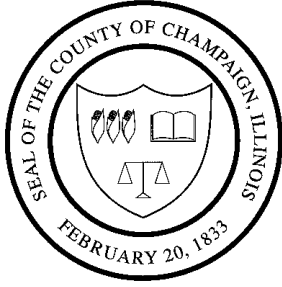


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FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE STUDY SESSION

RE: American Rescue Act Funding

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – *6:00 P.M. *PLEASE NOTE TIME

Brookens Administrative Center/Zoom

1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois

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10 **MINUTES – *Subject to Approval***

11 **Members Present via Zoom:** Titianna Ammons, Samantha Carter, Jim Goss, Mary King, Jenny
12 Lokshin, Jim McGuire, Diane Michaels, Brad Passalacqua, Kyle
13 Patterson, Emily Rodriguez, Chris Stohr, Jennifer Straub, Steve
14 Summers, Leah Taylor, Eric Thorsland, Jodi Wolken

15 **Members Physically Present:** Stephanie Fortado

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17 **Members Absent:** Lorraine Cowart, Aaron Esry, Stan Harper, Jordan Humphrey,
18 Jacob Paul,

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20 **Others Present:** Darlene Kloepfel (County Executive), Tami Ogden (Deputy Director
21 of Finance), Megan Robison (Recording Secretary), Dalitso
22 Sulamoyo (Chief Executive Officer, Regional Planning Commission),
23 Dustin Heurman (Sheriff), Kari May (Executive Director,
24 Children’s Advocacy Center), Lynn Canfield (Executive Director,
25 MHB/DDB), Susan Monte (Planner, Planning & Zoning)

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27 **Agenda Items**

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29 **I. Call to Order**

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31 Chair Fortado called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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33 **II. *Roll Call**

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35 Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

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37 **III. Read Notice of Meeting**

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39 Notice of the meeting was not required for a committee study session.

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41 **IV. Approval of Agenda**

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43 **MOTION** by Mr. Thorsland to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Goss. Upon roll call vote,
44 the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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46 **V. Public Participation**

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48 Ms. Canfield sent an email to all Board members with ideas that are important to the Mental
49 Health Board. She attended a workshop about using funds for permanent supportive housing and

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50 believes it would be a successful investment in Champaign County. She stated there is a clear
51 correlation between housing and mental health and would like to see funds used for this purpose.
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53 Bradley Uken, Manager of the Champaign County Farm Bureau, spoke about the need for
54 broadband services in the rural areas. The Farm Bureau is requesting the County Board set aside
55 15 million dollars from the ARPA funds for a matching grant program.
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57 Marlon Mitchell, Founder and Executive Director of First Followers, addressed the issue of
58 community gun violence. Urbana is currently reporting one shooting in every four days and
59 Champaign is reporting one shooting in every 1.4 days. He would like to propose that 10% of the
60 ARPA funds be used for violence prevention strategies.
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62 Lee Ann Kelly, Board Chair of the Trauma Resilience Initiative, would like to ask the Board to
63 use 10% of the ARPA funds towards violence prevention. They don't want to add programming,
64 but they would like to use the funds to establish an infrastructure that addresses the social
65 determinants of health together through a trauma informed approach.
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67 Susan Monte, Volunteer Executive Director of Champaign County Environmental Stewards, is
68 requesting \$25,000 to complete a project to reduce the reliance on single-use plastics.
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70 Terrance Thomas, Pastor of Bethel AME Church, supporting the request to fund violence
71 prevention. He believes 10% would be an appropriate level of funding. He does not want to add
72 more programming but is advocating to add a county infrastructure that addresses this issue on all
73 levels with wrap-around services.
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75 Kari May, Executive Director of Children's Advocacy Center, would like to ask the Board to
76 appropriate \$25,000 for CAC employee bonuses/hazard pay along with funding for new flooring
77 and easy to clean furniture.
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79 Mr. Patterson joined the meeting during public participation.
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81 Chair Fortado let everyone know they will be taking more time, during the May meeting, to hear
82 more dialogue from the public. She also asked the Board members to have conversations with
83 their constituents and to bring those comments back to the Board.
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85 **VI. Discussion – ARPA Funding**
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87 Ms. Ogden gave a presentation of high-level information to provide a framework for future
88 discussion until the official guidance is released. She explained how the 1.9 trillion dollars would
89 be disbursed throughout the country and also listed the specific amounts going to local
90 governments. Listing the current eligible uses for the funds, she stated we will want to avoid
91 spending duplication to maximize the use of all funding types. Ms. Ogden believes the County
92 does not currently have the capacity to manage these funds and all the additional added processes
93 to meet the requirements. She wrapped up the presentation by listing some key considerations,
94 key points of GFOA guidance and the County's lost revenues due to COVID-19.
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96 Discussion followed regarding some questions the Board had about the presentation. In response
97 to their questions, Ms. Ogden explained the County had losses in several revenue lines, related to
98 the pandemic, and after recouping the lost revenue, those funds could then be used towards items
99 that are not ARPA allowable costs. She also hopes the state guidelines will mirror the federal

