



## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

*Finance/ Policy, Personnel, & Appointments/Justice & Social Services*

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Brookens Administrative Center/Zoom

1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois

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### MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on February 9, 2021

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**Members Present via Zoom:** Titianna Ammons, Aaron Esry, Stephanie Fortado, Jim Goss, Stan Harper, Jordan Humphrey, Mary King, Jim McGuire, Diane Michaels, Brad Passalacqua, Jacob Paul, Cameron Raab, Emily Rodriguez, Chris Stohr, Jennifer Straub, Steve Summers, Leah Taylor, Eric Thorsland, Jodi Wolken

**Members Physically Present:** Kyle Patterson

**Members Absent:** Lorraine Cowart

**Others Present:** Darlene Kloeppel (County Executive), Tami Ogden (Deputy Director of Finance), Megan Robison (Recording Secretary), Aaron Ammons (County Clerk), Angela Patton (Chief Deputy County Clerk), Michelle Jett (County Clerk Director of Training), Cassandra “CJ” Johnson (Treasurer), DeShawn Williams (Chief Deputy Treasurer), Dustin Heuerman (Sheriff), George Danos (Auditor), Orion Smith (Chief Deputy Auditor), Lisa Benson (Community Services Director – RPC), Julia Rietz (State’s Attorney), Barb Mann (Assistant State’s Attorney)

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### Agenda Items

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

#### **II. Roll Call**

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

#### **III. Approval of Agenda/Addenda**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thorsland to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. King. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

A. November 10, 2020 – Regular Meeting (*to be distributed*)

**MOTION** by Ms. Michaels to approve the minutes of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020; seconded by Ms. Straub. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

#### **V. Public Participation**

Benjamin Beaupre spoke about the Facilities Committee and the items on their agenda. He shared the current COVID statistics and his disgust for blatant disregard of the current rules.

John Bambenek, Champaign, supports the consolidation of the Recorder's Office with the County Clerk's Office. He would like to see the date of consolidation moved closer to the election.

Judi was here speaking as the voice of the dog that was euthanized by Animal Control around Christmas. She spoke about the Animal Control statistics, Animal Control Ordinance and the death of the dog Dada.

Amy Hatch, Champaign resident, spoke about the concerns over the Animal Control actions. She shared her concerns about the many horror stories that have been shared on social media, the statements made by the County, the lack of transparency within the Animal Control Office and questioned the roll of the County Executive.

Sarah Rochnowski personally knows Monica Lopez and her dog that was euthanized. She has started a petition to remove anyone from Animal Control that had a part in this euthanasia. She would like to see justice for the dog.

Terry Flick, previous County Correctional and Animal Control officer, and currently nationally certified Animal Control Officer in Knoxville. Asked anyone to email him with questions they may have.

Karen Boudreau, Champaign resident, appalled with Animal Control and the County Executive. She asked why these dogs can't be sent to rescues throughout the U.S.? Suggested that the animals be posted to the various social media sites to assist with locating the owners.

Ming Kuo, Urbana resident, speaking in favor of the elimination of the Recorder of Deeds Office.

Melinda Barthelme, Founder/Director of the Animal Rescue in Newton, IL, believes Champaign County has many resources to be able to send the animals from Animal Control to various rescues.

## **VI. Communications**

Mr. Harper requested for the County Board to step in and help the small businesses.

## **VII. Finance**

### **A. Budget Amendments/Transfers**

1. Budget Amendment 20-00060  
Fund 080 General Corporate / Dept 036 Public Defender  
Increased Appropriations: \$8,118  
Increased Revenue: \$0

**MOTION** by Ms. King to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing budget amendment 20-00060; seconded by Ms. Straub. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

2. Budget Amendment 20-00061  
Fund 110 Workforce Development Fund / Dept 763 WIOA Formula Grant I  
Increased Appropriations: \$250,000  
Increased Revenue: \$250,000  
Reason: More expenses are needed than originally anticipated

**MOTION** by Ms. Taylor to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing budget amendment 20-00061; seconded by Mr. Summers. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

3. Budget Amendment 20-00062  
Fund 679 Child Advocacy Center / Dept 179 Child Advocacy Center  
Increased Appropriations: \$4,250  
Increased Revenue: \$0  
Reason: Increase in spending authority to reflect additional grant funds, which were expended in FY20. See memo.
  
