

RESUME OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD,
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 24, 2005

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 24, 2005 at 7:03 P.M. in Meeting Room 1, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois, with Barbara Wysocki presiding and Sasha Green, as Secretary of the Meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Board Members Present: Bensyl, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Feinen, Greenwalt, Gross, Hogue, James, Jay, Knott, Langenheim, McGinty, Moser, O'Connor, Sapp, Schroeder, Tapley, Weibel, Anderson, Avery, and Wysocki – 23; Absent: Busboom, Doenitz, Putman, and Beckett – 4. Thereupon, the Chair declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business. Board Member Putman arrived after roll call.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A prayer was given by Board Member Anderson. 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 *Fisher Reporter* and *Southern Champaign County* on February 9, 2005, *The Leader* on February 10, 2005, *The Rantoul Press* and *Mahomet Citizen* on February 16, 2005, *County Star* and *Savoy Star* on February 17, 2005, and *The News Gazette* on February 22, 2005. Board Member Betz offered a motion to approve the notice; seconded by Board Member Langenheim. Approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Hogue offered the motion to approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2005 Regular County Board Meeting; seconded by Board Member Jay. Approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM

Board Member Betz offered the motion to approve the Agenda/Addendum; seconded by Board Member Hogue. Discussion followed. Board Member Betz amended the motion by moving the approval of the Red Cross Month Proclamation to the beginning of Public Participation; and moving the adoption of the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2005A, and General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Public Safety Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2005B, of the

County of Champaign, Illinois, Providing the Details of such Bonds and for Alternative Revenue Sources and the Levy of Direct Annual Taxes as Applicable, Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on such Bonds, and Related Matters to the beginning of Committee Reports; seconded by Board Member Langenheim. Approved as amended by voice vote.

DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Chair Wysocki announced that the next County Board Meeting will be held on March 24, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

POLICY, PERSONNEL & APPOINTMENTS from COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Member Betz, Chair, recommended the approval of the Red Cross Month Proclamation; seconded by Board Member Moser. Discussion followed. Kevin Price, of the Illini Prairie Chapter of the Red Cross, spoke regarding the Red Cross. Approved by voice vote. Discussion followed.

Due to the number of individuals ready to speak at Public Participation, Chair Wysocki announced the 5 minute rule would be in effect. Discussion followed.

Board Member Betz recommended to allow the Bond Counsel to make a presentation and the adoption of the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2005A, and General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Public Safety Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2005B, of the County of Champaign, Illinois, Providing the Details of such Bonds and for Alternative Revenue Sources and the Levy of Direct Annual Taxes as Applicable, Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on such Bonds, and Related Matters, prior to any further Public Participation; seconded by Board Member Tapley. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

FINANCE from COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Member McGinty, Chair, recommended the approval of the **Resolution 4920, "A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2005A, and General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Public Safety Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2005B, of the County of Champaign, Illinois, Providing the Details of such Bonds and for Alternative Revenue Sources and the Levy of Direct Annual Taxes as Applicable, Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on such Bonds, and Related Matters;"** seconded by Board Member Betz. Kurt Froehlich, Bond Counsel, discussed Bond Series 2005A and 2005B. Discussion followed.

Resolution 4920 adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Bensyl, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Feinen, Greenwalt, Gross, Hogue, James, Jay, Knott, Langenheim, McGinty, Moser, O'Connor, Putman, Sapp, Schroeder, Tapley, Weibel, Anderson, Avery, and Wysocki – 24;

Nays: None.

Chair Wysocki announced Board Member Betz would serve as Parliamentarian. Jay Schubert spoke regarding the Evercom contract. Susan Davis spoke regarding the Evercom contract. Charlotte Green spoke regarding the Evercom contract. Kyle Ahten spoke regarding the Evercom contract. Ann Donovan spoke regarding the Evercom contract. Sandra Ahten spoke regarding the Evercom contract. Bobbi Trist spoke regarding the Evercom contract. Casey Diana spoke regarding the Evercom contract.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Feinen commented on the County Board documents that are now available electronically. Chair Wysocki informed the Board that a draft of an organizational chart in relation to the Visioning Project had been distributed. Discussion followed.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE

Board Member Knott requested the approval of the application for, and if awarded, acceptance of Petsmart Charities Grant for equipment on the amount of \$9,999.75, be removed from the Consent Agenda.

JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES

Approval of the Application for, and of awarded, Acceptance of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Grant for the JAIBG/JCED Lapsing Equipment Funds in the amount of \$10,423.00.

Approval of the Renewal/ Extension of Head Start Grant.

Approval of Champaign County Nursing Home Criminal Background Check Policy.

COUNTY FACILITIES

Approval of Invoice #0047323 from Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger, Inc. in the amount of \$37,524.68 for Professional Services provided through December 3, 2004 per Agreement dated March, 2004. Invoice is for Program Verification & Schematic Design Services.

Approval of Pay Request #24 from PKD, Inc. in the amount of \$49,310.00 for Professional Services provided through January 20, 2005 per Agreement dated February, 2003. \$8,701.00 – Staff; \$6,751.00 – Construction Fee; \$410.00 –

Reimbursables; \$33,448.00 – General Conditions.

Approval of the Scottswood Drainage Project Phase II Application.

Approval of the ILEAS Request for additional space at the Champaign County Emergency Operations Center.

Approval of the appointment of Major Richard Ellenberger to the Champaign County Clock & Bell Tower Committee.

POLICY, PERSONNEL & APPOINTMENTS

Approval of the Corrections to Appointments.

Approval of the Appointment of Steve Beckett and Greg Knott to the Willard Airport Study Group.

Approval of the Appointment of Barbara Wysocki, Patricia Avery, Colleen Braun, John Regetz, Minor Jackson, Neal Williams, Reed Berger, Nigel Austin, Jeanne Gustafson and Dave Lucas to the Champaign County Economic Development District - term ending 12-31-06.

FINANCE

Adoption of **Resolution 4921, “Budget Amendments, February 2005, FY 2005.”**

Adoption of **Resolution 4922, “Transfers of Funds, February 2005, FY 2005.”**

Adoption of **Resolution 4923, “Resolution for the Abatement and Reduction of Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Payment of Bonds.”**

Adoption of **Resolution 4924, “Resolution for the Abatement and Reduction of Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Payment of Bonds.”**

Approval of appointments of Tapley, McGinty, Gross and Busey to serve on the subcommittee to further explore the Bond Issue, with Frerichs and Walsh serving as advisors.

Approval of the request to increase staffing in the State’s Attorney’s office from one part-time Legal Secretary to one full-time Legal Secretary Receptionist.

Adoption of **Resolution 4925, “Resolution to Designate the Office of the State’s Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor as Agent,”** and Litigation Assistance Agreement with the State’s Attorney’s Appellate Prosecutor.

HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION

Adoption of **Resolution 4926, "Resolution Appropriating \$16,960.00 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Champaign County's Share of the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study – Section #04-00000-00-ES."**

Adoption of **Resolution 4927, "Resolution Appropriating \$17,808.00 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Champaign County's Share of the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study – Section #05-00000-00-ES."**

Approval of the exchange of a Highway Maintenance Position for a Certified Mechanic Position.

ENVIRONMENT & LAND USE

Adoption of **Resolution 4928, "Resolution Supporting House Bill 4910 that would Revise the State Statute pertaining of the County Code on 'Inoperable Vehicles.'"**

Board Member Moser offered the motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Board Member Jay. Chair Wysocki asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Consent Agenda approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Bensyl, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Feinen, Greenwalt, Gross, Hogue, James, Jay, Knott, Langenheim, McGinty, Moser, O'Connor, Putman, Sapp, Schroeder, Tapley, Weibel, Anderson, Avery, and Wysocki – 24;

Nays: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Member Greenwalt recommended the approval of the mutually acceptable extension of the current Evercom Contract until April 1, 2005 be placed next on the Agenda; seconded by Board Member Langenheim. Approved by voice vote.