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100 guidelines with minor tweaks and explained that regional collaboration is being highly
101 encouraged to leverage this money to the fullest extent. Ms. Ogden also stated that further
102 guidance from the government is needed before they can determine what specific uses may be
103 eligible. She went on to explain that it is not sustainable to fund ongoing programs as this funding
104 will end after a few years. Chair Fortado wrapped up this section of the presentation by giving the
105 Board three items to consider as they continue through this huge undertaking.

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107 Chair Fortado asked if anyone had any issue with moving forward with the process of allocating a
108 portion of this money towards a staff resource. Mr. Stohr stated that he agrees with hiring an
109 administrative staff member but also believes that one or more navigators need to be hired to set
110 up a process for the community to use for submitting applications. Ms. Taylor agreed with
111 everything Mr. Stohr stated. Mr. Thorsland also agreed but urged the County to move quickly to
112 find qualified candidates since other entities will also be looking to fill this same type of position.
113 Mr. McGuire reminded everyone that RPC allocates money from their grants for administrative
114 work and it may be best to ask them about their current structure and how that might work for the
115 County. Mr. Patterson also agreed with this allocation and asked that they discuss where this
116 person will be housed since this is already in RPC's wheelhouse. Ms. Ogden also reminded
117 everyone of the increased tasks on other offices such as the Auditor's Office which may need
118 assistance with additional staff to handle the volume of extra work. No one spoke against moving
119 forward with this process.

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121 Ms. Kloeppel explained that current staff just does not have the capacity to take on this large of a
122 task along with their current duties. She then moved into her presentation by explaining that she
123 has begun speaking with the local municipalities about collaboration and with RPC to contract for
124 someone to manage this funding. She has also reached out to the County Department Heads for
125 ideas on internal needs within the County. Her presentation listed many ideas that have been
126 brought to the table, years for possible funding, estimated cost and possibility of money from
127 other funding.

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129 Chair Fortado suggested that future meetings be spent discussing broadband in a more robust
130 manner and asked everyone to digest all of the information from Ms. Kloeppel and come back to
131 the next meeting with their questions. She then gave the floor to Mr. Sulamoyo from The
132 Regional Planning Commission.

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134 Mr. Sulamoyo gave a presentation focused on managing the grant funds. He gave some
135 background about the RPC to explain why they have extensive experience managing grants. He
136 explained in great detail what his department could/would do to manage the grant funds to ensure
137 compliance with government guidelines. Mr. McGuire and Mr. Sulamoyo discussed the rental
138 assistance program, funds for small businesses, assisting with small town sewer projects, and
139 grant reporting. Ms. Rodriguez asked how the conversations regarding the RPC separating from
140 the County affect the transfer of these funds. Mr. Sulamoyo explained why that process would be
141 very complex and it would not be something that would be happening soon. Discussion continued
142 regarding the low number of businesses that received grant funding, the reasons and possibly
143 finding ways to make this easier for businesses. Having the navigator position, mentioned earlier
144 in the meeting, would enable the County to assist people in these situations.

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146 Chair Fortado wrapped up the meeting stating that she believes it is basic human right that people
147 live in safe and healthy communities with access to clean water and safe sewer systems. She also
148 believes that the County internally has some great needs to be addressed. All of this will require
149 extensive conversation to balance all of these needs and she appreciates everyone's participation

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150 today. She is requesting that a study session be scheduled for May to receive input from the
151 community. Chair Fortado wants this to be a transparent and collaborative process!

