

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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**PUBLIC AID APPEALS COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, March 31, 2009**

**Brookens Administrative Center, Meeting Room 3  
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana**

10:30 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** George Burnison, James Rusk, Ronald Starwalt, C. Pius Weibel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Carol Elliott (Cunningham Township Supervisor), Fred Grosser (Cunningham Township Attorney), Deana Landess (Cunningham Township Caseworker), Christina Papavasiliou (Assistant State's Attorney), Tiffany Talbott (Administrative Secretary)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Weibel called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Burnison, Rusk, Starwalt, and Weibel were present at the time of the roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM**

**MOTION** by Burnison to approve the agenda for the meeting; seconded by Starwalt.  
**Motion carried with all ayes.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Burnison to approve the Public Aid Appeals Committee minutes of September 9, 2008; seconded by Rusk. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**PUBLIC AID APPEAL FROM CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP REGARDING APPELLANT #02.47**

**Receipt of Evidence from Appellant and Township**

Weibel noted the absence of Appellant #02.47 and inquired as to the consequences is the appellant did not appear. Rusk stated the County Board Office would send a notice informing the appellant that the appeal was dismissed due to the failure to appear. If the appellant had a valid reason for the absence then the County Board Office could reinstate the appeal. Weibel confirmed the County Board Office had not received any communication from Appellant #02.47 indicating the reason for the failure to appear. The committee waited another 15 minutes for the appellant, during which time the appellant did not arrive.

**Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4) to Consider Evidence or Testimony Presented in Open Hearing to This Quasi – Adjudicative Body**

No closed session was necessary.

**Announcement of Decision**

**MOTION** by Rusk to uphold the Cunningham Township's decision to terminate Appellant #02.47's general assistance benefits based on the appellant's failure to appear; seconded by Starwalt. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Starwalt to approve the Public Aid Appeals Committee closed session minutes of September 9, 2008; seconded by Starwalt. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork  
Administrative Secretary

*Secy's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.*