

RESUME OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD,
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
May 6, 2004

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 6, 2004 at 7:08 P.M. in Meeting Room 1, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois, with Patricia Avery presiding and Sasha Green, as Secretary of the Meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Board Members **Present:** Carter, Crozier, Doenitz, Fabri, Feinen, Greenwalt, Hambrick, Jay, Kirchner, Knott, Langenheim, Moser, O'Connor, Putman, Sapp, Schroeder, Shoemaker, Smith, Tapley, Wysocki, Anderson, Beckett, Betz, Brumback, Busboom, and Avery – 26; **Absent:** Cowart – 1. Thereupon, the Chair declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business. Board Member Cowart arrived after roll call.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Discussion. A prayer was given by Board Member Shoemaker. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

READ NOTICE OF MEETING

The Clerk read the Notice of the Meeting, said Notice having been published in *The Fisher Reporter* and *The Southern Champaign County* on April 21, 2004; *The Leader* on April 22, 2004; *The News Gazette* on April 29, 2004; and *The News Gazette* on May 4, 2004. Board Member Betz offered a motion to approve the notice; seconded by Board Member Langenheim. Approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Betz offered the motion that the Minutes of the April 29, 2004 Regular County Board Meeting be approved; seconded by Board Member Carter. Approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM

Board Member Betz offered the motion to approve the Agenda/Addendum; seconded by Board Member Langenheim. Discussion followed. No vote was taken.

DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The date and time of the next Regular County Board Meeting was not announced.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Discussion. Board Member Feinen offered the motion to suspend the five minute public participation rule; seconded by Board Member Putman. Approved by voice vote. Bonnie Vaughn, former Champaign County Supervisor of Assessments, spoke regarding the appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments. L. Fred Welch, Republican Precinct Committeeman for Cunningham 22, spoke regarding the appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments. Brenda Williams, Champaign County Chief Deputy Recorder of Deeds, spoke regarding the appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments. Dan Welch, Champaign County Treasurer, spoke regarding the appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments. Paula Bates, Chief Deputy of the Chief County Assessments Office, spoke regarding the appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments. Amy Foster, Senior Secretary in the Champaign County Treasurer's Office, spoke regarding the appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments. Brian Christie, City of Champaign Township Assessor, spoke regarding the appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments. Doris Stivers read a letter from Bruce Condill, regarding the appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments. Lisa Withrow, Secretary in the Supervisor of Assessments' Office, spoke regarding the appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments. Justine Schoeplein, Board of Governors of the Channing Murray Foundation, spoke regarding the appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments. Steve Lafleur spoke, and read a letter from Bradley McWilliams, regarding the appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments. Byris Dancy read a letter from Clayton Pope, regarding the appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments. Lyle Reed spoke regarding the appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments. Roger Clapp spoke, and read a letter from Patrick Cler, regarding the appointment of the Supervisor of Assessments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Avery announced that May 14, 2004 at 11:00 A.M. there will be a Police Officer's Memorial Day Ceremony beginning at West Side Park. Board Member Wysocki spoke about the Trades and Labor Council Job Fair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, the Board addressed the following two Agenda items from the April 29, 2004 Regular County Board Meeting that were not acted upon before adjournment:

FINANCE

Board Member Wysocki, Chair, recommended the adoption of **Resolution 4804, "Payment of Claims Authorization, May, 2004, FY 2004,"** seconded by Board Member Beckett. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

Board Member Wysocki recommended approving and placing on file a list of Purchases Not Following Purchasing Policy; seconded by Board Member Beckett. Approved by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE

POLICY, PROCEDURES & APPOINTMENTS

Concurrence with the County Board Chair in the appointment of Forrest D. Chism to the St. Joseph/Stanton Fire Protection District Board with term ending April 30, 2005.

Concurrence with the County Board Chair in the appointment of Milton During to the Ludlow Fire Protection District Board with term ending April 30, 2006.