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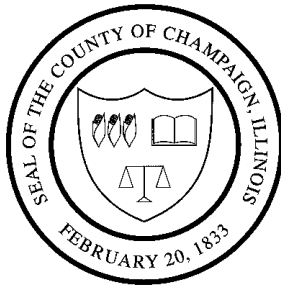
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VII. Adjournment

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Chair Fortado adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Finance/ Policy, Personnel, & Appointments/Justice & Social Services
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Shields-Carter Meeting Room/Zoom
Brookens Administrative Center
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- Members Physically Present:** Kyle Patterson
- Members Absent:** Jacob Paul
- Others Present:** Darlene Kloeppel (County Executive), Tami Ogden (Deputy Director of Finance), Bill Colbrook (Director of Administration), Megan Robison (Recording Secretary), Aaron Ammons (County Clerk), Cassandra “CJ” Johnson (Treasurer), George Danos (Auditor)
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Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

Chair Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:31

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Agenda/Addenda

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

Ms. Ammons joined the meeting at 6:34

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. April 13, 2021 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Thorsland to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021; seconded by Ms. Cowart. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Hearing

A. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, on the plans to issue Capital Improvement Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2021 (Countryside School Project) in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000

Public hearing minutes taken by the County Clerk

55 **VI. Public Participation**

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57 Trisha Crowley, President of the Champaign County League of Women Voters, spoke to the Board about being on
58 the County Executive’s Redistricting Advisory Group. She believes that the three maps that have been
59 recommended are the best according to the statutory criteria.
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61 **VII. Communications**

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63 Brad Passalacqua spoke about the large amount of correspondence he has received about the detox center
64 that is proposed in the Rolling Acres neighborhood. He read one letter that represents the majority of the
65 comments. The neighbors are not a against a detox center, but they are shocked that this has not had to go
66 through the Zoning Board of Appeals. He will be forwarding the emails to all Board members.
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68 Jennifer Straub reminded the Board that the communities only emergency homeless shelter will be
69 closing their doors beginning May 12. She would like everyone to keep this in mind while they are
70 discussing what to do with the federal aid dollars.
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72 Jordan Humphrey said the need for the detox center is very great. If they don’t put it in this neighborhood
73 then where should they put this? This type of facility can keep many people out of the jail system and can
74 save lives.
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76 Jim Goss wants everyone to discuss moving back to in-person meetings.
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78 Jim McGuire added on to Mr. Passalacqua’s comments to say that everyone is frustrated that they have
79 not had a chance to comment/discuss the detox center being placed in this neighborhood.
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81 Emily Rodriguez would like everyone to think about a few questions. What does an appropriate
82 neighborhood look like? What does the programming look like? What do the health resources look like?
83 What does access to visitors look like? She also asked everyone to refrain from using stigmatizing
84 language like “addicts”.
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86 **VIII. Justice and Social Services**

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

- 89 • Probation & Court Services – March 2021 & First Quarter report
 - 90 • Public Defender – February, March & April 2021
 - 91 • Emergency Management Agency – March 2021
 - 92 • Animal Control – January & February 2021
 - 93 • Head Start – January & February 2021
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95 Received and placed on file
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97 B. Rosecrance Re-Entry Financial Report – March 2021
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99 Information only
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101 C. Other Business
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103 None
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106 D. Chair's Report

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110 E. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

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114 **IX. Finance**

115 A. Budget Amendments/Transfers

116 1. Budget Amendment 21-00016
117 Fund 089 County Public Health Fund / Dept 049 Board of Health
118 Increased Appropriations: \$321,258
119 Increased Revenue: \$321, 258
120 Reason: COVID mass vaccination grant funding awarded to Public Health Department from State
121 of Illinois \$290,000. Increased local health protection grant funding \$31,258.

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123 **MOTION** by Ms. Taylor to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget
124 amendment 21-00016; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**
125 unanimously.