4. Budget Amendment 21-00006  
Fund 679 Child Advocacy Center / Dept 179 Child Advocacy Center  
Increased Appropriations: \$12,750  
Increased Revenue: \$17,000  
Reason: Increased spending authority and revenue to show additional grant funds awarded to CAC. Budget amendment 21-6 shows county FY21 portion of expenses, as well as full reimbursement. See memo

**OMNIBUS MOTION** by Mr. Goss to recommend County Board approval of resolutions authorizing budget amendments 20-00062 and 21-00006; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

5. Budget Amendment 21-00001  
Fund 104 Early Childhood Fund / Dept 891 Emergency Ed Relief - CARES  
Increased appropriations: \$29,092  
Increased revenue: \$29,092  
Reason: This federal pass-through CARES funding is awarded to programs that have been identified as disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. This one-time award will be utilized to provide developmentally appropriate hands-on home learning materials that will provide parents with the support they need to advance remote learning. PPE's for children and staff.

**MOTION** by Ms. Michaels to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing budget amendment 21-00001; seconded by Ms. Ammons. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

6. Budget Amendment 21-00003  
Fund 075 Regional Planning Commission / Dept 874 ESF Diversion Case Management  
Increased Appropriations: \$40,000  
Increased Revenue: \$40,000  
Reason: See attached

**MOTION** by Ms. Taylor to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing budget amendment 21-00003; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

7. Budget Amendment 21-00004  
Fund 075 Regional Planning Commission / Dept 873 Healthy Homes Weatherize  
Increased Appropriations: \$120,000  
Increased Revenue: \$120,000  
Reason: See attached

**MOTION** by Mr. Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing budget amendment 21-00004; seconded by Mr. Paul. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

8. Budget Amendment 21-00005  
Fund 083 County Highway / Dept 060 Highway  
Increased Appropriations: \$250,000  
Increased Revenue: \$250,000  
Reason: DCEO Grant opportunity – HR210043 – Champaign County - \$250,000

**MOTION** by Ms. Michaels to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing budget amendment 21-00005; seconded by Ms. King. Discussion followed regarding the appreciation for Representative Mike Marron’s work to secure the funding for this project. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

9. Budget Transfer 20-00006  
Fund 080 General Corporate / 075 General County, 040 Sheriff, 020 Auditor, 023 Recorder, 036 Public Defender  
Amount: \$50,800  
Reason: Transfer to cover budget shortage associated with FOP CBA increase negotiated in FY2020.  
Transfers to cover budget shortage in various elected/appointed official lines due to pay period posting date in FY2020 rather than FY2021.

**MOTION** by Mr. Humphrey to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing budget transfer 20-00006; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. Treasurer

1. Monthly Report – November & December 2020 and Final Settlement Sheet – Reports are available on the Treasurer’s webpage

Received and placed on file

2. Resolution authorizing the execution of a deed of conveyance of the County’s interest or cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on real estate, permanent parcel number 01-35-30-202-007
3. Resolution authorizing the execution of a deed of conveyance of the County’s interest or cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on real estate, permanent parcel number 26-30-08-429-004
4. Resolution authorizing the execution of a deed of conveyance of the County’s interest or cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on real estate, permanent parcel number 26-30-09-161-002
5. Resolution authorizing the execution of a deed of conveyance of the County’s interest or cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on real estate, permanent parcel number 24-28-16-206-021
6. Resolution authorizing the execution of a deed of conveyance of the County’s interest or cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on real estate, permanent parcel number 14-03-35-402-007
7. Resolution authorizing the execution of a deed of conveyance of the County’s interest or cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on real estate, permanent parcel number 14-03-35-403-002
8. Resolution authorizing the execution of a deed of conveyance of the County’s interest or cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on real estate, permanent parcel number 20-03-34-428-001