Concurrence with the County Board Chair in the appointments of Harold Farley to the Scott Fire Protection District; Mark McDuffy to the Edge-Scott Fire Protection District; Jeff White to the Ivesdale Fire Protection District; Robert Blaney to the Broadlands/Longview Fire Protection District; Rusty Smith to the Ogden/Royal Fire Protection District; and Donald Hewing to the Philo Fire Protection District with terms ending April 30, 2007.

Approval of the addition of one Full-Time Personnel Records Officer position at the Champaign County Nursing Home and the elimination of one Full-Time CNA Trainee position effective May 9, 2004.

ENVIRONMENT & LAND USE

Adoption of **Resolution 4805, "Resolution in Support of Full Funding for the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Fund in the 2005 Fiscal Year Budget."**

Board Member Beckett offered the motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Board Member Hambrick. Discussion followed. Chair Avery asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Consent Agenda approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Carter, Cowart, Crozier, Doenitz, Fabri, Feinen, Greenwalt, Hambrick, Jay, Kirchner, Knott, Langenheim, Moser, O'Connor, Putman, Sapp, Schroeder, Shoemaker, Smith, Tapley, Wysocki, Anderson, Beckett, Betz, Brumback, Busboom, and Avery – 27;

Nays: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY, PERSONNEL & APPOINTMENTS

In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, the Board addressed the unresolved motion of the April 29, 2004 Regular County Board Meeting. The motion was as follows:

“Board Member Feinen moved to reconsider the adoption of a Resolution to appoint Curt Deedrich as interim Supervisor of Assessments for Champaign County; seconded by Board Member Tapley.”

Board Member Feinen withdrew the motion.

Board Member Betz, Chair, recommended the adoption of **Ordinance 715, “Champaign County Ethics Ordinance;”** seconded by Board Member Beckett. Discussion followed. There was a friendly amendment to add the language: a) this Ordinance shall become effective August 1, 2004 unless an earlier effective date is required by State Law; b) and notwithstanding our reservations about the constitutionality of several provisions contained in the ordinance. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

Board Member Betz recommended the adoption of **Resolution 4806, “A Resolution Opposing the Taxation of Agricultural Inputs;”** seconded by Board Member Feinen. Approved by voice vote.

Board Member Betz recommended the adoption of **Resolution 4807, “A Resolution Appointing Supervisor of Assessments for Champaign County;”** seconded by Board Member Kirchner. Board Member Feinen recommended a substitute motion to appoint Paula Bates as the interim Supervisor of Assessments; seconded by Board Member Knott. Chair Avery ruled the substitute motion out of order. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was requested. Discussion followed.

Resolution 4807 adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Greenwalt, Hambrick, Kirchner, Langenheim, Putman, Shoemaker, Smith, Wysocki, Anderson, Betz, and Avery – 14;

Nays: Crozier, Doenitz, Feinen, Jay, Knott, Moser, O'Connor, Sapp, Schroeder, Tapley, Beckett, Brumback, and Busboom – 13.

Board Member Betz recommended the adoption of **Resolution 4808, “A Resolution Setting the Salary for the Champaign County Supervisor of Assessments;”** seconded by Board Member Hambrick. A roll call was requested. Discussion followed. Board Member Tapley offered a substitute motion to adjust the salary amount from \$55,672.50 to \$44,889.00; seconded by Board Member Knott. Discussion followed.

The substitute motion failed by roll call vote.

Yeas: Doenitz, Feinen, Jay, Knott, Moser, O'Connor, Tapley, Wysocki, and Busboom – 9;

Nays: Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Greenwalt, Hambrick, Kirchner, Langenheim, Putman, Sapp, Schroeder, Shoemaker, Smith, Anderson, Beckett, Betz, Brumback, and Avery – 17;

Absent: Crozier – 1.

