

RESUME OF MINUTES OF A STUDY SESSION OF THE COUNTY BOARD,  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
January 19, 2006

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Study Session, Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 7:01 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.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wysocki called the Meeting to order, and asked the Clerk to call the roll. Roll call showed the following Board Members Present: Jay, Knott, Langenheim, McGinty, O'Connor, Putman, Weibel, Anderson, Beckett, Bensyl, Betz, Busboom, Carter, Cowart, Doenitz, Feinen, Gross, James, and Wysocki - 19; Absent: Moser, Sapp, Schroeder, Tapley, Avery, Fabri, Greenwalt, and Hogue - 8. Thereupon, the Chair declared a quorum present. Board Members Greenwalt, Moser, Tapley, and Schroeder arrived after roll call.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Wysocki discussed the order of the Agenda.

**REPORT OF THE COURTS JAIL ISSUES STUDY COMMITTEE**

Judge Thomas Difanis and Roger Holland presented a report from the Jail Issues Committee regarding the implementation of a continuous jury system. A continuous jury system would alleviate some of the overcrowding at both the Satellite Jail and Downtown Jail by having more felony cases heard by jury in a one month period. Judge Difanis, Mr. Holland, and Julia Rietz, State's Attorney, answered the Board's questions. A straw vote showed the Board was in favor of a continuous jury system. Discussion followed.

**REPORT BY THE SHERIFF REGARDING JAIL ISSUES**

Dan Walsh, Sheriff, and Captain Jim Young presented a report regarding jail issues. Sheriff Walsh spoke regarding the populations at both the Satellite Jail and Downtown Jail, the many problems with the Downtown Jail, and the options of replacing/renovating the Downtown Jail. Captain Young spoke regarding the Illinois State Jail Standards. He showed a video that compared the layouts of the Satellite Jail to the Downtown Jail, and how the Downtown Jail is antiquated. Sheriff Walsh and Captain Young answered the Board's questions.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

## **METCAD INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**

Rick Kallmayer presented an informational report on the METCAD Radio Project. In 1996 voters approved a referenda to increase the wired line telephone surcharge rate in order to fund several capital projects for METCAD. METCAD has recently signed a contract for a private digital trunked 800 MHz system for police paired with a conventional VHF system for fire. Mr. Kallmayer answered the Board's questions.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member James offered the motion to adjourn the Meeting; seconded by Board Member Langenheim. Chair Wysocki adjourned the Meeting at 9:30 P.M.

*Mark Shelden*

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