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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE MINUTES

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

**Brookens Administrative Center, Jennifer K. Putman Meeting Room
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert A. King, Patti Petrie, C. Pius Weibel (Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Goss, Jon Rector

OTHERS PRESENT: Kay Rhodes (Recording Secretary), Rick Snider (County Administrator)

CALL TO ORDER

Weibel called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL

King, Petrie and Weibel were present at the time of roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM

MOTION by King to approve the agenda; seconded by Petrie. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Petrie to approve the Strategic Planning Committee minutes of May 31, 2017; seconded by King. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – KEY COUNTY ISSUES

Snider distributed a list of key issues that he believed have a profound or imminent impact upon the ability of Champaign County government to deliver services to the public effectively now and in the future. Those key issues are the liabilities of the Champaign County Nursing Home; the public's level of expectation for services and the simultaneous unwillingness to provide additional revenue; organizational robustness; impending county executive change in form of government; and the State of Illinois.

The size of the liabilities associated with operating a nursing home place significant stress on the General Corporate Fund and related departments. The current budget projection shows that without any changes to the county's cost structure, the General Corporate Fund will be exhausted by FY2021. Elected officials are reluctant to reduce services. However, the gap between the public's expectation and the county's ability to deliver services continues to grow. There needs to be a broader distribution of responsibilities to create a more robust model for county administration that expands its capacity. A plan should be set in place for the continuity of the administration of county affairs following the election of the county executive. Lastly, the lack of a state budget creates issues for the disbursement of funds and results in delays and uncertainty as to whether payments for state-funded programs will be received at all. Programs/departments most impacted by the delays are the courts (AOIC), nursing home (Medicaid), and the Regional Planning Commission (Rural Transportation).

Snider proposed four strategies for consideration in order to address the challenges faced by the county. The committee discussed the strategies outlined for public services; intergovernmental and departmental collaborations; a quality and efficiency review; and possible legislative actions.

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW AND NEXT STEPS

Weibel suggested that this item be deferred until the next meeting. The committee members agreed.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Rhodes will contact members to determine the best date for the next meeting at 4:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Rhodes,
Administrative Assistant