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127 2. Budget Amendment 21-00017
128 Fund 080 General Corporate / Dept 040 Sheriff
129 Increased Appropriations: \$67,834
130 Increased Revenue: \$67,834
131 Reason: Increased grant funding to cover increased FY21 expenditures for the new Records
132 Management (RMS) implementation (see attached memo).

133
134 **MOTION** by Ms. Taylor to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget
135 amendment 21-00017; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**
136 unanimously.

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138 3. Budget Amendment 21-00019
139 Fund 103 Hwy Fed Aid Matching Fund / Dept 060 Highway
140 Increased Appropriations: \$345,297
141 Increased Revenue: \$0
142 Reason: Request for budget amendment for final county share of CH 13 Section #17-0/445-00-
143 RS. Agreement executed with the State of IL on 7/25/2018. \$350,000 was carried in the federal
144 aid FY 2020 budget. The final invoice was received on 04/15/2021. Grant funding of \$2,300,000
145 was received. The total project cost was \$2,645,297.

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147 **MOTION** by Ms. Cowart to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget
148 amendment 21-00019; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**
149 unanimously.

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151 B. Treasurer

152 1. Monthly Report – April 2021 – Reports are available on the Treasurer's webpage

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154 Received and placed on file – Mr. Goss asked for an update regarding the issue with taxes in Fisher. Ms.
155 Johnson explained they are waiting for Devnet to get back to them with the total cost. They believe the

156 Village of Fisher will be agreeable to pay for the cost and then they can proceed immediately, and it
157 should be a very simple process.

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159 C. Auditor

160 1. Monthly Report – April 2021 - Reports are available on the Auditor’s webpage

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162 Received and placed on file

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164 2. Update from the Auditor

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166 Information only

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168 D. County Executive

169 1. Resolution adopting the Champaign County Financial Policies

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171 **MOTION** by Mr. Goss to recommend County Board approval of a resolution adopting the Champaign
172 County Financial Policies; seconded by Ms. King. Ms. Ogden pointed out the main changes to the
173 policies and the reasons for the changes. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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175 2. FY2022 County Budget Process

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177 Information only – Ms. Kloeppe explained they have a robust budget schedule to get the budget
178 in place by November. She also explained the ARPA funds do not need to be spent by 2024 but
179 only allocated by that time. One additional change being made this year is the reduction in
180 expenditures for personnel from 100 to 94.5%.

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182 3. Intergovernmental Agreement between the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District and
183 Champaign County, for the allotment transfer of local CURE funding

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185 **MOTION** by Mr. Thorsland to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the
186 County Executive to sign an intergovernmental agreement between the Champaign-Urbana Public Health
187 District for CURE funding; seconded by Ms. Taylor. Ms. Kloeppe explained there was leftover CURE
188 funding that can be transferred back to the County. This is just the formal steps for the transfer. Upon roll
189 call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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191 E. Other Business

192 1. Request for public input on American Rescue Plan Act Funds

193
194 Ms. Fortado thanked everyone that attended the first study session. The next study session will be a
195 setting to receive input from the public. She is asking the public to give written ideas and priorities for the
196 funding. She reminded everyone that this is not a time for specific funding proposals.

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198 F. Chair’s Report

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200 Ms. Fortado extended her congratulations to Ms. Ammons on her recent graduation.

