



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Finance/ Policy, Personnel, & Appointments/Justice & Social Services
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on November 10, 2020

Members Present: Brad Clemmons, Lorraine Cowart, Connie Dillard-Myers, Jodi Eisenmann, Aaron Esry, Cynthia Fears, Stephanie Fortado, Jim Goss, Stan Harper, Mike Ingram, Jim McGuire, Diane Michaels, Kyle Patterson, Jon Rector, Chris Stohr, Steve Summers, Leah Taylor, Eric Thorsland, James Tinsley, Jodi Wolken, Charles Young, Giraldo Rosales

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Darlene Kloepfel (County Executive), Tami Ogden (Deputy Director of Finance), Isak Griffiths (Deputy Director of Administration), Debbie Heiser (Insurance Specialist), Megan Robison (Recording Secretary), Aaron Ammons (County Clerk), Angela Patton (Chief Deputy County Clerk), Marisol Hughes (Treasurer), Katie Blakeman (Circuit Clerk), Lisa Benson (Community Services Director – RPC), Molly Rollings (Dimond Bros Insurance)

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

A verbal roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Agenda/Addenda

MOTION by Ms. Cowart to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Young. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. September 15, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- B. October 1, 2020 – Special Finance Meeting

OMNIBUS MOTION by Mr. Young to approve the minutes of September 15th and October 1st, 2020; seconded by Mr. Goss. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Participation

Dottie Vura-Weis presented graphs showing jail population over the last 9 years. She also spoke about the need for a justice initiative program in Champaign County.

VI. Presentations

A. Mike Davis - Central Illinois Land Bank Authority

Mike Davis spoke to the Board about the Central Illinois Land Bank Authority. CILBA was created in 2016 and he is the first and only paid staff member. The land bank acquires and maintains problem properties and the goal is to transfer it back to responsible parties. Mr. Davis explained the goals of the land bank and how he is working to accomplish those.

VII. Communications

Mr. Ingram expressed his condolences about the passing of Angie Heaton and where donations can be made in her name. He also gave some statistics regarding early voting along with information about drop-off locations.

Mr. Stohr mentioned a controlled burn that would be happening but realized it was taking place in another county.

VIII. Justice and Social Services

A. Monthly Reports – All reports are available on each department’s webpage

- Public Defender – September 2020
- Animal Control – July & August 2020
- Head Start – February-September 2020

Received and placed on file

B. Rosecrance Re-Entry Financial Report – August 2020

Information only

C. Sheriff

1. Public Safety Records Management System Intergovernmental Agreement

Discussion only

2. Justice System Diversion Initiative

Discussion only – extensive conversation regarding the appropriateness of the previous discussion during the Special Finance meeting. Many members did not agree with the way this item was brought forward and thought there should have been more discussion during the committee meetings. Others thought it was the proper time and that the previous discussion at the Special Finance meeting was very productive. Ms. Fortado stated she would forward the data from the Sheriff’s Office to everyone. It was clarified where this money is currently budgeted.

D. Animal Control

1. Request for authorization for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services with the Village of Rantoul

MOTION by Ms. Michaels to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services with the Village of Rantoul; seconded by Mr. Ingram. Discussion followed regarding the current animal control services. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

E. Other Business

None

F. Chair's Report

None

G. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

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IX. Finance

A. Budget Amendments/Transfers

1. Budget Amendment 20-00047

Fund 630 Cir Clk Operation & Admin / Dept 030 Circuit Clerk

Increased appropriations: \$24,000

Increased revenue: \$24,000

Reason: Please see attached memo

MOTION by Mr. Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing budget amendment 20-00047; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

2. Budget Amendment 20-00048

Fund 613 Court's Automation Fund / Dept 030 Circuit Clerk

Increased Appropriations: \$20,000

Increased Revenue: \$20,000

Reason: Please see attached memo

MOTION by Mr. Harper to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing budget amendment 20-00048; seconded by Ms. Cowart. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

3. Budget Amendment 20-00052

Fund 080 General Corporate / Dept 022 County Clerk

Increased Appropriations: \$174,600

Increased Revenue: \$174,600

Reason: Grant funds from Center for Tech & Civic Life and United Way to help offset the additional expenses accrued for the 2020 General Election

