

RESUME OF MINUTES OF AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY  
BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
December 4, 2006

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at an Organizational Meeting, Monday, December 4, 2006 at 7:05 P.M. in the Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois, with Barbara Wysocki presiding and Jed Willard, as Secretary of the Meeting.

**SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Discussion. The following newly-elected Board Members were sworn into Office by Mark Shelden, County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Champaign County Board: Steve Beckett, Thomas Betz, Lorraine Cowart, Chris Doenitz, Tony Fabri, Matthew Gladney, Kevin Hunt, Stan James, Brad Jones, Greg Knott, Ralph Langenheim, Carrie Melin, Steve Moser, Jonathan Schroeder, and Barbara Wysocki.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following Board Members **Present:** Anderson, Beckett, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Doenitz, Fabri, Gladney, Gross, Hogue, Hunt, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, Langenheim, McGinty, Melin, Moser, O'Connor, Putman, Sapp, Schroeder, Tapley, Weibel, and Wysocki – 26; **Absent:** Bensyl – 1. Thereupon, the Chair declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Board Member Betz offered the motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by Board Member James. Approved by voice vote.

**DESIGNATION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Board Member Tapley moved to designate Steve Ziegler, County's Legal Counsel, as Parliamentarian for the remainder of the Organizational Meeting; seconded by Board Member Knott. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

Discussion. Board Member Moser moved to suspend the rules and to allow nominations from the floor for Office of Chair of the County Board; seconded by Board Member Betz. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

## **SELECTION OF CHAIR**

Chair Wysocki announced that the Board would entertain nominations for the Office of Chair of the County Board to serve a two-year term, effective this date, and ending December, 2008, and asked for nominations from the floor. Board Member Knott offered the nomination of John Jay for the Office of Chair of the Champaign County Board; seconded by Board Member Moser. Board Member Melin offered the nomination of Barbara Wysocki for the Office of Chair of the Champaign County Board; seconded by Board Member McGinty. Board Member Anderson offered the nomination of Tony Fabri for the Office of Chair of the Champaign County Board; seconded by Board Member Betz. Board Member Betz offered the nomination of Carl Pius Weibel for the Office of Chair of the Champaign County Board; seconded by Board Member Cowart. Board Member Betz offered the motion to close nominations; seconded by Board Member Weibel. Approved by voice vote. Discussion followed. Chair Wysocki instructed the Clerk to call the roll.

First motion to elect County Board Chair failed by half required roll call vote:

Jay: Doenitz, Hunt, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, Moser, O'Connor, Sapp, Schroeder, and Tapley – 11;  
Wysocki: Beckett, McGinty, Melin, and Wysocki – 4;  
Fabri: Anderson, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Gladney, Gross, Hogue, and Weibel – 9;  
Weibel: Langenheim and Putman – 2.

Discussion followed. Board Member Knott offered a motion for a second vote for County Board Chair; seconded by Board Member Hunt. Approved by voice vote. Chair Wysocki instructed the Clerk to call the roll.

Second motion to elect County Board Chair failed by half required roll call vote:

Jay: Doenitz, Hunt, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, Moser, O'Connor, Sapp, Schroeder, and Tapley – 11;  
Wysocki: Beckett, McGinty, Melin, and Wysocki – 4;  
Fabri: Anderson, Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Gladney, Gross, Hogue – 7;  
Weibel: Betz, Langenheim, Putman, and Weibel – 4.

Discussion followed. Board Member Knott offered a motion for a third vote for County Board Chair; seconded by Board Member Tapley. Approved by voice vote. Chair Wysocki instructed the Clerk to call the roll.

Third motion to elect County Board Chair failed by half required roll call vote:

Jay: Doenitz, Hunt, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, Moser, O'Connor, Sapp, Schroeder, and Tapley – 11;  
Wysocki: Beckett, McGinty, Melin, and Wysocki – 4;  
Fabri: Anderson, Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Gladney, Gross, Hogue – 7;  
Weibel: Betz, Langenheim, Putman, and Weibel – 4.

Discussion followed. Board Member Weibel offered a motion to suspend the rules to elect a Vice-Chair of the Board; seconded by Board Member Langenheim. Discussion followed. Motion to suspend the rules failed by voice vote. Discussion followed.