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

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204 IX. A. 1, 2, 3, D. 1, 3

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- 207 X. **Policy, Personnel, & Appointments**
208 A. County Executive
209 1. Monthly HR Report – April 2021
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211 Received and placed on file
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213 2. Appointments/Reappointments
214 a. Resolution appointing Kathryn Stacey to the Locust Grove Cemetery Association, unexpired
215 term ending 6/30/2024
216 b. Resolution appointing Derek Winstanley to the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District, term
217 6/1/2021-5/31/2024
218 c. Resolution appointing Steve Parrish to the Penfield Public Water District, term 6/1/2021-
219 5/31/2026
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221 **OMNIBUS MOTION** by Ms. Lokshin to recommend County Board approval of a resolution
222 appointing Kathryn Stacey, Derek Winstanley and Steve Parrish to their respective boards;
223 seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.
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225 d. Resolution appointing Meghan Hennesy to the Sangamon Valley Public Water District, term
226 6/1/2021-5/31/2026
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228 **MOTION** by Ms. King to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Meghan
229 Hennesy to the Sangamon Valley Public Water District; seconded by Ms. Straub. Discussion
230 followed regarding the possibility of a conflict of interest by being on the school board. Upon roll
231 call vote:
232 Yea: 14 – Humphrey, King, Lokshin, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland,
233 Ammons, Carter, Cowart, Fortado, Patterson
234 Nay: 7 – McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Wolken, Esry, Goss, Harper
235 The **MOTION CARRIED**.
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237 e. Resolution appointing Colleen Schultz to the Sangamon Valley Public Water District, term
238 6/1/2021-5/31/2026
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240 **MOTION** by Ms. Straub to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing
241 Colleen Schultz to the Sangamon Valley Public Water District; seconded by Mr. Patterson.
242 Discussion followed regarding the possibility of a conflict of interest by being on the school
243 board. Upon roll call vote:
244 Yea: 14 – Humphrey, King, Lokshin, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland,
245 Ammons, Carter, Cowart, Fortado, Patterson
246 Nay: 7 – McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Wolken, Esry, Goss, Harper
247 The **MOTION CARRIED**.
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249 f. Resolution appointing Olen Parkhill to the Sangamon Valley Public Water District, unexpired
250 term ending 5/31/2024
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252 **MOTION** by Mr. Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Olen
253 Parkhill to the Sangamon Valley Public Water District; seconded by Mr. Goss. Discussion
254 followed regarding the concern for a conflict of interest as a property developer in the area. Upon
255 roll call vote:
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258 Yea: 4 – McGuire, Esry, Goss, Harper
259 Nay: 17 – Humphrey, King, Lokshin, Michaels, Passalacqua, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Summers,
260 Taylor, Thorsland, Wolken, Ammons, Carter, Cowart, Fortado, Patterson
261 The **MOTION FAILED**.

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

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265 Information only

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267 h. Applications for open appointments

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269 Information only

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271 3. Request for Job Content Evaluation Committee to review a Senior Zoning Technician position for
272 the Planning and Zoning Department

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274 **MOTION** by Mr. Thorsland to forward the Senior Zoning Technician position for the Planning and
275 Zoning Department to the Job Content Evaluation Committee; seconded by Ms. Straub. Upon roll call
276 vote:

277 Yea: 20 – Humphrey, King, Lokshin, McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub,
278 Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Wolken, Ammons, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Patterson
279 Nay: 1 – Harper
280 the **MOTION CARRIED**.

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282 4. Request for Job Content Evaluation Committee to review an Assistant Animal Control Director
283 position for the Animal Control Department

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285 **MOTION** by Ms. Lokshin to forward the Assistant Animal Control Director position for the Animal
286 Control Department to the Job Content Evaluation Committee; seconded by Ms. Taylor. Discussion
287 followed about the current approved staffing positions that may be similar to this position and why this
288 new position is required. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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290 5. County Executive’s recommendation for a redistricting map

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292 Information only – Ms. Kloeppe explained the process she has gone through with her Redistricting
293 Advisory Group. She has provided a summary of all this information and is recommending three maps to
294 the County Board for consideration. The maps recommended are Plan 1, Plan 3 and Plan 5A.

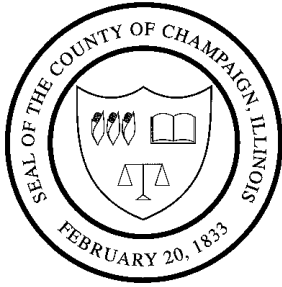
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296 B. County Board

- 297 1. County Board member compensation for the 2021 Apportionment Plan
- 298 a. Per diem rate for County Board, Committee of the Whole, Standing Committees and Study
 - 299 Sessions
 - 300 b. Per diem rate for Special committees, sub-committees, and labor negotiation sessions
 - 301 c. County Board Chair annual salary amount
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303 Mr. Stohr reminded the Board that the consensus has previously been that there would be no change to
304 compensation. No one spoke in opposition to this statement.