Resolution 4808 adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Greenwalt, Hambrick, Kirchner, Langenheim, Putman, Shoemaker, Smith, Wysocki, Anderson, Beckett, Betz, Brumback, and Avery – 16;

Nays: Doenitz, Feinen, Jay, Knott, Moser, O'Connor, Sapp, Schroeder, Tapley, and Busboom – 10;

Absent: Crozier – 1.

Board Member Betz recommended the adoption of **Resolution 4809, “Resolution Urging the State to Continue to Use Health Alliance Medical Plans as a Provider;”** seconded by Board Member Feinen. Discussion followed. Board Member Sapp abstained due to a business relationship with Health Alliance. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote. Discussion followed.

COUNTY FACILITIES

Board Member Beckett recommended approval of Proposed Minority Participation Language; seconded by Board Member Moser. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

Discussion. Board Member Beckett announced that the Bid Date is May 19, 2004 for Phase 2 of the Nursing Home Construction Project. The County Facilities Committee will meet May 20, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. Discussion followed. The Environment & Land Use Committee will meet May 20, 2004 at 6:30 P.M.

Board Member Shoemaker offered the motion to add the effective date of May 10, 2004 to **Resolution 4807 & Resolution 4808**; seconded by Board Member Langenheim. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote. Discussion followed.

Board Member Beckett offered the motion to suspend the 10:00 P.M. rule; seconded by Board Member Betz. Approved by voice vote.

Chair Avery announced a five minute recess.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Beckett offered the motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) to consider litigation, which is probable or imminent against Champaign County, further moving that the following individuals remain present: Recording Secretary, Nursing Home Administrator, County Co-Administrators, County's Legal Counsel, and County Elected Officials; seconded by Board Member Brumback.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Carter, Doenitz, Fabri, Greenwalt, Jay, Langenheim, O'Connor, Putman, Sapp, Schroeder, Shoemaker, Smith, Wysocki, Anderson, Beckett, Betz, Brumback, and Avery – 18;

Nays: Feinen and Moser – 2;

Absent: Cowart, Crozier, Hambrick, Kirchner, Knott, Tapley, and Busboom – 7.

Discussion during the roll call.

The Board re-entered into Open Session at 10:06 pm.

Board Member Beckett offered the motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) to consider litigation, which is probable or imminent on behalf of Champaign County, further moving that the following individuals remain present: Recording Secretary, Nursing Home Administrator, County Co-Administrators, County's Legal Counsel, and County Elected Officials; seconded by Board Member Brumback.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Carter, Doenitz, Fabri, Greenwalt, Jay, Kirchner, Langenheim,
O'Connor, Putman, Sapp, Schroeder, Shoemaker, Smith, Wysocki,
Anderson, Beckett, Betz, Brumback, and Avery – 19;

Nays: Feinen and Moser – 2;

Absent: Cowart, Crozier, Hambrick, Knott, Tapley, and
Busboom – 6.

The Board re-entered into Open Session at 10:14 pm.

Board Member Beckett offered the motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)2 to consider collective negotiating matters between Champaign County and its employees or their representatives, further moving that the following individuals remain present: County Co-Administrators, County's Legal Counsel, County Elected Officials, and Recording Secretary; seconded by Board Member Betz.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Carter, Doenitz, Fabri, Greenwalt, Jay, Kirchner, Langenheim,
O'Connor, Putman, Sapp, Schroeder, Shoemaker, Smith, Wysocki,
Anderson, Beckett, Betz, Brumback, and Avery – 19;

Nays: Feinen and Moser – 2;

Absent: Cowart, Crozier, Hambrick, Knott, Tapley, and
Busboom – 6.

The Board re-entered into Open Session at 10:25 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Beckett offered the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Board Member Betz. Approved by voice vote. Chair Avery adjourned the Meeting at 10:26 P.M.

Mark Sheldon

Mark Sheldon, Champaign County Clerk
and ex-Officio Clerk of the Champaign County Board
Champaign County, Illinois