

RESUME OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 20, 2022

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 6:30 PM in the Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois, with County Executive Darlene Kloeppel presiding and Angie Patton as Clerk of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following members present: Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Paul, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Wolken, Carter, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, and Patterson – 20. Absent: Cowart and Esry - 2. The following Board Members departed at the following times: Goss at 8:00PM, Harper at 8:03AM, Michaels at 8:11PM, Rodriguez at 8:18PM, and Paul at 8:20PM. County Executive Kloeppel declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Executive Kloeppel read a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

READ NOTICE OF MEETING

The Clerk read the Notice of the Meeting, said Notice having been published in the *News Gazette* on October 6, October 13, October 19, 2022.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

Executive Kloeppel motioned to move item XVII B2 to X 10C. Board Member Stohr offered a motion to approve the Agenda/Addenda with the amendment; Board Member Straub seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yeas: Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Paul, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Wolken, Carter, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, and Patterson – 20.

Nays: None

DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Standing Committees:

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- A. County Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Shields-Carter Meeting Room
- B. Environment & Land Use Committee
Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Shields-Carter Meeting Room
- C. Highway and Transportation Committee Meeting
Friday, November 4, 2022 at 9 AM
1605 E Main Street, Urbana

Committee of the Whole:

- A. Justice & Social Services; Policy, Personnel, & Appointments; Finance
Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Shields-Carter Meeting Room

County Board:

- A. Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Shields-Carter Meeting Room

PUBLIC HEARING

Board Member Michaels made a motion to conduct a public hearing concerning the intent of the County Board to sell bonds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a jail facility next to the existing satellite jail and bonds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the purpose of the renovating, repairing, and equipping the former County Plaza building for the relocation of various County offices. Executive Kloeppel read the notice of the hearing. Board Member Goss seconded. There was no discussion among Board Members. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Yeas: Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Paul, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Wolken, Carter, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, and Patterson – 20.

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED FY2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kathy Shannon spoke in support of reproductive freedom.

Alexa Patsalis shared personal story and spoke in support of reproductive rights resolution.

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Samantha Enlinger spoke in support of reproductive rights.

Jenny Putman brought treats for Board Members and spoke in support of the reproductive rights resolution.

Brea Fearon spoke in support of reproductive rights.

Tessa Kirby spoke about a property in Seymour that has animals being neglected and asked the Board to do something.

Chaundra Bishop spoke in support of reproductive rights and supports the resolution.

Mike Ingram spoke in support of the reproductive rights resolution.

PRESENTATION

FY2021 Audit – Clifton Larson Allen; Board Members Goss and Fortado thanked the auditor for getting it done on time.

Champaign County Area Rural Public Transportation System (C-CARTS) FY2022 Annual Service Report; Ms. Hutchison presented, and various Board Members asked questions.

Mahomet Aquifer Mapping Project; Ms. Mwakanyamale presented. Board Members thanked her and the Prairie Research Institute for their work on this project.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair Patterson offered a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Board Member King seconded. The motion comprising of 13 resolutions (Nos. 2022-207, 2022-219, 2022-220, 2022-221, 2022-222, 2022-223, 2022-224, 2022-225, 2022-226, 2022-227, 2022-228, 2022-229, 2022-230), carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Paul, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Wolken, Carter, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, and Patterson – 20.

Nays: None

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Summers is working on honoring long serving Board Member Cowart by naming the County Highway building after her.

Board Member Stohr called to attention the \$245,000 ARPA funding for cover crops.

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Board Member McGuire commented about attending the public test for the 2022 Midterm General Election and that everything worked the way it was supposed to and there were no issues.

Board Member Straub commented on the 12-year-old youth who was shot due to gun violence and is glad the County Board supports gun violence prevention.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Thorsland offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board of September 22, 2022; Board Member Goss seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yeas: Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Paul, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Wolken, Carter, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, and Patterson – 20.

Nays: None

STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. County Facilities
Summary of Action Taken October 4, 2022 Meeting
- B. Environment and Land Use Committee
Summary of Action Taken October 6, 2022 Meeting

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Summary of Action Taken October 11, 2022 at Committee of the Whole Meeting (Justice & Social Services; Finance, Policy, Personnel, & Appointments)

Policy, Personnel, & Appointments

Board Member Stohr offered a motion for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-231 appointing Jacob Paul to the Sangamon Valley Public Water District, term 12/1/2022-5/31/2027. Board Member Summers seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Yeas: Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Paul, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Wolken, Carter, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, and Patterson – 20.

Nays: None

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Board Member Stohr offered a motion for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-232 declaring Joseph R. Biden unequivocally won the 2020 presidential election. Board Member King seconded. Various Board Members discussed whether this should be on the agenda. Several Board Members stated it was important as there are still people denying Joe Biden won. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Yeas: Lokshin, Paul, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Carter, Fortado, King, and Patterson – 14.

Nays: McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Wolken, and Goss – 5

Board Member Stohr offered a motion for Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-233 declaring Champaign County a Champion of Reproductive freedom. Board Member Lokshin seconded. Various Board Members discussed opposition and support for the resolution. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Yeas: Lokshin, Paul, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Carter, Fortado, King, and Patterson – 14.

Nays: McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Wolken, and Goss – 5

OLD BUSINESS

Board Member Stohr offered a motion for adoption of Resolution No. 192 appointing Deb Griest to the Beaver Lake Drainage District, term ending 8/31/2025. Board Member Michaels seconded; motion carried by voice vote.

Yeas: Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Paul, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Wolken, Carter, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, and Patterson – 20.

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Fortado offered an omnibus motion for adoption of Resolution 2022-234, authorizing purchases not following policy and 2022-235 authorizing payment of claims. Board Member Williams seconded; motion carried by voice vote.

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Yeas: Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Paul, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Wolken, Carter, Fortado, Goss, Harper, King, and Patterson – 20.

Nays: None

Board Member Taylor offered an omnibus motion for adoption of Resolution No. 2022-236 authorizing execution and amendment of Downstate Operating Assistance Agreement and Resolution No.2022-237 authorizing execution and amendment of Federal 5311 Grant Agreement. Board Member Summers seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Yeas: Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Passalacqua, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Carter, Goss and Patterson – 17

Nays: none

Board Member Summers offered a motion for adoption of Resolution No. 2022-238 authorizing the Champaign County Executive to execute an agreement between the County and the East Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council regarding a project labor agreement for the County Plaza Renovation project. Vanichtheeranont seconded and motion carried by voice vote.

Yeas: Harper, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Passalacqua, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Carter, and Patterson – 15

Nays: none

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ONLY

Update on National Opioid Settlement, various Board Members discussed the parameters of the settlement. Board Chair Patterson suggested CUPH should be involved in the discussions on how to spend.

American Rescue Plan Act update, various Board Members discussed what was left to spend and what the priorities might be. Board Members expressed an interest in moving forward with Habitat for Humanity project. Other projects would be decided on later.

RECESSED

County Executive Kloeppel recessed the meeting at 8:34 PM.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Ammons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Aaron Ammons, Champaign County Clerk
and ex-Officio Clerk of the Champaign County Board
Champaign County, Illinois