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- 309 C. County Clerk
310 1. Monthly Report – April 2021
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312 Received and placed on file
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314 D. Other Business
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316 None
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318 E. Chair’s Report
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320 None
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322 F. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda
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324 X. A. 2. a, b, c
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326 **XI. Other Business**
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330 **XII. Adjournment**
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332 Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.
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Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

Chair Fortado called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. *Roll Call

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Agenda

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

Ms. Cowart joined the meeting at 6:35

IV. Public Participation

Before beginning public participation Chair Fortado made a quick statement. She thanked the administrative staff for their work on this agenda packet, there won't be any voting today but just a beginning of many conversations, and she thanked the 70 different people that submitted ideas to the Board. She then asked the public participants to make it clear what issue they are speaking to and to let the Board know if they submitted a written statement.

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50 Lynn Canfield, Executive Director of Mental Health Board, she thanked Chair Fortado for
51 getting her submission to the Board at the last minute.
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53 Marlon Mitchell, Executive Director of First Followers, is strongly suggesting that funds be
54 set aside for the prevention of gun violence. The City of Champaign has had a shooting every
55 1.4 days and the City of Urbana has had one every four days. They believe brick and mortar
56 sites should be set up in Champaign, Urbana and Rantoul to help service these communities
57 effectively.
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59 Bradley Uken, Farm Bureau, stated the pandemic has proven that a fast, reliable broadband
60 internet connection is a true critical piece of infrastructure. He is asking the Board set aside
61 \$15 million to improve access to fast, reliable internet connections throughout Champaign
62 County.
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64 Bridgette Moen, Champaign County Forest Preserve, is asking the Board to use their transfer
65 authority to give funds to the Forest Preserve to assist with their losses due to the pandemic.
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67 Nils Jacobsen, Immigrant Services of Champaign County, referenced his written comment
68 regarding housing for poor immigrants. Their current crowded living conditions can have
69 adverse consequences for public health conditions and their education. He believes using
70 these funds to purchase housing for immigrants would be a very sustainable project.
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72 William K.T. Brown, CEO of HV Neighborhood Transformation, is speaking about
73 community violence. He believes the Board should view the violence as a public health issue.
74 He is asking the Board to give funds towards preventing the community violence.
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76 Dr. Regina Parnell recognized the many people that have lost their lives to gun violence in
77 our community. First Followers has been providing support to those affected by the gun
78 violence.
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80 James Corbin, First Followers, referenced his written proposal and would just like to reiterate
81 what his colleagues have said in regard to community violence. He believes a one-stop center
82 would be the best use of funds in the prevention of violence with wrap-around support
83 services.
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85 Rick Manner, Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District, referenced his written comment. He also
86 commended the people at LIHEAP that have helped establish a new assistance program for sewer
87 systems. He is hoping this is something they find possible to fund.
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89 James Kilgore, Co-Director of First Followers, is echoing the comments made by his colleagues.
90 He believes we need a coordinated response for the prevention of community violence. He
91 explained many programs that are needed in the community.
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93 Amanda Dixon spoke about her written response regarding animal welfare and the Animal
94 Control Department.
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96 **V. Discussion – ARPA Funding**
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98 Chair Fortado started the discussion section by suggesting they speak about each topic for
99 approximately 15 minutes each. She also requested for the Board members to share any feedback
100 they have received from the constituents.

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- **Broadband Infrastructure**

Board members discussed broadband as a possibility for funding. Many Board members expressed issues they or their constituents have had with internet during the pandemic and stated this was a very important issue their constituents would like to see funded. Most members expressed their support for funding this topic. They would also like to find a way for low income members of the community to receive a high-speed connection.

Chair Fortado wrapped up this section by giving three suggestions. She would like to dedicate the June Study Session meeting to this topic. Secondly, she believes it would be best to prioritize funding a comprehensive county study to get everything on to one page. Finally, she would like to form a sub-committee to discuss this topic alone. No one spoke against any of her suggestions.

- **Water/Sewer Infrastructure**

Ms. Carter, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Straub and Ms. King would like to see some funding to go towards the Garden Hills neighborhood. The City has a plan to complete these projects, but they will take 20 years. They believe it would be great to help the City advance these projects. The issues in this neighborhood leads to gun violence problems. Mr. Thorsland added that Dobbins Downs and Wilbur Heights also need the help. Chair Fortado asked that Board members attend the City of Champaign study session they will be having about Garden Hills to find ways we can partner with them to complete these projects sooner.

