



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Finance/ Policy, Personnel, & Appointments/Justice & Social Services Minutes

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room

Bennett Administrative Center

102 E. Main Street, Urbana, Illinois

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on December 9, 2025

Members Present: Jon Cagle, Ben Crane, Aaron Esry, John Farney, Jake Fava, Elly Hanauer-Friedman, Jenny Lokshin, Brett Peugh, Emily Rodriguez, Jilmala Rogers, Monique Settles, Matt Sullard, Eric Thorsland, Bethany Vanichtheeranont, Daniel Wiggs, and Jennifer Locke

Members Absent: Samantha Carter, Lorraine Cowart, Stephanie Fortado, Ed Sexton, and Jeff Wilson

Others Present: Steve Summers (County Executive), Michelle Jett (Director of Administration), Chris Smith (Building and Grounds Manager), Susan McGrath (Circuit Clerk), Laurie Brauer (Coroner), Liz Pollock (Public Defender), Judge Rosenbaum (Chief Presiding Judge), and Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

Chair Locke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Agenda/Addenda

MOTION by Mr. Esry to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Vanichtheeranont.

MOTION to AMEND by Mr. Farney to remove item IX. E. 1; seconded by Ms. Hanauer-Friedman. Upon vote, the **MOTION to AMEND CARRIED** unanimously.

Upon vote, the **MOTION with Amendment CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. October 14, 2025 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Thorsland to approve the minutes of October 14, 2025; seconded by Mr. Wiggs. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

V. Public Input

Bart Basi stated he believes in America. He spoke about how his grandparents came to this Country to free themselves from a dictatorship and their successes here in America. He joined the Navy where he learned many things including that this Country is not about individuals, it's not about political parties, nor a single ideology. He worked with a group in Iraq that helped the Kurds free themselves from their oppression they faced. They came to see the American Flag as a symbol of freedom.

Susan McGrath mentioned the AFSCME bonuses that were recently paid through each department's personnel lines. Since she has 29 AFSCME members, her budget took a large hit. Her personnel budget will be overdrawn before the end of the year. She asked that they transfer enough funds to her personnel line in

order to pay the employees through the end of the year. She wished that someone had reached out to each Department Head before the funds were paid out to the AFSCME members. She also mentioned that the fall veto session included passage of the Clean Slate Act, that mandates additional requirements for her office, and thanked the Board for adding two additional positions to her office.

VI. Communications

Mr. Peugh thanked Mr. Wilson for his service in the Navy and thanked Mr. Crane for his services in the police force.

Mr. Farney thanked all of the Veteran's for their service, wished the Marine Corp a happy 250th birthday and thanked all of the Marines in our area for their service.

VII. Justice and Social Services

A. Monthly Reports – All reports are available on each department's webpage through the department reports page at: <http://www.co.champaign.il.us/CountyBoard/Reports.php>

- Emergency Management Agency – October 2025
- Probation & Court Services – September 2025 & 3rd Quarter Stats
- Public Defender – October 2025

Received and placed on file

B. Other Business

None

C. Chair's Report

None

D. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

None

VIII. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments

A. County Executive

1. Monthly HR Report – October 2025

Received and placed on file

2. Appointments/Reappointments (*italics indicates incumbent*)

- a. Reappointing *Jerry Thinnes* to the Union Drainage District #1 of Philo & Crittenden, term ending 8/31/2028
- b. Reappointing *Richard Rayburn* to the Conrad & Fisher Drainage District, term ending 8/31/2028
- c. Reappointing *Marc Shaw* to the Fountain Head Drainage District, term ending 8/31/2028

OMNIBUS MOTION by Mr. Farney to recommend County Board approval of resolutions appointing Jerry Thinnes, Richard Rayburn and Marc Shaw to their respective districts; seconded by Mr. Crane. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- d. Currently vacant appointments – full list and information is available on the County’s website

Information only

- e. Applications for open appointments

Information only

B. Sheriff

1. Reappointing Michael Kirby to the Sheriff’s Merit Commission, term 12/1/2025-11/30/2026

MOTION by Ms. Lokshin to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Michael Kirby to the Sheriff’s Merit Commission; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

C. County Clerk

1. Monthly Fee Reports – October 2025

Received and placed on file

D. Other Business

None

E. Chair’s Report

None

F. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

VIII. A. 2a-c, B. 1

IX. Finance

A. Budget Amendments/Transfers

1. Monthly General Corporate Budget Amendment Report – October 2025

Information only

2. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/10/186
Fund 1080 General Corporate / Dept 042 Coroner
Increased Appropriations: \$80,557.35
Increased Revenue: \$0
Reason: Appropriation to cover anticipated overtime costs.

