

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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**PUBLIC AID APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Brookens Administrative Center, Meeting Room 3  
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

9:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Babb, Burnison, Starwalt, Weibel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kat Bork (Recording Secretary), Carol Elliott (Cunningham Township Supervisor), Fred Grosser (Cunningham Township Attorney), Deana Landess (Cunningham Township Case Worker), Susan McGrath (Senior Assistant State's Attorney)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Weibel called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Babb, Burnison, Starwalt, and Weibel were present at the time of the roll call.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM**

**MOTION** by Burnison to approve the agenda for the meeting; seconded by Starwalt. **Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Babb to approve the Public Aid Appeals Committee regular session minutes of May 8, 2007; seconded by Burnison. **Motion carried.**

**DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next Public Aid Appeals Committee meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Weibel announced that Carol Elliott will be the new Public Aid Appeals Committee member and Linda Abernathy will be the new Alternate member.

**PUBLIC AID APPEAL FROM CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP REGARDING APPELLANT #02.47**  
**Receipt of Evidence from Appellant and Township**

The appellant did not appear. It was confirmed that a Notice of Appeal Hearing including the date, time, and location of the hearing was sent to the appellant via certified mail. Weibel asked if the appellant has transportation. Landess said the appellant uses the bus. Weibel asked would happen if the appellant does not appear. McGrath explained that Grosser could then ask for a motion for default in favor of the township. The appellant has the right to appeal the decision at the Circuit Court. Elliott noted the General Assistance Manual states the client can ask to reschedule. Bork and Elliott confirmed neither the township nor the County Board Office received communication from appellant requesting the hearing be rescheduled or stating why the appellant would not attend the hearing. All parties continued to wait for the appellant. Grosser requested a default ruling against the appellant because it was 9:16 a.m. by the clock on wall.

**Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4) to Consider Evidence or Testimony Presented in Open Hearing to This Quasi – Adjudicative Body**

No closed session was necessary.

**Announcement of Decision**

**MOTION** by Burnison to uphold the Cunningham Township's decision to terminate Appellant #02.97's general assistance benefits based on the appellant's failure to appear; seconded by Starwalt.  
**Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF FINAL DECISION REGARDING APPEAL FROM THE MAY 8, 2007 APPEAL HEARING**

Weibel asked McGrath to explain why this is being approved now. McGrath said the rules state the decision is not final until the decision is in writing. This was the first meeting of the committee since May. Elliott asked if this was an approval of a decision or documentation. McGrath said it was the documentation because the decision was announced publicly at the meeting in May.

**MOTION** by Starwalt to approve the final decision regarding Appellant #02.54 from Cunningham Township; seconded by Burnison. **Motion carried.**

The decision was distributed for the committee's signatures.

**APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Babb to approve the closed session minutes for May 8, 2007; seconded by Starwalt.  
**Motion carried.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork

Recording Secretary

*Secy's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.*