



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – ELUC/ County Facilities/Highway
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Tuesday, April 3, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois

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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
Committee of the Whole Minutes

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 – 6:00pm
Lyle Shields Meeting Room
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alix, Ammons, Anderson, Bensyl, Berkson, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Holderfield, James, Jay, Kibler, Kurtz, Langenheim, Maxwell, Michaels, O'Connor, Petrie, Quisenberry, Richards, Rosales, Schroeder, Weibel

MEMBERS ABSENT: McGinty, Mitchell, Moser

OTHERS PRESENT: Deb Busey (County Administrator), Julia Reitz, Steve Ziegler and Joel Fletcher (State's Attorney), John Hall (Zoning), Sheriff Walsh, Allen Jones (Sheriff), Alan Reinhart (Facilities Director), Ranae Wolken (recording secretary), JJ Farney (videographer), Nora Stewart, Tara McCauley, Janae Wisheart, Dana Craig, Amy Foster, Kelly Dillard, Dee Ruggles, William Castro, Sarah Lazare, Patsy Howell, Chris Evans, Jerehme Bamberger, Rachel Schwartz, Rohn Koester, Aaron Ammons, many other members of the public

Call to Order

Board Chair Weibel called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken and the following were present: Alix, Ammons, Anderson, Bensyl, Berkson, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Holderfield, James, Jay, Kibler, Kurtz, Langenheim, Maxwell, Michaels, O'Connor, Petrie, Quisenberry, Richards, Schroeder and Weibel. The following members were absent: McGinty, Mitchell, Moser, and Rosales.

Chair Weibel noted that McGinty and Mitchell had notified him that they would not be present at the meeting.

Rosales arrived after roll call.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jay to approve the minutes of February 7, 2012, as presented; seconded by Esry. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Agenda/Addendum

Motion by Carter to approve the agenda for the meeting; seconded by James. There is no addendum.

Motion by Ammons to amend the motion and requested to strike the words pre-design plan from Item F1; seconded by Cowart. She stated the reason was because the RFP was written in a specific way and gets to the heart of the needs assessment. She said didn't feel we are in the timeframe for a pre-design plan. Alix said he was frustrated because the RFP has been in the works for five weeks, and was in support for deferring to get feedback, but not sure that changing

52 the description on the agenda, but changing the wording on the agenda is the appropriate thing to
53 do. Langenheim concur with Alix's statement. Ammons felt the wording gives the assumption
54 and implication we are building a jail. Alix said the thing to do is change the title is when the
55 discussion comes up on the agenda. **Motion to amend failed.**

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57 **A vote taken on original motion to approve the agenda carried with one no vote.**
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59 **Public Participation**

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61 Nora Stewart, President of the Local 900 representing the County's AFSCME employees,
62 spoke and asked that the negotiation team for the County show them the respect they deserve and
63 return to the negotiation table.

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65 Tara McCauley wanted to draw the attention of the Board to the detailed proposals. She
66 asked Board members to study them and hoped the Board would reconsider the proposals since
67 both sides are not very far apart.

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69 Janae Wisheart, Secretary for the Local 900 said they were told there was nothing more
70 to negotiate and asked for reconsideration in the negotiations.

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72 Dana Craig, State's Attorney employee said she was here to ask the Board to listen to
73 what they have to say. She wanted to let management know they still want to negotiate and reach
74 a deal.

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76 Dee Fairchild Ruggles, Professor at the University of Illinois spoke in regard to the
77 design committee. She spoke of the criticisms of the public on the project and she said the
78 County should look forward to different ways of incarcerating individuals who have committed
79 crimes. She asked if a new jail facility is really needed and said that she felt \$20 million was a
80 high price tag. She wanted the Board to consider measures to decrease crime.

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82 William Castro said he was dismayed with reading the reports of the NIC, more
83 specifically with the statistics on racial makeup. He wondered how experts could make
84 unbiased recommendations regarding alternatives to incarceration and jail expansion. He
85 suggested depopulating the downtown jail and eliminating the downtown jail.

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87 Amy Foster wanted to ask one more time to grant the authority to resume the AFSCME
88 negotiations. She felt it was difficult to talk about equality when using percentages for wage
89 increases when there are two different scales for bargaining and non-bargaining. She said the
90 Unit was very willing to work with the county on insurance. She said they worked hard on
91 getting lower insurance premiums and would think those savings would allow the extra authority
92 for salary increases in the negotiations.