Board Member Tapley offered a motion to recess; seconded by Board Member Schroeder. Discussion followed. Chair Wysocki asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Motion to recess approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Anderson, Beckett, Carter, Doenitz, Fabri, Gladney, Hogue, Hunt, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, McGinty, Melin, Moser, O'Connor, Putman, Schroeder, Tapley, Weibel, and Wysocki – 21;  
Nays: Betz, Cowart, Gross, and Langenheim – 4;  
Absent: Sapp – 1.

Chair Wysocki announced a 15 minute recess. Chair Wysocki declared the meeting back into session at 8:39 P.M.

Board Member Betz offered a motion for a fourth vote for County Board Chair; seconded by Board Member Cowart. Discussion followed. Chair Wysocki asked if any candidates would like to withdraw their names from consideration. Board Member Fabri withdrew his name as a candidate for County Board Chair. Approved by voice vote. Chair Wysocki asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Fourth motion to elect County Board Chair failed by half required roll call vote:

Jay: Doenitz, Hunt, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, Moser, O'Connor, Sapp, Schroeder, and Tapley – 11;  
Wysocki: Beckett and McGinty – 2;  
Weibel: Anderson, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Gladney, Gross, Hogue, Langenheim, Melin, Putman, Weibel, and Wysocki – 13.

Board Member McGinty offered a motion for a fifth vote for County Board Chair; seconded by Board Member Betz. Board Member Tapley offered a motion to recess; seconded by Board Member Knott. Discussion followed. Parliamentarian Ziegler determined that the motion to recess was a motion in priority. Chair Wysocki asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Motion to recess approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Beckett, Doenitz, Hunt, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, McGinty, Moser, O'Connor, Sapp, Schroeder, Tapley, and Wysocki – 14;

Nays: Anderson, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Gladney, Gross, Hogue, Langenheim, Melin, Putman, and Weibel – 12.

Chair Wysocki announced a 10 minute recess. Chair Wysocki declared the meeting back into session at 8:55 P.M.

Discussion followed. Board Member Cowart offered a motion for a fifth vote for County Board Chair; seconded by Board Member Betz. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote. Chair Wysocki asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Carl Pius Weibel elected County Board Chair by roll call vote.

Jay: Doenitz, Hunt, James, Jay, Jones, Knott, Moser, O'Connor, Sapp, Schroeder, and Tapley – 11;

Wysocki: Beckett – 1;

Weibel: Anderson, Betz, Carter, Cowart, Fabri, Gladney, Gross, Hogue, Langenheim, McGinty, Melin, Putman, Weibel, and Wysocki – 14.

Chair Wysocki declared Carl Pius Weibel the newly-elected Chair of the Champaign County Board for a term of two years.

Chair Wysocki addressed the County Board.

### **TRANSITION OF CHAIR**

Chair Weibel addressed the County Board and visitors before assuming his position as Chair of the Champaign County Board.

### **SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Chair Weibel announced that the Board would entertain nominations for the Office of Vice-Chair of the County Board to serve a two-year term, effective this date, and ending December, 2008, and asked for nominations from the floor.

Board Member James offered the nomination of Scott Tapley for the Office of Vice-Chair of the Champaign County Board; seconded by Board Member Jay. Board Member Tapley withdrew his name from consideration for Office of Vice-Chair. Board Member Gross offered the nomination of Tom Betz for the Office of Vice-Chair of the Champaign County Board; seconded by Board Member Langenheim. Board Member Knott offered the motion to close nominations and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Board Member Betz; seconded by Board Member Tapley. Approved by voice vote.

Chair Weibel declared Tom Betz the newly-elected Vice-Chair of the Champaign County Board for a term of two years.

**DESIGNATION OF PARLIMENTARIAN**

Discussion. Board Member Tapley offered the motion to appoint a member of the State's Attorney Office as Board Parliamentarian; seconded by Board Member Moser. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS & APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRS**

Discussion. Board Member Langenheim withdrew his name from Chair of Environment and Land Use Committee. Discussion followed. Board Member Tapley recommended Board Member Schroeder as either Chair or Vice-Chair of Environment and Land Use Committee. Board Member Betz recommended Board Member Wysocki as either Chair or Vice-Chair of Environment and Land Use Committee. Discussion followed. Board Member Knott recommended Board Member Hunt be assigned to Policy, Personnel & Appointments and Board Member Jay be assigned to Highway & Transportation. Discussion followed. Chair Weibel nominated Board Member Wysocki as Chair of Environment and Land Use Committee. Discussion followed.

