



## **OFFICE OF THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois 61802-4581

---

**Darlene A. Kloeppe, County Executive**

---

### MEMORANDUM

TO: COUNTY OFFICIALS & COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: Darlene Kloeppe, County Executive

DATE: January 14, 2019

RE: COUNTY EXECUTIVE VETO AUTHORITY

---

The County Executive form of government provides for checks and balances in the IL Counties Code for decisions regarding county business through the use of Executive veto and County Board override authority:

(55 ILCS 5/2-5010) (from Ch. 34, par. 2-5010)

Sec. 2-5010. Approval of ordinances. Any ordinance passed, adopted or otherwise enacted by the board shall before it becomes effective be presented to the county executive. If the county executive approves such ordinance, resolution or motion, he shall sign it; if not, he shall return it to the board with his objections, which shall be entered and spread upon the journal, and the board shall proceed to reconsider the matter. If after such reconsideration 3/5 of the members of the board pass such ordinance, it shall become effective on the date prescribed but not earlier than the date of passage following reconsideration. In all such cases the votes of the members of the board shall be determined by ayes and nays and the names of the members voting for or against such ordinance objected to by the county executive shall be entered and spread upon the journal. If any ordinance is not returned by the county executive to the board at its first meeting occurring not less than 6 days, Sundays excepted, after it has been presented to him, it shall become effective unless the board has recessed or adjourned for a period in excess of 60 days, in which case it shall not become effective without his approval. Items of appropriation may be approved or vetoed by the county executive. Any item approved by the county executive and all items not vetoed shall become law, and any item vetoed shall be returned to and reconsidered by the board in the same manner as provided in this Section for other ordinances returned to the board without approval.

(Source: P.A. 86-962.)

It is unlikely that all items coming before the County Board will receive unanimous support. In order to be as transparent as possible regarding the responsibilities of the Executive's Office, I am conveying proactively my considerations for concurrence or veto of a County Board decision.

Board rules have indicated that explanatory memos are helpful when asking the board to consider requests for approval. I would add that memos briefly addressing the following considerations as appropriate will facilitate more informed decisions from the Executive:

- Does it move the county forward on its strategic plan?
- How does it affect the county's short-term/long-term financial position?
- Are reasonable options considered with accompanying costs/benefit analyses?
- How has public input been incorporated?

In addition, should there be dissention on the Board, I will be interested in:

- What are the points of contention to achieving consensus?

Hopefully, providing my thoughts up front will offer some clarity going forward as we set up new procedures for the Executive's Office.