9. Resolution authorizing the execution of a deed of conveyance of the County's interest or cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on real estate, permanent parcel number 20-09-29-427-001
10. Resolution authorizing the execution of a deed of conveyance of the County's interest or cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on real estate, permanent parcel number 41-20-01-482-010
11. Resolution authorizing the execution of a deed of conveyance of the County's interest or cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on real estate, permanent parcel number 92-21-16-403-012
12. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 29-050-0077
13. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 29-050-0125
14. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 20-032-0246
15. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 30-054-0006
16. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 29-050-0156
17. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 22-900-0050
18. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 30-060-0024
19. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 02-001-0046
20. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 15-025-0084
21. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 15-025-0132
22. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 15-025-0136
23. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 15-025-0694
24. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 20-032-0176
25. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 30-058-0384
26. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 15-025-0208
27. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 20-032-0056
28. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home, permanent parcel number 30-058-0239
29. Resolution authorizing the County Board Chair to assign a mobile home tax sale certificate of purchase. Permanent parcel number 20-032-0001
30. Resolution authorizing the County Board Chair to assign a mobile home tax sale certificate of purchase. Permanent parcel number 30-058-0081
31. Resolution authorizing the County Board Chair to assign a mobile home tax sale certificate of purchase. Permanent parcel number 30-055-0409
32. Resolution authorizing the County Board Chair to assign a mobile home tax sale certificate of purchase. Permanent parcel number 15-025-0461

33. Resolution authorizing the County Board Chair to assign a mobile home tax sale certificate of purchase. Permanent parcel number 25-900-0032
34. Resolution authorizing the County Board Chair to assign a mobile home tax sale certificate of purchase. Permanent parcel number 30-064-0013
35. Resolution authorizing the County Board Chair to assign a mobile home tax sale certificate of purchase. Permanent parcel number 15-025-0561

**OMNIBUS MOTION** by Ms. Taylor to recommend County Board approval of resolutions approving items #2-35 as read into the record; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Discussion followed with the Treasurer concerning the documents that were presented and the concerns about interest being charged. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

C. Auditor

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

Received and placed on file

2. Signing authority on Circuit Clerk Financial Accounts

**MOTION** by Mr. Thorsland to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing signatures for the Champaign County Circuit Clerk’s financial accounts; seconded by Ms. Wolken. Discussion followed regarding other signatures that may be required. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

D. County Executive

1. Requesting authorization for the County Executive to add jurisdictions to the Tornado Siren Intergovernmental Agreement

**MOTION** by Ms. Rodriguez to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the County Executive to add jurisdictions to the Tornado Siren Intergovernmental Agreement; seconded by Mr. Summers. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- a. Budget Amendment 21-00002  
Fund 080 General Corporate / Dept 012 Tornado Sirens  
Increased Appropriations: \$7,150  
Increased Revenue: \$7,150  
Reason: Increased siren system costs to be reimbursed by other local government IGA participants. New repeater to be purchased in FY2021 and increased maintenance/software for new participants (Sidney and Pesotum). See memo for more information

Discussion followed regarding the details of this partnership and the County’s role. Upon roll call vote, the Committee unanimously voted to move this item forward to the County Board.

2. Establish a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program in the County of Champaign, designating a PACE area, providing for property assessments and approving related matters

Ms. Kloeppel explained the details of this program and current projects that would like to take advantage of this program. She would like some direction on how to proceed. No one brought forward any objections to an RFQ being issued.