FINANCE Cont.

Board Member McGinty recommended the approval of the mutually acceptable extension of the current Evercom Contract until April 1, 2005; seconded by Board Member Moser. Discussion followed.

Board Member Putman offered an amendment to the motion to direct our Budget plans to proceed on a scenario for FY 2006 not receiving any commission from Evercom or any other telecommunications contract, and to forgo receipt of approximately \$168,000 a year, the loss should be born by all departments supported by the general corporate fund. Discussion followed. To clarify her motion Board Member Putman stated, to instruct the team to negotiate all that

you can but require that the County receive no commissions starting December 1, 2005. Discussion followed. To clarify her motion Board Member Putman stated, to amend the motion on the floor that the project team continue to negotiate with the understanding that as of December 1, 2005 the County would receive no commission from any telecommunication's provider who provides service in our County Jail, that is a parameter to take into your negotiations with the project team. Discussion followed. To clarify her motion Board Member Putman stated to negotiate, not until April 1, but to propose an arrangement through the last day of this fiscal year with the understanding that starting on December 1, 2005 and into the 2006 Budget we will plan for the General Corporate Fund to receive no revenue from Evercom or any other telecommunications provider. Discussion followed. Board Member Greenwalt seconded Board Member Putman's motion. Discussion followed.

Board Member Greenwalt offered to amend the motion by asking that it be re-bid beginning in the new Fiscal Year so that it's not necessarily Evercom but that it's opened up for Competitive Bid, that won't include commission to the County for the new Fiscal Year. Board Member Putman accepted this as a friendly amendment. Discussion followed. Discussion revealed that it is not within the parameters of the current contract to extend it until November 30, 2005. Board Member Greenwalt withdrew her friendly amendment; she replaced it with, extending the contract for the required one year, and to bid the contract out in six months. Discussion followed.

Board Member Langenheim made a "substitute motion all together" saying that we direct the negotiators to forgo negotiating for the \$14,000 monthly; seconded by Board Member Betz. Discussion followed.

Board Member Bensyl requested that the question be called, and that the motion be restated; seconded by Board Member Langenheim. Discussion followed. Board Member Betz, Parliamentarian, stated that the Board first needed to vote whether to allow a substitute, the substitute is "to direct the negotiating team to negotiate a contract, but not negotiate for a commission to the County as part of its negotiating strategy." The substitute motion was made friendly. Discussion followed. Motion to call the question approved by voice vote. A roll call was requested. Discussion followed.

Board Member Betz, Parliamentarian, restated the motion on the floor for clarification. "The motion on the floor is to direct our negotiating team in negotiating with Evercom to not consider and not ask for, we are going to eliminate, the commission as part of our negotiating process, but we will still try to negotiate for the lowest rates possible."

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Betz, Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Greenwalt, Gross, Hogue, Langenheim, McGinty, Putman, Weibel, Anderson, Avery, and Wysocki – 14;

Nays: Bensyl, Feinen, James, Jay, Knott, Moser, O'Connor, Sapp, Schroeder, and Tapley – 10.

Discussion followed. Board Member Fabri offered an amendment to the motion to further instruct our negotiators to end the commission with the beginning of FY 2006; seconded by Board Member Putman. Discussion followed. Board Member O'Connor requested that the question be called; seconded by Board Member Jay. Discussion followed. Motion to call the question approved by voice vote. A roll call was requested.

Motion to amend failed by roll call vote.

Yeas: Fabri and Schroeder – 2;

Nays: Bensyl, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Feinen, Greenwalt, Gross, Hogue, James, Jay, Knott, Langenheim, McGinty, Moser, O'Connor, Putman, Sapp, Weibel, Anderson, Avery, and Wysocki – 21;

Absent: Tapley – 1.

Discussion stopped for the Parliamentarian to clarify what was going on: "Main motion as amended is that we approve of the mutually acceptable extension of the current Evercom Contract until April 1, 2005, and that our negotiators be directed not to negotiate for the 'commission,' but to negotiate for the lowest possible rates."