Mr. McGuire would like to see the funding go towards areas that do not have the monetary means that others might.

Ms. Straub and Mr. Summers added that covering the outstanding bills at the Sanitary District would not only help the community members but also provide revenue to the district that otherwise might go unpaid.

Mr. Thorsland also advocated for the project on the Brookens parking lot that was submitted by John Bergee. He believes this would benefit a lot of people that use this building.

Mr. Stohr stated we owe it to our residents to take steps to complete the study recommended by the Mahomet Aquifer Protection Taskforce. It is important to know the physical properties of the aquifer to ensure a sustainable supply of high-quality potable water. Mr. Summers, Ms. Ammons and Mr. Paul concurred with these comments.

Chair Fortado wrapped up this section by suggesting that these conversations be continued in the Environment and Land Use Committee meetings.

- **Community violence**

Many members agree that something must be done about the community violence. They stated that investing in many different programs for wrap around services would be beneficial to beginning to prevent violence in our community. Most believe this should be priority number one for the County. They also believe it would be best to invest in the groups/programs that are already available in the community.

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151 Mr. McGuire said they should make sure they find the best place to support with this short-term
152 funding. Mr. Summers added to his comment by stating some short-term funding could turn into
153 long-term funding in terms of grant funds.

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155 Chair Fortado would like to also form a taskforce for this topic. She thanks those community
156 groups that are already beginning these conversations.

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158 • **Low income communities**

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160 Ms. Carter suggested installing cameras in the communities where violence is higher. Mr. Stohr
161 concurs with Ms. Carter and he has heard from many constituents that have recommended
162 funding doorbell cameras.

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164 Ms. Rodriguez mentioned that 1 in 7 residents in Illinois is an immigrant. She thanks Dr.
165 Jacobsen for bringing forward his ideas for housing and is eager to learn more.

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167 Ms. Straub stated she believes this would be money well spent on our most vulnerable
168 community members.

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170 Chair Fortado would like to find a way to be inclusive of all the voices in our community.

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172 • **Housing**

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174 Mr. Patterson stated that this is one of those over-arching issues that can lead to the community
175 violence when it is lacking.

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177 Mr. Paul would like to see assistance with home ownership. Ms. Lokshin and Mr. Stohr agreed
178 with this idea.

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180 • **Mental Health**

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182 Ms. Carter recognizes there is a great need for mental health services but isn't sure exactly what
183 needs to be done.

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185 Ms. Straub believes the One Door program could really help with lowering the number of people
186 in the County Jail.

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188 Mr. Humphrey mentioned the backlog of work for mental health professionals and the access to
189 quick care is a real issue our community is experiencing at this current time. He would like to
190 come up with a proposal to alleviate the financial burden that goes into trying to book an
191 appointment in a timely fashion. Ms. Rodriguez agreed with Mr. Humphrey that our community
192 needs more competitors in the mental health field, and she would like to hold a special session to
193 speak just about the mental health availability. Mr. Stohr agrees with these comments and
194 believes some of our community violence issues can be tied back to mental health troubles. He
195 really encouraged everyone to read Ms. Canfield's memos.

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197 • **Childcare and education**

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199 Ms. Straub stated that affordable childcare is impossible to find in our community. It is also very
200 difficult to find quality childcare and care during second and third shifts. This is a huge barrier to
201 socioeconomic advancement.

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Mr. Thorsland explained this is one the reasons we cannot get people to work in the hospitality field. Proper childcare would do a lot to get things rolling again in our community. Mr. Patterson reiterated these same statements.

Ms. King stated that many of her co-workers have not been able to come back to work because of the lack of childcare during the pandemic especially for the older children.

Chair Fortado mentioned how many of these issues and the ideas overlap to other areas. She believes we shouldn't be thinking of these as separated issues.

- **Miscellaneous/Multiple ideas**

Chair Fortado mentioned the different type of comments that were in this section.

Mr. Stohr would like to see if we could help those that had to close their business. Ms. Carter agreed that small businesses really felt the affects of the pandemic and would like to see some assistance go to those.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Fortado adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.