E. Other Business

None

F. Chair's Report

Ms. Fortado thanked the Board for her appointment and explained her two goals in this role: facilitating communication with all members of the Board and fulfilling the duties of financial oversight.

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

VII. A. 1-9, B. 2-35, C. 2, D. 1a

**VIII. Justice and Social Services**

A. Monthly Reports – All reports are available on each department's webpage through the department reports page

- Animal Control – July 2016; April, May and July 2019; January, September and October 2020
- Probation & Court Services – August-November 2020 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report
- Public Defender – October, November & December 2020
- Head Start – October and November 2020
- Emergency Management Agency – September-December 2020

Received and placed on file

B. Rosecrance Re-Entry Financial Report – October & November 2020

Information only

C. Animal Control Report

Ms. Taylor made sure the Board knew exactly what items they could discuss in an open session and informed everyone that the State's Attorney's Office is reviewing the Animal Control Policies and contracts with other agencies. Ms. Taylor would also like to establish a task force to make reform recommendations to the County Board. The Board members continued with discussion regarding items to be addressed, changes that could be made and what is required of the County. Members also spoke about their frustration with some of the details in the report and press releases.

D. Other Business

None

E. Chair's Report

None

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

None

**IX. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments**

A. County Executive

1. Monthly HR Report – November & December 2020

Received and placed on file

2. Appointments/Reappointments (*italics indicates incumbent*)

a. Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Board

- *Bruce Hannon (D)*, who is re-appointed to a term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2025
- Alan Nudo (R), who is appointed to a term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2025

**MOTION** by Mr. Patterson to recommend County Board approval of resolutions appointing Bruce Hannon and Alan Nudo to the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District Board; seconded by Ms. Taylor. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

b. Mental Health Board

- *Joseph Omo-Osagie*, who is re-appointed to a term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2024

**MOTION** by Mr. Patterson to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Joseph Omo-Osagie to the Mental Health Board; seconded by Ms. Fortado. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- Matt Hausman, who is appointed to a term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2024

**MOTION** by Mr. Goss to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Matt Hausman to the Mental Health Board; seconded by Mr. Paul. Discussion followed about the Policy Chair being involved in the interview process. Upon roll call vote:  
Yea: 10 – Esry, Goss, Harper, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Wolken  
Nay: 10 – Fortado, Humphrey, King, Paul, Raab, Rodriguez, Taylor, Thorsland, Ammons, Patterson

The **MOTION FAILED** by a **TIE VOTE** and will be reported to the Board for action without recommendation.

- *Julian Rappaport*, who is re-appointed to Thom Moore’s unexpired term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021

**MOTION** by Ms. Taylor to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Julian Rappaport to the Mental Health Board; seconded by Mr. Summers. Discussion followed about the size of this Board, term limits, and the work done by this Board. Upon roll call vote:

Yea: 17 – Fortado, Humphrey, King, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Paul, Raab, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Wolken, Ammons, Patterson  
Nay: 3 – Esry, Goss, Harper

The **MOTION CARRIED**.

c. Sangamon Valley Public Water District

- Colleen Schultz, who is appointed to an unexpired term ending 5/31/2024

**MOTION** by Mr. Thorsland to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Colleen Schultz to the Sangamon Valley Public Water District; seconded by Mr. Patterson. Discussion followed about her qualifications. Upon roll call vote:

Yea: Esry, Fortado, Goss, Humphrey, King, McGuire, Michaels, Raab, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Wolken, Ammons, Patterson

Nay: Harper, Passalacqua, Paul

the **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

Information only

4. Applications for open appointments (information only)
  - a. Board of Review – 1 unexpired Republican term ending 5/31/2022
    - Brian Rector (R)

A motion was made and seconded for the appointment of Mr. Rector. Discussion followed regarding his appointment and which party has an open vacancy. It was brought to the attention of the Board that this is only an informational item only.

