

RESUME OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 22, 2020

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 6:31 PM 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: Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector and Rosales – 19; absent– 3: Esry, Eisenmann, and Harper. Thereupon, County Executive Kloeppel declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business. Due to the remote attendance situation all voting must be by roll call, per Illinois Public Act 101-0640, approved by Governor Pritzker June 12, 2020.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Executive Kloeppel read a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt 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 October 8, October 15, and October 20, 2020.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

Board Chair Rosales offered a motion to approve the Agenda/Addenda; Board Member Goss seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young,
Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Ingram,
McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector and Rosales – 19

Nays: None

DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Standing Committees:

- A. County Facilities Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:30 PM

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- Lyle Shields Meeting Room
- B. Environment & Land Use Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room
- C. Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting
Friday, November 6, 2020 at 9:00 AM
1605 E Main Street, Urbana

Committee of the Whole:

- A. Justice & Social Services; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments; Finance
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

County Board:

- A. Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

All public participation was remote via Zoom.

Jen Straub questioned the coroner's hiring of the medical examiner.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Michaels offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, comprising of 13 resolutions; Board Chair Rosales seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector and Rosales – 19
Nays: None

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Stohr noted that Board Member Patterson was recently recognized in the *News-Gazette's* 40 Under 40.

Board Member Ingram noted that early voting was open at twelve locations throughout the county seven-days a week.

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Board Member Michaels added to Board Member Ingram's note that the Gathering Place in Rantoul is an early voting site.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Rector offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board of September 24, 2020; seconded by Board Member Patterson. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector and Rosales – 19

Nays: None

STANDING COMMITTEES

HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION

County Executive Kloeppe noted the Summary of Action Taken for Highway and Transportation on October 2, 2020 was received and placed on file.

COUNTY FACILITIES

County Executive Kloeppe noted the Summary of Action Taken for Facilities on October 6, 2020 was received and placed on file.

ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE

County Executive Kloeppe noted the Summary of Action Taken for Environment and Land Use on October 8, 2020 was received and placed on file.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

County Executive Kloeppe noted the Summary of Action taken for the Committee of the Whole (Justice & Social Services; Finance; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments) of October 13, 2020 was received and placed on file.

FINANCE

Board Member Goss offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-287 to receive and place on file the FY2021 Champaign County Board Budget; Board Member Fortado seconded. Board Member Stohr stated that the budget contained wonderful aspirations but noted the omission of the collection/safe disposal of hazardous electronic waste and protections for the Mahomet Aquifer. County Executive Kloeppel noted that the section at issue was in a supplementary document not the budget itself. Motion carried by roll-call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Ingram, Michaels, Patterson, Rector and Rosales – 18

Nays: McGuire – 1

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Fortado formally requested the County Board budget to include the hiring of an outside consultant to improve gender and racial equality and diversity within the county employment.

OTHER BUSINESS**AUDITOR**

Board Member Stohr offered an omnibus motion to adopt Resolution 2020-291 authorizing purchases not following purchasing policy and Resolution No. 2020-292 authorizing payments of claims. Motion carried by roll-call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Fears, Fortado, Ingram, Michaels, Patterson, Rector and Rosales – 17

Nays: Goss and McGuire – 2

Labor Committee

Board Member Summers offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-293 approving an agreement between the Champaign County Board, the Sheriff, and The Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Corrections Sergeants Division, January 1, 2020, December 31, 2022; Board Chair Rosales seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector and Rosales – 19

Nays: None

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Board Member Summers noted that the county employee's Cannabis, Drug and Alcohol Use/Abuse policy (Ordinance No. 2019-14) had expired June 1, 2020 and since that point the county has had no official policy, and he urged the County Executive to work with the Policy, Personnel, & Appointments Committee to create current and more permanent policy.

Board Member Tinsley asked Coroner Northrup to address the hiring process of the new medical examiner and that medical examiner's prior work in Florida, in particular the Trayvon Martin case, and asked about any discussions Coroner Northrup may have had with Champaign County's black and brown communities regarding the medical examiner.

RECESS

County Executive Kloeppele declared the meeting in recess at 7:03 PM.



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