Board Member Feinen offered an amendment to the motion to go out for bid at the end of this fiscal year for new phone contracts, with the parameters that have been set by the County Board to have a new contract by December 1; seconded by Board Member Knott. Discussion followed. Board Member Feinen amended her motion by stating, as part of my amendment I would make the extension through May 31 to give us enough time to go out for bid, so we have an existing phone service with Evercom through May 31. Board Member Knott said this was a friendly amendment.

The original makers of the motion, McGinty and Moser, accepted this as a friendly amendment. Discussion followed. A roll call was requested. Discussion followed.

Main motion as amended approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Bensyl, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Feinen, Greenwalt, Gross, Hogue, James, Knott, Langenheim, McGinty, Putman, Sapp, Schroeder, Weibel, Anderson, Avery, and Wysocki – 20;

Nays: Jay, Moser, and O'Connor – 3;

Absent: Tapley – 1.

Chair Wysocki informed the Board the Environment & Land Use Committee would be considered next, for the benefit of the public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENVIRONMENT & LAND USE

Board Member Langenheim, Chair, recommended the adoption of **Resolution 4929, “Resolution to Amend the Zoning Ordinance by Reclassifying Certain Property, 445-AM-04;”** seconded by Board Member Moser. Discussion followed.

Resolution 4929 adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Bensyl, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Feinen, Greenwalt, Hogue, James, Jay, Knott, Langenheim, McGinty, Moser, O'Connor, Putman, Sapp, Schroeder, Weibel, Anderson, and Wysocki – 21;

Nays: Avery – 1;

Absent: Gross, and Tapley – 2.

Board Member Langenheim recommended the adoption of **Ordinance 735, “Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance Establishing a Rural Residential Overlay Zoning District in the AG-1 Agriculture Zoning District, 468-AM-04;”** seconded by Board Member Putman. Discussion followed. Adopted by voice vote.

Board Member Langenheim recommended the adoption of **Ordinance 736, “An Ordinance Amending the Champaign County Special Flood Hazard Areas Ordinance;”** seconded by Board Member Carter. Adopted by voice vote.

JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES

Board Member Anderson, Chair, gave a report regarding the implementation of Champaign County Animal Control Ordinances. Discussion followed. Board Member Putman recommended this Agenda item be placed on the next Agenda; seconded by Board Member Langenheim.

Board Member Anderson recommended the approval of the application for and, if awarded the acceptance of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Violent Offender Incarceration/Truth in Sentencing Incentive Grant in the amount of \$9,848,163.00; seconded by Board Member Betz. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

Board Member Anderson recommended the approval of the Champaign County Nursing Home Scholarship Program; seconded by Board Member Knott. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

Board Member Anderson recommended the approval of the application for, and if awarded, acceptance of Petsmart Charities Grant for equipment on the amount of \$9,999.75; seconded by Board Member Greenwalt. Board Member Feinen abstained due to a personal relationship to one of the involved parties. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

COUNTY FACILITIES

Board Member Sapp, Vice Chair, recommended the adoption of **Resolution 4930, "Resolution Designating Meeting Room 1 as Lyle Shields Meeting Room;"** seconded by Board Member Moser. Discussion followed. Adopted by voice vote.

Board Member Sapp recommended the approval of the plaque in recognition of the County Board acquisition and remodeling of the Brookens Administrative Center; seconded by Board Member James. Discussion followed. Board Member Sapp withdrew his motion. Board Member Langenheim recommended to send the item back to Committee; seconded by Board Member Avery. Approved by voice vote.

Board Member Sapp recommended the approval of the award of bid for Animal Kennel System; seconded by Board Member Jay. Chair Wysocki requested a show of hands, as the voice vote was undeterminable. A roll call was requested. Discussion followed.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Betz, Fabri, Greenwalt, Gross, James, Jay, Langenheim, McGinty, Putman, Sapp, Weibel, Anderson, and Wysocki – 13;

Nays: Bensyl, Carter, Cowart, Hogue, Knott, Moser, O'Connor, Schroeder, and Avery – 9;

Absent: Tapley – 1;

Abstention: Feinen – 1.