MOTION by Mr. Rosales to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing budget amendment 20-00052; seconded by Mr. Stohr. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

4. Budget Transfer 20-00001

Fund 080 General Corporate / Dept 075 General County, 052 Court Services

Total Amount: \$62,867

Reason: Transfer for health insurance costs beyond appropriation based on utilization of the plan, and for wage increases per FOP Adult and Juvenile Probation Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement

MOTION by Ms. Wolken to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing budget transfer 20-00001; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. Treasurer

1. Monthly Report – 4th Distribution Settlement Sheet & September 2020– Reports are available on the Treasurer’s webpage

Received and placed on file – Mr. Goss and Ms. Fortado asked that the Treasurer update or remove the first page of the report as it is incorrect. Ms. Michaels asked when the final distributions to the school districts will take place. Ms. Hughes stated there would be two more distributions in November and December.

C. Auditor

1. Monthly Report – September 2020 - Reports are available on the Auditor’s webpage

Received and placed on file

D. County Executive

1. Request approval of Property, Liability and Worker’s Compensation Insurance Policies

MOTION by Ms. Fortado to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving Property, Liability and Worker’s Compensation Insurance Policies; seconded by Mr. Rector. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

2. Recommendation to the County Board to receive and place on file the FY2021 Tentative Budget

MOTION by Mr. Thorsland to recommend County Board approval of a resolution to receive and place on file the FY2021 tentative budget; seconded by Ms. Fortado.

MOTION by Mr. McGuire to amend the budget by returning the \$106,218 from the Sheriff’s budget to the General Fund; seconded by Mr. Rector. Discussion followed about the Justice Initiative Program details, Mental Health Board funding and the current need for this type of program. Upon vote, the **MOTION to amend FAILED** by roll call vote of 4-16.

The question was called by Mr. Rector; seconded by Mr. Ingram. Upon roll call vote of 18-2, discussion concluded.

Upon vote, the original **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote of 16-4.

E. Other Business

None

F. Chair’s Report

None

G. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

IX. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, D. 1

X. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments

A. County Executive

1. Monthly HR Report – September 2020

Received and placed on file

2. Appointments/Reappointments (persons to be appointed distributed at the meeting)

Applicants (*italics indicates incumbent*):

- a. Clements Cemetery Association – 1 Unexpired Term ending 6/30/2026
 - *Cecil McCormick*
- b. Locust Grove Cemetery Association – 1 Unexpired Term Ending 6/30/2026
 - *Greg Burr*
- c. Lower Big Slough Drainage District – 1 Unexpired Term ending 8/31/2023
 - Mark Pflugmacher

OMNIBUS MOTION by Ms. Michaels to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Cecil McCormick, Greg Burr and Mark Pflugmacher; seconded by Ms. Eisenmann. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. County Clerk

1. September 2020 Report

Received and placed on file – Mr. Goss asked about a picture of an open box of ballots that was posted on social media. Mr. Stohr asked about mail in ballots being sent. Mr. Ammons assured the Board members there is always a Republican and Democrat Election judge present at all locations and stated that mail in ballots will continue to be sent until October 29th.

C. Other Business

None

D. Chair's Report

1. County Board Chair appointments expiring November 2020
 - a. Public Aid Appeals Committee – 1 position (Republican) – term 12/1/2020-11/30/2022

Information only

2. County Executive appointments expiring November 2020
 - a. Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 position – term 12/1/2020-11/30/2025
 - b. Animal Control Administrator – 1 position – term 12/1/2020-11/30/2022

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3. Currently vacant appointments – full list and information is available on the County’s website
Information only

E. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

X. A. 2. a, b, c

XI. Other Business

Mr. Tinsley requested that Coroner Northrup attend a meeting to answer some questions regarding Shiping Bao.

Mr. Ammons asked the Board to consider hiring a third party to investigate the overall climate in county government. He described racial issues he has encountered within the county and how a third party could assist with these issues.

XII. Adjournment

Chair Rosales adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.