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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE MINUTES

COUNTY EXECUTIVE TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Monday, April 2, 2018

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Goss, Jim McGuire, Kyle Patterson, Steve Summers,
C. Pius Weibel (Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Deb Busey (County Administrator), Patti Petrie (County Board
member), Kay Rhodes (Administrative Assistant)

CALL TO ORDER

Weibel called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Goss, McGuire, Patterson, Summers, and Weibel were present at the time of roll call, establishing the presence of a quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM

MOTION by Patterson to approve the agenda; seconded by Goss. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Patterson to approve the March 5, 2018 minutes; seconded by Summers. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ryan Koester hoped that the elected County Executive will facilitate and amplify what the citizens of the County want. Darlene Kloepfel announced that she will meet with the Will County Executive, Larry Walsh to discuss the function and challenges of the County Executive office in Will County.

DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF NEW COUNTY BOARD RULES

Weibel reviewed the working copy of the list of duties for the County Executive and County Board Chair. Weibel informed the committee that the Assistant State's Attorney, Donna Davis had reviewed the working copy and offered her initial thoughts on the current language. She would research each item in question and provide further opinion.

Weibel reminded the committee that the language in red was added, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/2-5009, unless otherwise noted and any notes or questions were in blue.

Weibel explained to the committee that #7 – regarding the removal or suspension of an appointee should be left as is and did not require further explanation on the hearing procedure, as it could simply be a meeting between the County Executive and the appointee.

Weibel said that #8 – regarding 24-hour written notice to County Board members by the County Executive for special meetings should be changed to a 24-hour written notice via email.

Weibel explained that only the County Executive had tie breaking authority (#9). There were still questions as to who the County Executive could or should designate to preside over meetings in his/her absence. Weibel said that only the County Executive had veto power (#10) and his/her designee did not.

Weibel explained that (#14) concerning the duties for preparation of the weekly calendar were currently under the duties of the County Board Chair.

Lastly, there had been a concern regarding the time period for the approval/veto of ordinances and how that would work during the County Board recess in September of each year. Weibel informed the committee that the County Board recessed each month (less than 60 days) from September through November when the budget is adopted. Weibel added that Ms. Davis would also research the use of an approval/veto journal. Additionally, the last day of the 6-day veto period would be noted on each County Board agenda instead of the calendar of meetings. Weibel briefly reviewed the duties of the County Board Chair as listed in the working copy.

Weibel led the discussion on pages 1-5 of the County Board Rules, which included his preliminary notes on possible updates. The committee agreed to strike the language under 7-A: *who may be a member of the Board, or may relay on the advice of the State's Attorney's office*. Under 10-E, strike the language *immediately order a roll call...* Weibel noted that Appointive Positions – Procedures, page 5 should be moved to the County Executive Rules.

MOTION by Goss to approve all changes to list of duties for the County Executive, County Board Chair and County Board Rules; seconded by McGuire. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Rhodes,
Administrative Assistant