MOTION by Ms. Hanauer-Friedman to **TABLE** budget amendment BUA 2025/10/186 to the February Committee of the Whole Meeting; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Mr. Peugh asked when the employees will be paid and Ms. Hanauer-Friedman clarified that all of the employees will be paid on time, but the Board will wait to clean up all of the personnel lines at one time in February. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

3. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/10/401
Fund 2634 Public Defender Grant Fund / Dept 036 Public Defender
Increased Appropriations: \$162,014.85
Increased Revenue: \$162,014.85
Reason: Appropriation of AOIC Grant Funding.

MOTION by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2025/10/401; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

4. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/11/12
Fund 1080 General Corporate / Dept 031 Circuit Court
Increased Appropriations: \$57,000
Increased Revenue: \$32,000
Reason: Appropriation of AOIC Grant Funding and to cover unanticipated expenses for provided accommodations.

MOTION by Mr. Farney to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2025/11/12; seconded by Ms. Locke. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

5. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/11/27
Fund 1080 General Corporate & 2106 Public Safety Sales Tax / Dept 071 Public Properties
Increased Appropriations: \$327,000
Increased Revenue: \$0
Reason: Appropriation to cover shortfall in the utility line budget for County buildings.

MOTION by Mr. Sullard to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2025/11/27; seconded by Ms. Vanichtheeranont. Discussion followed regarding current projects that will bring a cost-savings to the County in future years. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. Auditor

1. Monthly Report – May & June 2025 – Reports are available on the Auditor’s webpage

Received and placed on file

C. Treasurer

1. Monthly Report – October 2025 – Reports are available on the Treasurer’s webpage

Received and placed on file

2. Resolution Authorizing the County Executive to Assign Mobile Home Tax Sale Certificate of Purchase, permanent parcel 11-014-0035

MOTION by Mr. Sullard to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the County Executive to assign mobile home tax sale certificate of purchase, permanent parcel 11-014-0035; seconded by Ms. Vanichtheeranont. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

3. Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of the Appropriate Certificate of Purchase on a Mobile Home, permanent parcel 11-013-0065

MOTION by Mr. Sullard to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home; seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

D. County Executive

1. FY2024 Audit Update

Mr. Thorsland stated that RPC is handling the lateness of the audit as best they can, but they have lost some grants. There have been grants that other departments cannot apply for because of the status of the audit. Many have questioned why the audit is not done, since it was taken over by the Executive's Office, and Mr. Thorsland explained that many items were already extremely behind when they took over the audit. Ms. Hanauer-Friedman also added that they found hundreds of errors in the previous work that must be corrected, which makes everything take even longer to complete.

2. Intergovernmental Agreement between Champaign County and Champaign County Mental Health Board/Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board for Information Technology Services

MOTION by Mr. Farney to recommend County Board approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Champaign County and Champaign County Mental Health Board/Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board for Information Technology Services; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Mr. Farney mentioned that he was excited to see this, and this is what we need to create a robust IT Department. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

3. Request Approval of Property, Auto Liability, Workers' Compensation and Cyber Security Insurance Policies

MOTION by Mr. Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving the property, auto liability, workers' compensation and cyber security insurance policies; seconded by Mr. Wiggs. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

4. Annual Tax Levy Ordinance

MOTION by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of an ordinance approving the annual tax levy; seconded by Ms. Rogers. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

5. Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

MOTION by Mr. Sullard to recommend County Board approval of an ordinance approving the annual budget and appropriation; seconded by Ms. Vanichtheeranont. Mr. Thorsland mentioned the funds that were lost over the last 10 years due to PTELL. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

E. Other Business

1. Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)3 to consider the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office

Item removed from the agenda

F. Chair's Report

None

G. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

IX. A. 3-5, C. 2, D. 2-4

X. Other Business

Ms. Locke mentioned the search for a pathologist in the Coroner's Office, stating they may have found a potential candidate and they may be receiving a request to adjust the budget for this hire.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Locke adjourned the meeting at 6:58 PM.