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**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

**Finance; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments; Justice & Social Services
Thursday, October 13, 2016
Lyle Shields Meeting Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Alix, Jack Anderson, Astrid Berkson, Lorraine Cowart, Aaron Esry, Shana Harrison, Josh Hartke, Matt Hiser, John Jay, Diane Michaels, Max Mitchell, Patti Petrie, James Quisenberry, Giraldo Rosales, Rachael Schwartz, C. Pius Weibel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lloyd Carter, Stan Harper, Gary Maxwell, Jim McGuire, Jon Rector, Jon Schroeder

OTHERS PRESENT: Paula Bates (Supervisor of Assessments), Katie Blakeman (Circuit Clerk), Debbie Heiser (County Insurance Specialist), Tami Ogden (Deputy Administrator of Finance), Kay Rhodes (County Board Administrative Assistant), Molly Rollings (Dimond Brothers Insurance) Rick Snider (County Administrator)

CALL TO ORDER

Petrie called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Rhodes called the roll. Alix, Anderson, Berkson, Cowart, Esry, Harrison, Hartke, Hiser, Jay, Michaels, Mitchell, Petrie, Quisenberry, Rosales, Schwartz, and Weibel were present at the time of roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

MOTION by Rosales to approve the Agenda/Addenda; seconded by Quisenberry. Alix removed Finance Item E3 – Recommendations for Employee Health Insurance & Related Benefit Plans; as well as Non-Bargaining Employee Health Insurance Contributions. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

OMNIBUS MOTION by Alix to approve the minutes of September 13, 2016 and September 29, 2016; seconded by Rosales. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

OMNIBUS MOTION by Mitchell to approve the Legislative Budget Hearing minutes of August 22, 2016; August 23, 2016; and August 24, 2016; seconded by Esry. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Amy Foster spoke briefly about the proposed employee health insurance changes. She was concerned that switching insurance carriers would be more costly to employees than keeping the current carrier without any large advantages.

COMMUNICATIONS

Snider made a brief statement regarding the selection health insurance for County employees. He explained that the Labor/Management Health Insurance Committee had worked extensively over the last two months resulting in two insurance carrier finalists. However, each carrier has different plans and the comparison of benefits has been difficult. The LMHIC hopes to bring forth a recommendation to the County Board meeting next week.

JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES

Monthly Reports

All reports were received and placed on file.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report.

FINANCE

Treasurer

The Treasurer's September 2016 report was received and placed on file.

Auditor

The Auditor's September 2016 report was received and placed on file.

Nursing Home Monthly Report

Alix noted that the monthly financial report was unavailable and that it would be available by the County Board meeting. He asked committee members if they had any other items they would like to discuss regarding the nursing home.

Weibel was dismayed upon learning about a recent letter to the Governor from the County Board Chair regarding the state of the nursing home. He felt that the County Board members should have been consulted prior to this communication. He also felt that the letter would be ignored because the Governor is of a different political party than the County Board Chair. He added that neither the Governor or the General Assembly care about social services. Weibel was also

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concerned that the letter would have a negative impact on the pool of potential nursing home residents as well as the pool of job-seekers.

Berkson stated that over the last six-years that she had been a County Board member the potential closing of the nursing home had been a topic of discussion; it had been in the newspaper and on the radio and each time the discussion has been discouraged because of the negative impact it could have on the nursing home. Berkson said that the letter to Governor simply stated the worst case scenario if relief from the State of Illinois was not received soon.

Anderson agreed that this type of publicity could have a negative effect on the nursing home's future census and current/future employees. However, he felt that Petrie's communication was honest allowing the public to make more informed decisions.

Quisenberry did not agree with the language in the letter and regretted that the rest of the County Board was not consulted or involved in the decision to send the letter or its contents.

Hartke agreed with comments of Weibel and Quisenberry. He felt the letter was hyper-dramatic and could only have a detrimental effect on the nursing home operations. He added that he knew of several members of the board who had met with local legislators regarding the situation at the nursing home. Hartke had personally met with Carol Ammons and Scott Bennett this past week on this particular issue.

Jay felt that the County Board needed to face the facts regarding the financial situation at the nursing home. The situation is serious and the public has a right to know about it.