Board Member Betz made a motion to suspend the 10:00 P.M. rule; seconded by Board Member Langenheim. Discussion followed. Board Member Avery requested entering into Executive Session be rearranged on the Agenda. Discussion followed. Motion to suspend approved by voice vote.

POLICY, PERSONNEL & APPOINTMENTS

Board Member Betz recommended the approval of Willard Broom to the Champaign County Mass Transit District – term ending 12-31-09; seconded by Board Member Gross. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

Board Member Betz recommended the approval of the appointments to the Art & Architecture Committee; seconded by Board Member Moser. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

Chair Wysocki announced a five minute break.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Member McGinty offered the motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 1 to consider the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of an employee, further moving that the following individuals remain present: Recording Secretary, County's Legal Counsel, and County Administrators; seconded by Board Member Putman.

Executive Session approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Bensyl, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Greenwalt, Gross, James, Jay, Knott, Langenheim, McGinty, Moser, O'Connor, Putman, Sapp, Schroeder, Weibel, Anderson, and Wysocki – 20;

Nays: None;

Absent: Feinen, Hogue, Tapley, and Avery – 4.

The Board entered back into open session at 10:33 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Cont.

FINANCE Cont.

Board Member McGinty recommended the approval of Negotiated Contract for Human Resource Software Management System with top Ranked vendor pursuant to Champaign County RFP 2005-001. Discussion followed. Board Member McGinty recommended to defer the back to committee; seconded by Board Member Betz. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

Board Member McGinty recommended the approval of the Nursing Home Funded Depreciation; seconded by Board Member Betz. Approved by voice vote.

Board Member McGinty recommended the adoption of **Resolution 4931, "Payment of Claims Authorization, February 2005, FY 2005;"** seconded by Board Member Betz. Adopted by voice vote.

Board Member McGinty recommended the approval and placing on file the Purchases not Following Purchasing Policy; seconded by Board Member Betz. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

Board Member McGinty recommended the adoption of **Ordinance 737, "Ordinance for Exception to the Champaign County Purchasing Policy**

Ordinance No. 323; seconded by Board Member Bensyl. Adopted by voice vote.

HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION

Board Member Cowart, Chair, announced that there was no business requiring County Board action.

LABOR SUB-COMMITTEE

Board Member Betz recommended the approval of appointment of Negotiating Team for approved AFSCME Highway/Maintenance Unit to include Brendan McGinty, Scott Tapley as Alternate, County Engineer, Supervisor of Building Maintenance, County Administrator of Finance & HR Management, and County's Legal Counsel; seconded by Board Member Fabri. Approved by voice vote.

Board Member Betz recommended the approval of appointment of Negotiating Team for Approved AFSCME Nursing Home General Unit and Nursing Home Nurses Unit to include Tom Betz and Scott Tapley, with Claudia Gross and Steve Moser as Alternates, Nursing Home Administrator Nursing Home HR Director, County Administrator of Finance & HR Management, and County's Legal Counsel; seconded by Board Member McGinty. Approved by voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS Cont.

Board Member Betz recommended the approval of communication to U.S. Senate Finance approved Committee and U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee regarding payment of Federal Fuel Excise Tax by local/state governments purchasing fuel with fleet credit cards; seconded by Board Member Putman. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

Board Member Betz recommended the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Champaign County Board and AFSCME Local 900-B-Champaign County Head Start; seconded by Board Member Moser. Approved by voice vote.

Chair Wysocki announced that the County Board Appointed Associations/Boards/Commissions Schedule had been distributed. Discussion followed.

Board Member Jay recommended the Closed Session minutes, included in the Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes, remain closed; seconded by Board Member James. Approved by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wysocki adjourned the Meeting at 10:45 P.M.

Mark Sheldon

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