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94 Sarah Lazare spoke and said she represented the GEO Local 6300 and wanted to talk
95 about the proposed expansion of the jail. She talked about the issue that the IL Department of
96 Corrections passed the County's jails without any violations, but suggested the Sheriff and others
97 are pushing this issue of needing building issues addressed as an emergency and is problematic.
98 She said the jail expansion effort is not just a building issue. She urged the Board not to rush
99 through and that it should be connected to an understanding how the expansion would work.

101 Kelly Dillard spoke regarding the amendment to the zoning ordinance that is listed on the
102 agenda and that it affects small business in the county. He said it is far reaching and crippling to
103 small business at a time when we need to increase business. He criticized Mr. Hall regarding the
104 proposed changes. He then mentioned each of the items in the proposed amendment. He asked
105 three things of the Board: to instruct the Zoning office to enforce the Ordinance as written, to not
106 grant Mr. Hall's proposed amendments and to conduct an investigation to the misuse of the
107 zoning codes.

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109 Patsy Howell said she spoke at last month's meeting about letting the public know what
110 is happening with the \$20 million. She said that while she was incarcerated in our jail they were
111 passing out medications and screaming out that calls were made. She felt like she was in a
112 mental institution, not a jail. She said the Needs Assessment should deal with the trends about
113 who will be jailed in the new jail and how to keep up maintenance. She said the Board is not
114 capable to pick a committee that is going to discuss this issue.

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116 Chris Evans talked about Ordinance No. 572 passed in 1998 and of Ordinance No. 683
117 passes in 2003.

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119 Jerehme Bamberger stated his concern with the influence of the project team over the
120 Board's decisions on how to proceed with the rectifications of the jail. His concern was the
121 team was appointed and there are no existing public records of their meetings. He spoke of
122 portions of the RFP and the selection process.

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124 Rachel Schwartz, candidate for County Board District 7 spoke of the funding of the jail
125 and the rhetoric she heard that the bonds will be paid off and there will be funds available.

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127 Rohn Koester said he has worked as a volunteer in the satellite jail with students in
128 obtaining their GED. He said there are currently more inmates that request enrollment than the
129 program allows. He continued with a description of how the GED and other programs work.

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131 Aaron Ammons said he had questions about the RFP. He spoke about language that
132 referred to the County and the consultants and also about how communication with the public is
133 structured.

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135 **Communications**

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137 Ammons asked that any written comments of those that spoke in public participation be
138 turned in and be placed on record.

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140 **Environment & Land Use**

141 **Direction to Zoning Administrator Regarding Proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to**
142 **Amend Limits on Vehicles and Equipment in Rural Home Occupations**

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144 **Motion** by Langenheim to direct the Zoning Administrator Regarding Proposed Zoning
145 Ordinance Text Amendment to Amend Limits on Vehicles and Equipment in Rural Home
146 Occupations; seconded by Weibel.

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148 **Motion** by Weibel to amend the main motion on Item 1E to strike the strike out when it
149 pertains to farm vehicles; seconded by Berkson. **Motion to amend carried with one no vote.**

150 Jay stated his concerns with this case and with the proposed changes. He said some don't
151 seem to make sense and would like to defer to the June meeting.
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153 **Motion** by Jay to defer to the June meeting; seconded by Holderfield. Jay said he
154 doesn't see an immediate need, but has a lot of questions. James said he concurred with Jay.
155 Alix said Mr. Dillard made a number of comments, one of which an issue was regarding signage.
156 Kurtz wanted to make sure that Board members give Mr. Hall some direction. Michaels also
157 agreed to defer. Holderfield would like more time because she wasn't sure how the strikeouts
158 would affect any changes in the future and we need complete ordinance. She said it was
159 imperative to do this correctly. She also said that townships have the opportunity to change
160 limits and should have input. Anderson said she was ready to vote, but Mr. Dillard brought up
161 some points, but it seemed there was vague wording that got it to this place. Kurtz really does
162 not want to recognize a deferment in June and wants this to move forward. **A vote on the**
163 **motion to defer carried with no votes.**
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165 Direction to Zoning Administrator Regarding Proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to
166 Modify Wind Farm Separation from CR District
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168 **Motion** by James to direct the Zoning Administrator Regarding Proposed Zoning
169 Ordinance Text Amendment to Modify Wind Farm Separation from a CR District; seconded by
170 Carter. James asked why this was needed. Hall said a land owner is affected by this and that
171 this particular piece of property no longer has the natural features that a CR district is supposed to
172 have. So this land owner was not able to participate in the wind turbine project because of that.
173 Kibler asked where the one mile separation come from. Hall said it was originally a CR District
174 and there were bird and bat fatalities, but now the land doesn't support that.
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176 Bensyl confirmed that at one time there were trees on that property, but no longer are
177 there. A ditch on that area was also rerouted and no longer on that property and is mostly
178 tillable acres. It was noted that a CR district allows houses just like an AG district. Petrie
179 asked if there was nothing in the CR guidelines that gives guidelines or prohibits what happens
180 and is there anything that precludes it becoming a CR district again. Hall said this is the only
181 CR district like this in the entire county. Alix asked why this is a text amendment rather than a
182 zoning or map amendment. Bensyl said the reason for doing this is the landowners around that
183 property with the one mile setback that could have had wind towers couldn't because of the way
184 it is written, even though the land is not put in conservation because the ground has changed over
185 the years.
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187 Weibel pointed out the action tonight only sends this evening's action to ZBA for a
188 public hearing and that should be clarified in the motion. Alix requested the landowner be sent a
189 letter about the change. Hall said they do not ordinarily do that for text amendments, but he will
190 check with the State's Attorney on that. Petrie felt this was not an urgent matter. Langenheim
191 said that having read the text in the agenda, it appears to him that this piece of land should not be
192 in a CR district and should be addressing the more appropriate zoning. If deferred, it will go to
193 ZBA and then it will be referred back to the full County Board for approval. **Motion to forward**
194 **on to ZBA carried with one no vote.**
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196 Monthly Report
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198 **Motion** by Betz to receive and place on file the monthly report of the Zoning Director;
199 seconded by Quisenberry. **Motion carried.**

