

RESUME OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
AUGUST 19, 2021

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 6:30 PM in the Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois with County Executive Darlene Kloeppel presiding, Matthew Cross as Clerk of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following members present: Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Wolken, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, and Patterson – 16; absent: Paul, Rodriguez, Thorsland, Humphrey, and Passalacqua – 5. County Executive Kloeppel declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Executive Kloeppel read a quote from Marie Curie and recited a prayer, 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 August 5, 12, 18, 2021.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

Board Member King offered a motion to approve the Agenda/Addenda; Board Member Straub seconded. Board Member Esry offered an amendment to the motion to remove Ordinance No. 2021-9 from the Agenda as it required 17 votes to pass and only 16 board members were present; Board Member Summers seconded. Board Members King and Straub, the original offering and seconding members accepted the amendment without issue. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Wolken, Carter, Cowart, Esry,
Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, and
Patterson – 16

Nays: None

DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Standing Committees:

- A. County Facilities Committee Meeting

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Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Shields-Carter Meeting Room

B. Environment & Land Use Committee

Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 6 PM
Shields-Carter Meeting Room

C. Highway and Transportation Committee Meeting

Friday, September 10, 2021 at 9 AM
1605 E Main Street, Urbana

Committee of the Whole:

A. Justice & Social Services; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments; Finance

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Shields-Carter Meeting Room

B. Special Finance Committee of the Whole

Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Shields-Carter Room

County Board:

A. Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Shields-Carter Meeting Room

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Scott Burgee had planned to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-9, but declined after it was stuck from the Agenda, preferring to speak next month when it was to be considered.

Craig Wakefield, Correctional Officer, spoke about the pressing need to replace the downtown jail.

County Recorder Mike Ingram briefly spoke about a scam mailing involving deeds in the county and noted that the 2020 Census data shows a 2.4% population increase for Champaign County. He then spoke, as the Vice-Chair of the Champaign County Democratic Central Committee, about the nomination of Wayne Williams to fill the District 11 seat vacated by Titianna Ammons, noting that his elected employment as the Cunningham Township Assessor should not preclude him from serving on the County Board.

PRESENTATION

Regional Planning Commission Chief Executive Dr. Dalitso Sulamoyo and Economic Development Specialist Kathy Larson spoke about County funding, both household and business assistance, in response to the pandemic.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member King offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, comprising 53 total resolutions (Nos. 2021-227, 2021-228, 2021-229, 2021-230, 2021-231, 2021-232, 2021-233, 2021-234, 2021-235, 2021-236, 2021-237, 2021-238, 2021-239, 2021-240, 2021-241, 2021-242, 2021-243, 2021-244, 2021-245, 2021-246, 2021-247, 2021-248, 2021-249, 2021-250, 2021-251, 2021-252, 2021-253, 2021-254, 2021-255, 2021-256, 2021-257, 2021-258, 2021-259, 2021-260, 2021-261, 2021-262, 2021-263, 2021-264, 2021-265, 2021-266, 2021-267, 2021-268, 2021-269, 2021-270, 2021-271, 2021-272, 2021-273, 2021-274, 2021-275, 2021-276, 2021-277, 2021-278, and 2021-279); Board Member Straub seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Wolken, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, and Patterson – 16

Nays: None

COMMUNICATIONS

County Executive Kloeppel noted that American Recovery Plan Act funding request letters are in the meeting packet: Central Illinois Land Bank Authority, CU Trauma and Resiliency Initiative, Pesotum Consolidated Drainage District, Champaign Park District, and New Community Ambassador Program to Welcome New Residents and Recruits.

County Executive Kloeppel noted that Deputy Director of Finance Tami Ogden was given the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the FY2021 budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Carter offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board of July 22 and 27, 2021; Board Member Straub seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Wolken, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, and Patterson – 16

Nays: None

STANDING COMMITTEES

County Executive Kloeppel noted the Environment and Land Use Summary of Action Taken August 5, 2021 Meeting was received and placed on file.

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County Executive Kloeppele noted the Highway and Transportation Summary of Action Taken August 6, 2021 Meeting was received and placed on file.

County Executive Kloeppele noted the County Facilities Summary of Action Taken August 11, 2021 Meeting was received and placed on file.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

County Executive Kloeppele noted the Committee of the Whole (Justice and Social Services; Finance; Policy, Personnel, and Appointments) Summary of Action Taken August 10, 2021 Meeting was received and placed on file.

Board Member Fortado offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-282 approving Budget Amendment 2-00047 for an engineering study for video surveillance at Satellite Jail, Sheriff's Office/Downtown Jail, and Brookens, and Master Control Systems at Downtown Jail and Satellite Jail; Board Member Stohr seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Wolken, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, and Patterson – 16

Nays: None

LITIGATION COMMITTEE

Board Member Esry offered an omnibus motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2021-287 authorizing administrator's release of all claims to include attorney's fees, cost, and expenses, No. 2021-288 authorizing administrator's release of all claims to include attorney's fees, cost, and expenses, *and* No. 2021-289 authorizing administrator's release of all claims to include attorney's fees, cost, and expenses; Board Member Michaels seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Wolken, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, and Patterson – 16

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Esry offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-290 approving Budget Amendment 21-00050 in settlement of outstanding Nursing Home claims: Estate of Lee, Lorena; Estate of Buchanan, Verlon; Estate of Lovett, Shirley; Board Member Michaels seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

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Yeas: Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Wolken, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, and Patterson – 16

Nays: None

Board Member Goss offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-283 approving Budget Amendment 21-00048 to accommodate receipt of new DCEO Office of Community Assistance funding for the Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program; Board Chair Patterson seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Wolken, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, and Patterson – 16

Nays: None

Board Member Lokshin offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-284 approving Budget Amendment 21-00049 for funds needed for sing-on incentive pay for correctional officers hired in 2021 per County Board's approval of resolution; Board Member Taylor seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Wolken, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, and Patterson – 16

Nays: None

Board Member King offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-285 approving Budget Amendment 21-00052 to for increase in reg. F-T salaries to cover 2 additional Dep. Coroner positions through the end of FY21 and pay benefit time for 3 F-T staff resignations since April 2021; increase in temp. wages for training new P-T autopsy technicians; and increase in overtime line item to cover eight remaining holidays and regular overtime costs through end of FY21; Board Member Michaels seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Wolken, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, and Patterson – 16

Nays: None

Board Member Straub offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-286 approving Budget Amendment 21-00051 and emergency budget amendment for an Assistant Public Defender starting 9/15/2021, \$33.25 hour; Board Member Carter seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Wolken, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, and Patterson – 16

Nays: None

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Board Member Carter offered an omnibus motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2021-280 authorizing payment of claims *and* No. 2021-281 authorizing purchases not following purchasing policy; Board Member Cowart seconded. Board Member Goss asked about the County Bridge and Court's Automation Fund lines under the Emergency Purchase category; Board Member Fortado and County Executive Kloeppel both noted the two items appeared to have been erroneously combined. Board Member Goss asked for Resolution No. 2021-281 be tabled until the next meeting when it can be corrected. The Board agreed to table Resolution No. 2021-281 by unanimous voice vote. The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-280 carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

County Executive Kloeppel adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.



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