5. List of appointments expiring in 2021

Information only

7. Redistricting for County Board Seats

Members discussed what cumulative voting means, topics that were discussed during the previous redistricting meetings, the Census availability date and the Executive’s Advisory Group.

B. County Board

1. Appointing Jim McGuire as a member of the Highway & Transportation Committee

**MOTION** by Ms. Taylor to appoint Mr. McGuire as a member of the Highway & Transportation Committee; seconded by Mr. Patterson. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

C. County Clerk

1. Reports
  - November 2020
  - December 2020
  - Semi-Annual Report – July-December 2020

Received and placed on file – Clerk Ammons gave a presentation the Board with his 2020 General Election Report.

2. Resolution to establish 2021 monthly meeting schedule for the County Clerk’s Office

**MOTION** by Mr. Patterson to recommend County Board approval of a resolution establishing 2021 monthly meeting schedule for the County Clerk’s Office; seconded by Ms. Taylor. Discussion followed regarding the history of this process. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

3. Request for Job Evaluation Committee to review a Director of Operations position for the County Clerk's Office

**MOTION** by Ms. King for the Job Evaluation Committee to review a Director of Operations position for the County Clerk's Office; seconded by Mr. Raab. Discussion followed about the upgrades that have been made within the office and why this position would be necessary. Upon roll call vote:

Yea: Fortado, Goss, Humphrey, King, McGuire, Michaels, Raab, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Wolken, Ammons, Patterson

Nay: Esry, Harper, Passalacqua, Paul

the **MOTION CARRIED**.

4. Resolution requesting the submission of a binding question of public policy to the electors of Champaign County regarding eliminating the Office of the Recorder of Champaign County

**MOTION** by Mr. Thorsland to recommend County Board approval of a resolution requesting the submission of a binding question of public policy to the electors of Champaign County regarding eliminating the Office of the Recorder of Champaign County; seconded by Mr. Summers. Discussion followed about the election where this will be presented to the voters, the date of transfer, how Champaign County compares to other counties in Illinois and how the revenue will be handled after the transfer.

**MOTION to AMEND** the date to May 1st, 2021 by Ms. Wolken; seconded by Mr. Goss. Discussion followed about the transition period. Call the question by Mr. Patterson; seconded by Mr. Summers. Upon roll call vote:

Yea: Esry, Goss, Harper, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Wolken

Nay: Fortado, Humphrey, King, Paul, Raab, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Ammons, Patterson

the **MOTION to AMEND FAILED**.

Upon roll call vote:

Yea: Fortado, Humphrey, King, Paul, Raab, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Ammons, Patterson

Nay: Esry, Goss, Harper, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Wolken  
the original **MOTION CARRIED**.

#### D. Treasurer

1. Request authorization to send the Chief Deputy Treasurer job description to the Job Evaluation Committee for Re-evaluation and Review

**MOTION** by Mr. Patterson to send the Chief Deputy Treasurer job description to the Job Evaluation Committee for re-evaluation and review; seconded by Ms. Taylor. Upon roll call vote:

Yea: Fortado, Humphrey, King, Michaels, Paul, Raab, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Ammons, Patterson

Nay: Esry, Goss, Harper, McGuire, Passalacqua, Wolken  
the **MOTION CARRIED**.

#### E. Other Business

1. Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to consider litigation which is pending against or on behalf of Champaign County, and litigation that is probable or imminent against Champaign County

**MOTION** by Mr. Summers to enter into CLOSED session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to consider litigation which is pending against or on behalf of Champaign County, and litigation that is probable or imminent against Champaign County and that the following parties remain present: State's Attorney, State's Attorney Chief of Civil Division, Legal Counsel, IT staff and recording secretary; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

The Committee of the Whole entered Closed Session at 10:58 p.m.

The Committee of the Whole resumed Open Session at 11:22 p.m.

F. Chair's Report

None

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

XIV. A. 2a, b(Omo-Osagie), C. 2

X. Other Business

None

XI. Adjournment

Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 11:27 p.m.