200 Other Business

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202 None.

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204 County Facilities

205 QBS Presentation & Overview – Steve Ziegler

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207 A five minute break was taken from approximately 7:40pm to 7:45pm.

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209 Steve Ziegler, with the State’s Attorney’s office, started a presentation and overview of
210 the Qualifications-Based Section Process. He said that several Board members had already been
211 through this procedure, but it was requested that he conduct this again for some of the newer
212 Board members. He said it was designed to be objective and flexible for obtaining
213 architectural, engineering and other related professional services. He said it was a very
214 streamline procedure. He said the County is required to use this system to select architects and
215 engineers based on competence and qualifications. The issue of fees comes up after the
216 ranking of candidates. It sets a specific proposal. This Act requires local governments to
217 evaluate qualifications of firms and authorized interviews or public presentations. Then those
218 firms are ranked to a minimum of three in order of preference and being negotiations with only
219 the top ranked firm. If a successful contract cannot be negotiated, then the next firm is
220 approached to negotiate a contract and on down the line. Once a contract is completed, the
221 County must work with that firm, unless there are extraordinary circumstances. The County
222 must identify the scope of work and the general timeline. Public notice is then given. A
223 Selection Committee is also appointed. Presentations are given, evaluations are established.
224 A tour of the site may also be given. Interviews are conducted and then the firms are ranked.
225 It was noted that at least three should be identified.

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227 Mr. Ziegler then continued with the steps in the process. Champaign County should go
228 with a public notice system because a bidders list is not maintained by the County. He said the
229 Selection Committee may include representatives of the department responsible for
230 administration of the project and the project’s functions and any other stakeholders in the success
231 of the project.

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233 He continued on what to ask for in the proposals: A Statement of Qualifications, Letter
234 of Interest and a Request for Technical Proposals that are detailed plans on how a design
235 professional firm will approach the project. Ziegler said that a number of firms to be included
236 on the shortlist should be determined to be on the shortlist with no less than three and usually no
237 more than five. After the Selection Committee has developed the short list, the firms are
238 contacted and are sent complete information regarding the interview process and requirements,
239 including evaluation criteria to be used for the interview scoring system. A tour of the site is
240 then conducted.

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242 Ziegler described the interview process that includes the scheduling, which is generally
243 thirty minutes for presentation and a Q & A session followed by fifteen minutes of private
244 discussion by the committee. He directed the Board’s attention to a sample of an evaluation
245 form and explained the scoring system.

246 James asked about the process about different projects that may come up. Busey said
247 that painters don’t fall under this process. The QBS is for engineers and architects. Maxwell
248 asked a question about the weighing factors in the selection process for the RFP that is on the
249 agenda, which included a statement that costs are 15% of the selected criteria. Busey pointed

250 out that Mr. Ziegler's presentation on QBS is not the same process as the other agenda item
251 which is the RFP.

