronavirus, with County Executive Darlene Kloeppel presiding, Matthew Cross as Clerk of the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following members present: Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Eisenmann, Esry, Fortado, Goss, and Rosales – 20; late: Fears (shortly before 7:05 PM) — 1; absent: none. Thereupon, County Executive Kloeppel declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business. Fears ceased participation shortly before 7:55 PM; Young departed early shortly before 8:15 PM.

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

County Executive Kloeppel read the Prayer of Serenity. 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 May 7, May 14, and May 19, 2020.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA**

County Executive Kloeppel noted that Agenda was amended, removing Consent Agenda items D7 (Res 2020-132) and D8 (Res 2020-133) to Areas of Responsibility – Policy, Personnel, and Appointments (XV A2 [Res 2020-132] and XV A3 [Res 2020-133]); this change was made because the items had not unanimously passed the Committee of the Whole. Board Member Esry offered a motion to approve the Agenda/Addenda as amended; Board Member Thorsland seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

**DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**Standing Committees:**

- A. County Facilities Committee Meeting

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- Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:30 PM  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room
- B. Environment & Land Use Committee Meeting  
Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 6:30 PM  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room
- C. Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting  
Friday, June 5, 2020 at 9:00 AM  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

**Committee of the Whole:**

- A. Justice & Social Services; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments; Finance  
Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

**County Board:**

- A. Regular Meeting  
Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

All public participation was remote via Zoom.

Benjamin Beaupre spoke about the risks of a hasty reopening regarding coronavirus.

Nigel Goldenfeld, director of Institute of Universal Biology at UIUC and Professor of Physics, presented data on a computer simulation of the coronavirus and the effects of early reopening.

Tony Comtois spoke about the risks and dangers of the shutdown on individuals struggling with sobriety and recovery.

William Kyles, Champaign City Council, spoke on the impact of the shutdown on minority owned businesses.

Ken Welch spoke against the continued shutdown, especially the effects on small business owners and non-coronavirus matters at Carle.

Rob Dalhaus, CU at Home director, spoke about the impact of the shutdown on the homeless population.

**APPOINTING COUNTY BOARD MEMBER IN DISTRICT 2**

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Board Chair Rosales offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-136 appointing Diane Michaels as a County Board Member in District 2 to replace John Clifford for an unexpired term ending November 30, 2020; Board Member Rector seconded. Motion carried by hand vote.

County Clerk Ammons administered the oath of office to newly appointed Board Member Michaels.

### **PRESENTATION**

County Executive Kloeppe presented the County Executive's Annual Report. Various board members expressed support for budgeting various programs.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Member Esry offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended comprising 20 resolutions; Board Member Goss seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Eisenmann, Esry, Fears, Fortado, Goss, and Rosales – 22

Nays: None

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Board Member Harper read a letter from George Woodard, owner of Billy Bob's bar in Ogden, addressing the impact of the shutdown on the bar business, the expected increased costs of a reopening, and business competition with nearby, open Indiana bars. He also briefly spoke about facilities issues, the Board of Review, and noted that nothing should be untouchable in a new budget.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Member Goss offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the County Board of March 10, 2020, and the Regular Meeting of the County Board of April 23, 2020; seconded by Board Member Esry. Motion carried by hand vote.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

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### FACILITIES

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Summary of Action Taken for Facilities on May 5, 2020 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 May 7, 2020 was received and placed on file.

Board Member Esry offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-7 amending zoning ordinance, zoning case 947-AT-19; Board Member Thorsland seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

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

Nays: None

Board Member Esry offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-121 authorizing County Board Chair to sign a deed in lieu of foreclosure on the property at 202 Third Street, Fooseland; Board member Thorsland seconded. Motion carried by hand vote.

### HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Summary of Action Taken for Highway and Transportation on May 8, 2020 was received and placed on file.

### AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Summary of Action taken for the Committee of the Whole (Justice & Social Services; Finance; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments) of May 12, 2020 was received and placed on file.

### POLICY, PERSONNEL, & APPOINTMENTS

Board Member Young offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-9 extending the proclamation of a disaster in Champaign County for Coronavirus-19 response; Board Member Cowart seconded. Motion carried by hand vote.

Board Member Young offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-132 appointing Elizabeth Burgener-Patton to the Champaign County Board of

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Review, term 6/1/2020-5/31/2022; Board Member Rector seconded. Motion carried by hand vote.

Board Member Young offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-133 appointing Zebo Zebe to the Champaign County Board of Review, term 6/1/2020-5/31/2022; Board Member Harper seconded. Motion carried by hand vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Board Chair Rosales offered an omnibus motion to adopt two resolutions and an ordinance: Resolution No. 2020-137 authorizing execution and amendment of section 5311 grant agreement; Ordinance No. 2020-10 to provide for public transportation in Champaign County, Illinois; Resolution No. 2020-138 acceptance of a special warranty. Board Member Dillard-Myers seconded. Kristen Gisondi, Regional Planning Commission Transportation Coordinator, was invited to join the discussion; she briefly explained the grant in relation to public transportation. Motion carried by hand vote.

Board Member McGuire offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-139 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Champaign County State's Attorney; Board Chair Rosales seconded. Motion carried by hand vote.

Board Member Ingram offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-140 budget amendment 20-00020, fund 075 Regional Planning Com / Dept 856 Perm Support Housing-Ind, increased appropriations: \$205,000, increased revenue: \$205,000; Board Member Summers seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Eisenmann, Esry, Fortado, Goss, and Rosales – 20

Nays: None

Board Member Thorsland offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-141 budget amendment 20-00021, fund 110 Workforce Development Fnd / Dept 855 WIOA Layoff Aversion, increased appropriations: \$400,000, increased, increased revenue: \$400,000; Board Member Ingram seconded. Board Member Fortado asked if the resolution covers the entire county; County Executive stated she believed it does not cover home-rule communities; Board Member Goss stated he will check with Regional Planning Commission Friday, May 22, 2020. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

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Yeas: Harper, Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr,  
Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Clemmons, Cowart,  
Dillard-Myers, Eisenmann, Esry, Fortado, Goss, and Rosales – 20  
Nays: None

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **LABOR COMMITTEE**

Board Member Summers offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-134 approving agreement between the Champaign County Board, the Sherriff, and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Corrections Division, January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022; Board Member Thorsland seconded. Motion carried by hand vote.

Board Member Summers offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-135 approving agreement between the Champaign County Board, the Chief Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Adult and Juvenile Probation Officers, January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022; Board Member Harper seconded. County Executive Kloepfel noted that while the County is not financially responsible, it does administer the agreement. Motion carried by hand vote.

### **AUDITOR**

Board Member Stohr offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-142 authorizing payment of claims; Board Chair Rosales seconded. Motion carried by hand vote.

Board Chair Rosales offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-143 authorizing interfund loans from fund reserves to other funds; Board Member Thorsland seconded. Board Member Michaels asked for clarification; Auditor Danos, Chief Deputy Auditor Orion Smith, and Deputy Finance Director Tami Ogden were invited to join the conversation. Auditor Danos explained the interfund loans are used to balance the books from like funds of co-mingled accounts at the fiscal year end, noted that it is not atypical but slightly later than usual, and stated the interfund loans are repaid. Chief Deputy Auditor Smith noted that this is related to the CAFR. Deputy Finance Director Ogden noted the Health Insurance Fund account is negative due to the nursing home and this is not expected to continue into fiscal year 2021. Motion carried by hand vote.

## **ADJOURN**

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County Executive KloeppeI adjourned the meeting at 8:31 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Ammons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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