

RESUME OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 25, 2025

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Special Meeting, Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 5:30 PM in the Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois, with County Executive Steve Summers presiding and Megan Robison as Clerk of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following members present: Esry, Farney, Fava, Fortado, Hanauer-Friedman, Lokshin, Peugh, Sexton, Stohr, Sullard, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Wiggs, Wilson, Cagle, and Locke – 16; late: Cowart, Greer, Rodriguez, Carter– 4; absent: Crane and Rogers – 2. County Executive Summers declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business.

READ NOTICE OF MEETING

The Clerk read the Notice of the Meeting, said Notice having been published in the *News Gazette* on February 23 and February 24, 2025.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

Board Member Sexton offered a motion to adopt the Agenda; Board Member Thorsland seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Hanauer-Friedman gave an update from the Head Start Policy Board meeting, stating they have lost a regional liaison, but the federal cuts have not directly impacted services in Champaign County.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Farney offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-65 approving Budget Transfer BUA 2024/12/1321; Board Member Hanauer-Friedman seconded. Board Member Stohr asked Circuit Clerk McGrath to join the conversation and speak about funding for digitization. Clerk McGrath explained the need to digitize many files in

her office. Board Member Lokshin clarified that the request for digitization was not funded in the FY25 Budget because they passed a flat budget this year. Ms. Jett stated they are using ARPA funds for digitization and believes that the Circuit Clerk's files are part of that project.

Board Member Farney offered a motion to amend the budget transfer to \$255,994.52; Board Chair Locke seconded the amendment. Board Member Fortado stated the revenues over-performed this year and until they are appropriated by the County Board, the funds cannot be spent. Board Member Sullard asked if they should amend the lines on the resolution to match the amendment. Clerk McGrath said she will not approve a transfer of funds if they vote to move the full \$355,154.31 and continued to state she is worried about the lack of restrictions on the funds once they are moved. Board Member Fortado explained they have had extensive conversations with the State's Attorney's Office, who has assured them that the County is following all statutory restrictions.

Board Member Farney offered a motion to call the question; seconded by Mr. Cagle. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Upon vote, the motion to amend the budget transfer to \$255,994.52 passed by unanimous voice vote.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-65 approving Budget Transfer BUA 2024/12/1321 as amended carried by roll-call vote:

Yeas: Cowart, Esry, Farney, Fava, Fortado, Greer, Hanauer-Friedman, Lokshin, Peugh, Rodriguez, Sexton, Stohr, Sullard, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Wiggs, Wilson, Cagle, Carter, and Locke – 20

Nays: None – 0

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

County Executive Summers adjourned the meeting at 6:21 PM.



Aaron Ammons, Champaign County Clerk
and ex-Officio Clerk of the Champaign County Board
Champaign County, Illinois