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253 Petrie stated she had talked with some people at the State level and they had told her the
254 County could use vendors from their pre-qualified list. Ziegler said that list is for a variety of
255 vendors for State buildings and those are vastly different than County building projects. Petrie
256 said she's already been involved in this process once, and being an urban planner she sees a lot of
257 difference is asking for qualifications and design. She found it an unsatisfactory process. She
258 asked about extricating from the process if a firm is selected. Ziegler stated that can happen
259 during the contract negotiation process. He said the more specific the parameters of the project,
260 the more likely you'll get more specific information back. He also said it may not be an entirely
261 satisfactory process, but it is the one we are required to follow.

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263 Ammons wanted clarification made that the Illinois statutes that set the parameters to use
264 the system. Ziegler said it is the basics you must follow. He said it not bid system and how
265 firms are ranked is up to this Board. Jay asked if once in the negotiation phase with a firm, the
266 County could stop the process then. Ziegler confirmed that negotiations may stop if finances are
267 not agreed upon. Bensyl said he had concern also about adopting someone else's list of
268 vendors because those vendors may not be qualified to build what the County wants, for example
269 those vendors may have qualifications for building schools, but not jail. Brief discussion
270 continued.

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272 Carter asked how different this process is from the courthouse project. Ziegler said it
273 wasn't much different. Alix talked about his experience with this system. He finds where it
274 breaks down is on a project where you don't know what outcome you want. Zeigler said the
275 place where that information could be sorted out is with the Needs study. He used the
276 courthouse project as an example. The Needs Assessment and Pre-Design was conducted
277 because they were told how many courtrooms were needed, what departments would be included
278 in the courthouse and addition. They knew the number of employees that would be located
279 there and they were also told that the old courthouse should remain intact and used. Maxwell
280 said that maintaining a list of pre-qualified engineers and such and didn't think it was the best
281 thing for the County. Zeigler agreed, because the County doesn't have on-going construction
282 projects the way the State does. He agreed with Anderson that State prison systems are
283 different than County jail systems.

284 285 Physical Plant Monthly Reports

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287 **Motion** by James to receive and place on the file the monthly reports of the Physical
288 Plant; seconded by Kibler. **Motion carried unanimously.**

289 290 202 Art Bartell Construction Monthly Report

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292 Reinhart stated the only activity is a partial payment to BCA for the storm water
293 management project.

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295 **Motion** by Jay to receive and place on file the monthly report; seconded by Bensyl.
296 **Motion carried unanimously.**

297 298 East Campus Storm Water Management Project Bid Opening Schedule

300 Reinhart stated the project is on schedule. Drawings have been reviewed and dates have
301 now been set for the bidding on the construction of the project as listed in the agenda. He said
302 that Board members are welcome to join the Pre-bid Meeting that is to be held at the ILEAS
303 building on March 20. The Bid opening is scheduled for March 27 at the Brookens building.
304 A recommendation for the full Board should occur in April. Brief discussion about bid bonds
305 continued.

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307 Courthouse Sound System Project Update
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309 Reinhart said the sound system update is moving forward smoothly and that sound
310 systems in the courthouse are upgraded and working well. They're working tonight at the Adult
311 Detention Center for the remote video arraignment system. The courthouse arraignment system
312 is in. They hope to have all systems up and running by the end of the week. Reinhart
313 confirmed for James that there is a one year warranty on all labor and materials on this project.
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315 Jail Space Improvement Project

316 Approval of Release of RFP for Consultant Services for Needs Assessment and Pre-Design
317 Planning
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319 **Motion** by Kurtz to release the RFP for Consultant Services for Needs Assessment Study
320 for Champaign County Corrections; seconded by Langenheim. Weibel stated a more recent
321 update copy had been placed at the members' desks.
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323 **Motion** by Ammons to strike "do nothing" on page 4, paragraph two and amend the time
324 frame on page 4, assuming this was approved this evening. She suggested the release date be
325 March 23 and adjust the schedule from there, as follows: Responses due May 25, Jail Planning
326 Project Team Notification of Selection of Short-Listed Firms, June 18, the Short Listed Firm
327 Interviews with the County Board on July 10; Top Ranked Firm Selection on July 11, Contract
328 Negotiation July 12thru 19th and the County Board award of contract being July 26; seconded by
329 Carter. Petrie asked if presentations could be made on the date normally held for the study
330 session in June, rather than July 10 because that is a date already set aside normally. Ammons
331 agreed with the amendment from Petrie. Betz asked Ammons if the two items in her motion
332 could be separated.
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334 There was no objection to the change to separate. The committee agreed upon the
335 change of deleting the words "do nothing" Discussion turned back to the timeline. Busey
336 asked if the Top-Ranked Firm Selection could be moved to June 27 because that will be
337 determined by the County Board on the 26th and then the contract negotiation could begin and not
338 wait. Ammons agreed with that. Kibler wanted clarification that if the Committee of the
339 whole agreed upon all changes this evening, then could it not be released in accordance with the
340 timeline originally in the RFP. Quisenberry said he would like to get through with this
341 discussion this evening, so that it can be released.
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343 **Motion** by Weibel to defer discussion of the timeline to the end of the discussion of the
344 RFP; seconded by Kurtz. Alix said that Kibler had made a good point about the dates because
345 procedurally nothing goes to the full Board for vote, that Committee makes the approval for a
346 release of an RFP. Ammons said she was not comfortable with getting the new edited copy this
347 evening and does not disagree with a majority of the framework of the RFP. Weibel said not
348 much was edited in the version on the tables, only with the dates and two other phrases in the
349 RFP. Holderfield said it is more advantageous to go through the rest of the RFP and if there are