Board Member Beckett offered a motion to recess; seconded by Board Member Langenheim. Approved by voice vote.

Chair Weibel announced a 10 minute recess. Chair Weibel declared the meeting back into session at 9:30 P.M.

Chair Weibel announced the following nominations for Committee Chairs:

Board Member Wysocki – Environment and Land Use

Board Member Beckett – County Facilities

Board Member McGinty – Finance

Board Member Cowart – Highway & Transportation

Board Member Anderson – Justice & Social Services

Board Member Betz – Policy, Personnel & Appointments

seconded by Board Member Beckett. Approved by voice vote.

Chair Weibel announced the following nominations for Committee Vice-Chairs:

Board Member Schroeder – Environment and Land Use

Board Member Bensyl – County Facilities

Board Member Tapley – Finance

Board Member O'Connor – Highway & Transportation

Board Member James – Justice & Social Services

Board Member Moser – Policy, Personnel & Appointments

Discussion followed. Seconded by Board Member McGinty. Approved by voice vote.

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chair Weibel announced the following nominations for Standing Committees:

Environment and Land Use – Board Members Anderson, Wysocki, Doenitz, Jones, Gladney, Langenheim, Melin, Moser, and Schroeder.

County Facilities – Board Members Beckett, Bensyl, Cowart, James, Jay, McGinty, Sapp, Weibel, and Betz.

Finance – Board Members Weibel, Doenitz, Fabri, Gross, Jones, McGinty, O'Connor, Tapley, and Wysocki.

Highway & Transportation – Board Members Bensyl, Carter, Cowart, Jay, Knott, Langenheim, Melin, O'Connor, and Beckett.

Justice & Social Services – Board Members Anderson, Carter, Gladney, Hogue, Hunt, James, Putman, Sapp, and Tapley.

Policy, Personnel & Appointments – Board Members Betz, Fabri, Gross, Hogue, Hunt, Knott, Moser, Putman, and Schroeder.

Seconded by Board Member Beckett. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

The following is a list of the 2006 - 2008 Champaign County Board Committees.

Environment and Land Use

Wysocki - Chair  
Schroeder - Vice Chair  
Anderson  
Doenitz  
Jones  
Gladney  
Langenheim  
Melin  
Moser  
Schroeder

County Facilities

Beckett - Chair  
Bensyl - Vice Chair  
Cowart  
James  
Jay  
McGinty  
Sapp  
Weibel  
Betz

Finance

McGinty - Chair  
Tapley - Vice Chair  
Weibel  
Doenitz  
Fabri  
Gross  
Jones  
O'Connor  
Wysocki

Justice &  
Social Services

Anderson - Chair  
James - Vice Chair  
Carter  
Gladney  
Hogue  
Hunt  
Putman  
Sapp  
Tapley

Policy, Personnel &  
Appointments

Betz - Chair  
Moser - Vice Chair  
Fabri  
Gross  
Hogue  
Hunt  
Knott  
Putman  
Schroeder

Highway &  
Transportation

Cowart - Chair  
O'Connor - Vice Chair  
Bensyl  
Carter  
Jay  
Knott  
Langenheim  
Melin  
Beckett

**SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD LIASION ASSIGNMENT APPOINTMENTS**

Discussion. Chair Weibel announced the following nominations for Special County Board Liasion Assignment Appointments:

Champaign Consortium: Board Members Weibel, Schroeder, and Gross (non-voting)

Community Services Block Grant Board: Board Members James and Weibel

Courthouse Museum Citizens Committee: Board Member Wysocki

County Board of Health: Board Member James

Economic Development Corporation: Board Members McGinty and Knott

Extension Services Board: Board Members Melin and Moser

Head Start Policy Board: Board Member Hogue

Mahomet Aquifer Consortium: Board Members Langenheim, Weibel, and  
O'Connor

Mental Health Board: Board Member Anderson

Regional Planning Commission: Board Members Cowart and Moser

Seconded by Board Member Beckett. Discussion followed. Approved by voice vote.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Board Member Betz recommended putting the Labor Committee on the Agenda for the next full County Board meeting. Discussion followed. Chair Weibel informed the Board that the Highway & Transportation meeting on December 8, 2006 had been cancelled. Board Member Tapley made an announcement that the Republican Caucus would reconvene so they could adjourn. Chair Weibel announced that the Democratic Caucus would also reconvene so they could adjourn.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Weibel adjourned the Meeting at 9:43 P.M.

*Mark Sheldon*

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