Weibel agreed with everyone's comments, but felt that any communication should have come from the County Board as a whole.

Petrie clarified that her communication to the Governor did not state that the nursing home would close next year. She simply pointed out the dire financial situation and that the closing could be an end result. She added that the situation is serious and she was glad to know that Ms. Ammons and Mr. Bennett were working on a solution.

Hiser agreed with earlier statements against the letter to the Governor concluding that it would probably do more harm to the nursing home than good. Quisenberry felt that the Chair of the Nursing Home Board of Directors should have been consulted as well.

Budget Amendments/Transfers

MOTION by Hartke to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Transfer 16-00010** for Fund/Dept. 080 General Corporate/075 General County – 023 Recorder, 026 Treasurer, 140 Correctional Center, 042 Coroner, 031 Circuit Court with a total transfer of \$32,404 to move money to correct budgets to pay for increase in salaries due to settlement of AFSCME contracts; seconded by Berkson. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

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MOTION by Michaels to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Amendment 16-00044** for Fund/Dept. 679 Children's Advocacy Center/179 Children's Advocacy Center with increased appropriations of \$6,750 and matching revenue due to extra dollars granted by DCFS beginning the is grant year, which started July 1, 2016; seconded by Cowart. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Amendment 16-00046** for Fund/Dept. 630 Circuit Clerk Operation & Administration; 671 Court Document Storage/030 Circuit Clerk with increased appropriations of \$71,000 with no matching revenue, from fund balance to cover additional expenses for the redesign of the Circuit Clerk's website and addition of new public access program from JANO; seconded by Berkson. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

MOTION by Anderson to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing **Budget Amendment 16-00047** for Fund/Dept. 080 General Corporate/127 Veterans' Assistance Commission with increased appropriations of \$3,000 to pay for Veterans' Memorial repair through a restricted total donation of \$4,237 designated only for repairs to the monument; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

County Administrator

General Corporate Fund Reports

FY2017 Tentative Budget

Snider said there was a significant improvement in revenue from last month. This also reflects the recent loan to the nursing home. Ogden stated that the budget change report reflected the additions since last month of the Kronos time clock expenditure; additional real estate expenditure/revenue due to increased activity; and the receipt of the payment for the Ameren transmission line as per the Illinois Rivers Project.

Alix asked for an update on the nursing home replacement boilers. Snider explained that the project is complete and the new boilers are in place. FY2016 General Corporate Fund Budget Projection and Budget change reports were received and placed on file.

MOTION by Hartke to receive and place on file the FY2017 Tentative Budget; seconded by Berkson. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report.

Designation of Items for the Consent Agenda

Items D1-4; E4 were designated for the Consent Agenda.

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POLICY, PERSONNEL, & APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor of Assessments

MOTION by Harrison to approve the review and evaluation of the Supervisor of Assessments positions of Sales Analyst/Office Manager and Appraiser/Analyst by the Job Content Evaluation Committee; seconded by Berkson.

Bates explained that in an effort to train personnel in vital duties of the office and prepare for the necessity of field personnel to assist in reassessments in the future, she proposed a reorganization of the office duties. Bates stated that the Chief Deputy position had been vacant for some time and she would like to combine those duties and responsibilities into the current positions of Sales Analyst/Office Manager and Appraiser/Analyst for improved more efficient operations and potential cost savings. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

County Clerk

September 2016 report was received and placed on file.

County Administrator

Monthly HR Report

County Property, Liability, & Worker's Compensation Policies

September 2016 report received and placed on file.

MOTION by Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the County property, liability, and worker's compensation policies for December 1, 2016-November 30, 2017; seconded by Rosales.

Weibel asked why the nursing home had pollution control insurance. Rollings explained that this was due to the mold issue that occurred when the nursing home was built. She stated that this insurance has 3rd party coverage so that if any of the residents experience an illness that can be linked to mold exposure, the County is covered. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair's Report

Quisenberry noted that he would bring a resolution to the committee for consideration in November regarding the appointment of the County Administrator to the Economic Development Corporation as the County Board liaison instead of a County Board member.

Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

Item C2 was designated for the Consent Agenda.

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OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Alix to adjourn; seconded by Rosales. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Rhodes,
Administrative Assistant

Please note the minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.