350 date changes that are appropriate, they can be made later. **Motion to defer the discussion to the**
351 **end of the discussion carried.**
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353 Ammons asked for clarity on methodology in selection process from Ms. Busey. Busey
354 said it is spelled out for determining the firms that will present their options. She said on page 7
355 there should be an amendment to change “may elect to shortlist two or three firms” to “shall
356 short-list the firms” Alix asked if the Chair would entertain straw votes on the text changes.
357 Betz asked how many members had changes or amendment suggestions. Five members raised
358 their hands. He asked if they were substantive or errata. Ammons stated her respect about
359 time, but also didn’t want to take this issue lightly. Alix asked if there was a mechanism to
360 defer, but continue the discussion. Betz did not feel this could happen. Weibel would not like
361 to defer again without some discussion. Holderfield agreed with Weibel so that it is known what
362 is out there to discuss. Betz received consent to Busey’s suggestions about “the firms”.
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364 **Motion** by Ammons to include the phrase “including any that could contribute to racial
365 disparities in jail population versus county demographics” after “criminal justice system,”;
366 seconded by Alix. Weibel asked if it could just read “including any that could contribute to
367 racial disparity” because it says the same thing. Ammons accepted that change. **A roll call**
368 **vote carried with Alix, Ammons, Anderson, Berkson, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Holderfield,**
369 **Kibler, Kurtz, Langenheim, Maxwell, O’Connor, Petrie, Quisenberry, Richards, Rosales**
370 **and Weibel voting yes and with Bensyl, Esry, James, Jay and Michaels voting no.**
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372 **Motion** by Ammons to add “as well as community based treatment, education and
373 prevention programs.” after agencies in #5 of the Scope of Services section and to change the
374 phrase “incarceration or to add appropriate” to “incarceration and identify appropriate” in the
375 same section, next sentence and to strike the entire last sentence in #7 of the same section;
376 seconded by Cowart. Petrie stated her position in requesting that last sentence be added.
377 She said we need to think what will happen with the downtown facility and what if it can be
378 repurposed. Maxwell suggested leaving it in and directing the consultant to make suggestions.
379 Brief discussion continued. Unanimous consensus on striking the sentence in #7. In #8 she
380 asked about changing the phrase “estimate does not need to include other considerations,” to
381 “estimate should include other considerations”. Alix spoke and said the language in the last
382 sentence and suggestion was made to change “some operational costs” to “all operational costs,
383 including”. Busey said she didn’t want the Board to think this consultant would be the one to
384 determine with the budget for any project that is determined. The budget is not determined until
385 a firm is selected for the architect and determines what will actually be done. James said the
386 consultant should just determine what the needs actually are. Discussion continued. Betz asked
387 for consensus to add the word “acknowledge” to Ammons’ phrase in #8. Consensus of the Board
388 was to accept those small changes. In #9, Ammons asked about the second sentence. She felt it
389 should be put in the methodology section and Busey agreed that should be okay. **Motion on**
390 **Ammons motion for changes in Paragraph #2 carried with Alix, Ammons, Anderson,**
391 **Berkson, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Holderfield, Kibler, Kurtz, Langenheim, Maxwell,**
392 **O’Connor, Petrie, Quisenberry, Richards, Rosales and Weibel voting yes and with Bensyl,**
393 **Esry, James, Jay and Michaels voting no.**
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395 Petrie asked Busey to explain when thinking about the category of criteria when giving
396 percentages to methodology. Busey said there are four different areas such as the firms’ unique
397 approach and how they may do the work. Petrie asked if a copy could be sent to the Board
398 members on that. Petrie also asked about how the first round of selections happened. The split
399 would be 60/40 split between methodology and qualifications.

