

RESUME OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 19, 2020

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 6:32 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: Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Eisenmann, Esry, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, and Rosales – 21; late: Harper – 1, Harper joined shortly after roll call, at approximately 6:35, missing no votes; absent – 0. Thereupon, County Executive Kloeppel declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business. Fears departed early, shortly before 7:30 PM, missing the last eight votes. 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 prayer for the County Board 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 November 5, November 12, and November 18, 2020.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

Board Chair Rosales offered a motion to approve the Agenda/Addenda; Board Member Stohr seconded.

Board Member Ingram offered a motion to amend the Agenda, adding a discussion item in Other Business between the Labor Committee and County Board: "Shall the office of the Champaign County Recorder of Deeds be eliminated and all duties and responsibilities of the office of the Champaign County Recorder of Deeds be transferred to, and assumed by, the Office of the Champaign County Clerk by December 1, 2022;" Board Member Thorsland seconded. Discussion between various board members followed regarding the

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suitability of the late insertion of a discussion item without prior notice to the board or the public, the lack of committee meetings in December, and if the discussion would be more appropriate if taken up at the December County Board meeting when the new board members are seated. Board members also debated the number of votes required to amend the Agenda, a simple majority (12) or a two-thirds majority (15); County Executive Kloeppe referenced Robert's Rules of Order and determined only a simple majority (12) was required to amend the agenda prior to its approval. The motion to amend to the Agenda failed to carry by roll-call vote.

Yeas: Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Fotado, Ingram, Patterson, Stohr – 8

Nays: Wolken, Young, Clemmons, Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Eisenmann, Esry, Fears, Goss, Harper, McGuire, Michaels, Rector, and Rosales – 14

Motion to approve the unamended Agenda carried by roll-call vote.

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

Nays: Fortado, Ingram, and Stohr – 3

DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

County Board:

- A. Biennial Organizational Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room
- B. Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Lyle Shields Meeting Room

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

All public participation was remote via Zoom.

Board Member-elect Jordan Humphrey thanked Board Member Rector for his service on the County Board representing District 5, and he stated that his desire to hold the December 7, 2020, Biennial Organizational Meeting remote via Zoom as a safety measure.

Dottie Vura-Weis expressed concern about the coronavirus in the community and urged the public to be safe and practice CDC-recommended precautions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Esry offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, comprising 15 resolutions; Board Member Goss seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons,
Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Eisenmann, Esry, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Harper,
Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, and Rosales – 22
Nays: None

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Young thanked his constituents in District 6, Maryam Ar-Raheem, Board Chair Rosales, Board Vice Chair Cowart, and Board Member Rector. He offered a hopeful message to the next county board to rein in the roll of the County Executive and to avoid infighting. He offered his thanks to all the board.

Board Member Summers noted to passing of Glen Lafenhagen, a County Board member in the 1970s, due to the coronavirus. He read a brief passage from Lafenhagens obituary published in the Effingham Daily News, "COVID-19 is real and claimed our father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend in a vicious and rapid manner. Be safe, practice social distancing, and wear a mask not for yourself but to protect those at risk."

Board Member Harper expressed appreciation of serving with board members and urged against infighting and political games.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chair Rosales offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board of October 22, 2020; Board Member Thorsland seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Clemmons,
Cowart, Dillard-Myers, Eisenmann, Esry, Fears, Fortado, Goss, Harper,
Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson, Rector, Stohr, and Rosales – 22
Nays: None

STANDING COMMITTEES

COUNTY FACILITIES

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County Executive Kloeppel noted the Summary of Action Taken for Facilities on November 4, 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 November 5, 2020 was received and placed on file.

HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Summary of Action Taken for Highway and Transportation on November 6, 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 November 10, 2020 was received and placed on file.

FINANCE

Board Member Goss offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-013 FY2021 Annual Budget and Appropriation; Board Member Fortado seconded. Board Member Fortado offered her thanks to Deputy Finance Director Tami Ogden for her hard work on the budget under extreme circumstances. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

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

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Michaels offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-294 Honoring Retiring County Employees; Board Member Goss seconded. Board Member Rector read the full resolution text, including the names and years of service of the retiring employees. **Four** retired employees were present and received thanks and a gift from County Executive Kloeppel. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

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

Board Member Cowart offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-295 Honoring County Employees; Board Member Patterson seconded. Board Member Rector read the full resolution text, including the names and milestone years of service of the employees. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

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

Board Member Esry offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-310 2020 IMRF Executive Trustee Election; Board Member Goss seconded. Board Members Goss and Fortado nominated Gwen Henry, the DuPage County Treasurer, for the five-year term. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

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

Board Member Goss offered an omnibus motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2020-312 authorizing signature for the Champaign County Treasurer's accounts, Champaign County Collector's accounts and investment instruments or investment accounts, *and* No. 2020-313 authorizing facsimile signatures for the Champaign County Treasurer's accounts and Champaign County Collector's accounts; Board member Michaels seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

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

Board Member Esry offered a motion for the Annual Renewal of Recreation & Entertainment License for Curtis Orchard, 3902 South Duncan Road, Champaign, January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; Board Member Ingram seconded. Board Member Esry noted the renewal came after the Environment and Land Use Committee meeting, thus was not included in the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

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

OTHER BUSINESS**AUDITOR**

Board Member Thorsland offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-309 authorizing payments of claims; Board Member Cowart seconded. Motion carried by roll-call vote.

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

Nays: Goss – 1

Labor Committee

Board Member Summers offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-311 authorizing agreement between the Champaign County Board (Head Start Employees) and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), March 1, 2020–February 28, 2023; Board Member Harper seconded. Board Members Fortado and Summers noted that despite being on the Labor Committee (and Board Member Summers also on the Regional Planning Commission Board), they were unaware of the agreement. Board Member Fotado expressed that she would like prior knowledge of all future contracts as a member of the labor committee, and she noted that the bottom wages in the contract will not be on target to meet the 2025 \$15 per hour minimum wage. Chief Council of Civil Division Barb Mann was invited to join the discussion; she noted that the wage bottoms of the new contract represent a significant increase of those in the previous contract, and that projections are complicated as the Regional Planning Commission is entirely grant funded. She also noted that she thinks to total package is good and fair. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

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

Nays: None

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Board Member Michaels offered an omnibus motion to adopt Resolutions No. 315 honoring retired County Board member Jodi Eisenmann, No. 316 honoring retired County Board member Bradley Clemmons, No. 317 honor retired County Board member Jon Rector, No. 318 honoring retired County Board member Charles Young, No. 319 honoring retired County Board member Cynthia Fears,

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No. 320 honoring retired County Board Member Connie Dillard-Myers, No. 321 honoring retired County Board Member James Tinsley, and No. 322 honoring retired County Board Member Giraldo Rosales; Board Member Cowart seconded. Board member Goss read the full text of Resolution No. 315, and Board Member Eisenmann offered parting words of thanks. Board Member McGuire read the full text of Resolution No. 316, and Board Member Clemmons offered parting words of thanks. Board Member Taylor read the full text of Resolution No. 317, and Board Member Rector offered parting words of thanks. Board Member Ingram read the full text of Resolution No. 318, and Board Member Young offered parting words of thanks. Board Member Summers read the full text of Resolution No. 319. Board Member Stohr read the full text of Resolution No. 320, and Board Member Dillard-Myers offered parting words of thanks. Board Member Cowart read the full text of Resolution No. 321, and Board Member Tinsley offered parting words of thanks. Board Member Fortado read the full text of Resolution No. 322, and Board Chair Rosales offered parting words of thanks. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

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

Nays: None

Adjourn

County Executive Kloepfel adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.



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