400 Petrie wanted to decouple the variables of the maintenance only clause. She felt it
401 should be considered along the timeline, rather than waiting on a plan presented by the
402 consultants. Betz felt maintaining the jail along the line is a separate issue from this proposal.
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404 **Motion** by Petrie to decouple the maintenance only factor in the second paragraph and be
405 considered separately; seconded by Ammons. Quisenberry also agreed with Betz that the
406 building will continue to be maintained whether or not it is considered a part of a future plan.
407 Brief discussion continued. Petrie said her major concern was with information given by
408 Reinhart and the amount of money that would need to be put into the downtown facility and to
409 have a clear idea how much maintenance would need to be done. **Motion failed.**
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411 **Motion** by Petrie that the request for costs that are in the RFP be removed from the RFP
412 on Page 16. **Motion fails for lack of a second.**
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414 **Motion** by Berkson that the Committee of the Whole be the team that makes the short-
415 list, rather than the Jail Project Planning Team; seconded by Rosales. Betz's interpretation of
416 the Berkson motion is that all those who apply make a presentation. Berkson said no, that the
417 whole Board should make the shortlist as to who makes presentations. She felt this is the most
418 important step in the entire process. Bensyl asked what the project team would then do, to
419 which Betz replied it would not exist. Alix stated his concern about a logistical problem with
420 having all twenty-seven Board members review the proposals to make a shortlist. He mentioned
421 it is a good idea to have Board members' input as to who makes the shortlist and said he is open
422 to supporting the motion if it is explained how it would work in a way that doesn't deprive the
423 input of the Sheriff and those others in the system. Berkson felt the Board should be the decision
424 maker. She said the firm chosen could go to the Sheriff for his input. Maxwell said we might
425 consider having someone neutral in the selection process.
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427 Michaels said in some ways she understands both Berkson and Alix said, but also thinks
428 we have to have the input of those working in the facilities day in and day out because they know
429 how it functions and doesn't want to see them eliminated from the process. Ammons said one
430 her initial changes was to include the Justice and Social Services team in the process, but also
431 does not disagree with Berkson. She also feels the Planning Team did a good job putting the
432 RFP together, but feels there is a little slight that there should probably be another group
433 reviewing those selected to interview. Petrie offered a compromise that there are three groups
434 do the scoring: the Project Team, the Justice and Social Services Team and the County Board,
435 and let them all score.
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437 Langenheim said with regard to logistics, as we did with the Nursing Home Project and
438 many other projects in the last decade or so, we had a set of firms and saw a pre-selected group of
439 those. He asked if it were possible to take the rejected submissions and have those available for
440 Board member that want to look through them and then make a decision to allow one or two of
441 them to make a presentation, if approved. Quisenberry suggested having a few or four Board
442 members in the scoring process, part of the team in that effort. Betz pointed out there are already
443 two Board Members on that committee. He spoke of past successful projects built. He said
444 that nothing precludes the County Board to review anything.
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446 Kibler asked if the proposals received could be put on the County's website and allow
447 anyone on the Board to review them and put in their input. James said he trust the Project Team
448 and wondered logistically how the entire Board would meet with these proposers. He said the
449 process has its merits. Jay concurred with James, but also wanted everyone to keep in mind

450 there is confidentiality involved. He said the Project Team is the best group to begin the project
451 with. Cowart said she supported Berkson's motion. Anderson said she could see adding two
452 more Board members to the evaluation team. She thought there is a good possibility that a
453 number of the proposers may not even have the qualifications and could be weeded out right
454 away in the initial screening. Berkson said she did not feel that a small team would know what
455 the County Board would want.

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457 Holderfield said she understands the concerns, but we're not experts in the field and said
458 it is the most important thing is that the RFP is written with what is requested. She said we will
459 never know what those on the Team know working in that field every day. The Sheriff said he
460 couldn't say how important it is to have the layout, no matter what the decision is, is a critical
461 factor in the way he and his staff and his successors will work. He said this is a huge
462 undertaking of this Team and didn't see a decision coming quickly, because they have to do
463 research and background checks. Reitz stated her willingness to put in the time and has no
464 personal stake as an elected official. She said those on the Team are accountable to the citizens
465 of the County and there is no benefit to them other than to be sure it is done properly. Bensyl
466 feels exactly the same way, and said he's smart enough to know when not to make those
467 decisions. He said he is a firm believer in smaller groups.

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469 Rosales said he appreciates what Reitz said, but they have defined roles as elected
470 officials and the County Board has fiduciary roles. He felt all three groups should have equal
471 input, but it is the Board's decision to make. Kurtz said there are numerous aspects of this
472 process, but we need to get the RFP out tonight and was satisfied with most of the concerns of
473 this Board. He felt we need the best people on the Team who understand from all the system
474 from all perspectives. He didn't see the Board being able to spend the time reviewing all of the
475 proposals that will be received. Richards stated his concern for having all twenty-seven Board
476 members reviewing the RFP. He is open to having the Project Team and the Advisory Team
477 review the proposals. Esry agreed, but asked if the Project Team could provide a summary of
478 comments of those rejected proposal provided as to why they felt those proposals were
479 satisfactory. Betz felt it was very possible that a large number of proposals will be received in
480 this economy.

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482 **Motion** by Ammons to substitute Berkson's motion to incorporate what Esry suggested
483 with regard to providing comments to the County Board about the rejected proposals; seconded
484 by Carter. Alix asked at what point the submissions become public information. Busey said
485 procedurally, when all the responses are received the list of those respondents can be made
486 available to the Board members. Then the selection process begins with tours and evaluations.
487 They can share that information with the Board. This is the typical process. She said it takes at
488 least two hours per response to do due diligence and research. In terms of publishing the RFP's,
489 the proposers will not want their proposals published because that would expose their strategy.
490 Alix if it was appropriate to allow County Board Members to inspect the submissions prior to the
491 decision. Busey said all Board Members would have access to those. **Ammons withdrew her**
492 **motion.**

493 **Motion** by Petrie to offer a compromise to Berkson's motion to add several Board
494 Members and add some from the Task Force; seconded by Ammons. **Motion carried.**

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496 **Motion to change the words "Jail Project Planning Team" to "County Board**
497 **Members" in the Selection Process Section failed by roll call vote with Ammons, Berkson,**
498 **Carter, Cowart, O'Connor, Rosales and Weibel voting yes and with Alix, Anderson, Bensyl,**

499 **Betz, Esry, Holderfield, James, Jay, Kibler, Kurtz, Langenheim, Maxwell, Michaels, Petrie,**
500 **Quisenberry and Richards voting no.**

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502 **Motion** by Alix to add the following to Section VIII, last sentence “The final report and
503 supporting documents shall be made in electronic form to be placed on the County’s website”;
504 seconded by Ammons. **Motion carried.**

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506 Kibler pointed out a punctuation error in the introduction section, second paragraph that a
507 colon should replace the period in the first sentence, which received consensus of the Board.

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509 **Motion** by Ammons to add members from the members of the Justice and Social
510 Services task force to the Project Planning Team for the selection process; seconded by Petrie.
511 She said this project will deal with larger issues than the facility itself. James disagreed with
512 that because that is an advisory team and that it is the Board that makes the decision. Richards
513 asked how many members Ammons thought should be put on the Team. Ammons suggested
514 that he and that group get together and select a couple among themselves as to who will be on the
515 selection team. Alix like that idea, but didn’t see how it could be done legally due to the
516 confidentiality issues.

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518 **Motion** by Richards to amend Ammon’s motion as follows: Two members from the
519 Task Force be appointed to the Selection Team and that the County Board Chair makes those
520 appointments and that they sign a confidentiality agreement; seconded by Quisenberry. Brief
521 discussion followed. Michaels said the Task Force hasn’t even been appointed yet and that
522 could delay this even further. Carter said that the County Board shouldn’t allow others that are
523 not on the County Board to be on the selection team, because that is when problems occur. Betz
524 said we have had successful projects in the past with the system that is already outlined. He also
525 said that just because we don’t get the result we want, does not mean the process is bad. Weibel
526 said one problem that may come up is that the posting for the task force did not include the task
527 of serving on a selection team for the RFP. **Motion to amend failed with a roll vote with Alix,**
528 **Ammons, Anderson, Berkson, Cowart, Kurtz, Petrie, Quisenberry and Richards voting yes**
529 **and with Bensyl, Betz, Carter, Esry, Holderfield, James, Jay, Kibler, Langenheim, Maxwell,**
530 **Michaels, O’Connor and Weibel voting no.**

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532 **Main Motion** by Ammons failed by roll call vote with Ammons, Berkson, Carter,
533 Cowart, Petrie and Richards voting yes and with Alix, Anderson, Bensyl, Betz, Esry,
534 Holderfield, James, Jay, Kibler, Kurtz, Langenheim, Maxwell, Michaels, O’Connor,
535 Quisenberry and Weibel voting no.

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537 **Motion** by Ammons to add one additional County Board member from one of the
538 minority districts of color to the selection committee; seconded by Petrie. James said he finds
539 that offensive because he represents many minorities in his district. Berkson said all those on
540 the committee now are the keepers of the jail and also felt there should be someone of color on
541 the committee. Kurtz asked if Ammons if she was volunteering for this position, to which she
542 affirmed that. Richards asked if there was a way to get someone of color from the other side,
543 but not necessarily a Board Member. Reitz agreed with James and said she is an elected official
544 and represents the County as a whole and was willing to hear from anyone who had comments in
545 the process.

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547 **Motion** by Jay to call the question; seconded by James. **Motion carried.**

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549 **Motion by Ammons carried with roll call vote with Alix, Ammons, Anderson,**
550 **Berkson, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Kurtz, Petrie, Quisenberry, Richards and Weibel voting yes**
551 **and with Bensyl, Esry, Holderfield, James, Jay, Kibler, Langenheim, Maxwell, Michaels**
552 **and O'Connor voting no.**
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554 Discussion returned to the discussion of the timeline. Ammons withdrew her motion
555 for changing the dates. Busey said she would email the revised RFP to all Board members and let
556 them know she will still have time to make any corrections if a mistake is caught prior to March
557 9, the release date.
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559 **A vote on the original motion to approve the RFP as amended carried by roll call**
560 **vote with Alix, Ammons, Anderson, Berkson, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Holderfield,**
561 **James, Jay, Kibler, Kurtz, Langenheim, Maxwell, Michaels, O'Connor, Petrie,**
562 **Quisenberry, Richards and Weibel voting yes and with Bensyl voting no.**
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564 Other Business

565 None.
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568 Policy, Personnel & Appointments

569 Appointments/Reappointments

570 Lincoln Legacy Committee
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572 **Motion by Weibel to recommend to the full Board approval of the reappointment of**
573 **Raymond Cunningham to the Lincoln Legacy Committee for a term ending February 28, 2015;**
574 **seconded by Esry. Motion carried.**
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576 C-U Mass Transit District
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578 **Motion by Weibel to recommend to the full Board approval of the appointment of**
579 **Jermaine Raymer to the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Board for a term ending**
580 **December 31, 2016; seconded by Langenheim. Chair Weibel stated Mr. Raymer is a republican**
581 **from Champaign and a daily user of the MTD. Motion carried.**
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583 County Administrator

584 Vacant Positions Listing

585 For information only.
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589 Other Business

590 Resolution Establishing the Champaign County Local Foods Policy Council
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592 **Motion by Petrie to recommend to the full Board approval of a Resolution Establishing**
593 **the Champaign County Local Foods Policy Council; seconded by Richards. Quisenberry said**
594 **he had the understanding that there would be some feedback from the Extension to see if there**
595 **was duplicate work on that. Petrie pointed the members' attention to a memo placed on the**
596 **tables. She said the Extension was in full support of a council being established and don't see**
597 **this as their role, which is education. Quisenberry said he feels there is more demand in the**
598 **County for local food than what is available.**

599 **Motion** by Weibel to amend the motion to add a final “Whereas” to read as follows:
600 Whereas, the Council will review available options where the Council could/should be centered
601 or housed, and evaluate each option in terms of relationships of the local food market, financial
602 backing, and member appointment process”; seconded by Alix. **Motion to amend carried.**
603

604 Discussion returned to the main motion. **A roll call vote on the motion as amended**
605 **carried with Alix, Ammons, Anderson, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Langenheim, Maxwell,**
606 **Michaels, Petrie, Quisenberry, Richards and Weibel voting yes and with Bensyl, Esry,**
607 **James, Jay, Kibler and O’Connor voting no.**
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609 Consideration of Position in Opposition to HB5252
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611 Busey explained that the state would change how the said the Rental Housing Support
612 Fee is collected and currently retained by the County and is deposited in the County’s general
613 revenue fund. This proposed bill would change that to the State holding the revenue. The fee is
614 collected through the County Recorder’s office.
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616 **Motion** by Richards to recommend approval of a Resolution in Opposition to HB5252;
617 seconded by Quisenberry. Richards stated he was the one who asked it be put on the agenda.
618 **Motion carried with one no vote.**
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620 Chair’s Report
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622 None.
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624 Other Business
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626 None.
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628 Adjournment
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630 Chair Weibel declared the meeting adjourned at 11:37pm.
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632 Respectfully submitted,
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634 Ranae Wolken
635 Recording Secretary
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640 *Secretary’s note – The minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of*
641 *business conducted at the meeting.*