



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room

Bennett Administrative Center

102 E. Main Street, Urbana, Illinois

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on May 12, 2026

Members Present: **Dennise Arres, Jon Cagle, Lorraine Cowart, Aaron Esry, John Farney, Jake Fava, Stephanie Fortado, Elly Hanauer-Friedman, Jenny Lokshin, Brett Peugh, Emily Rodriguez, Monique Settles, Matt Sullard, Eric Thorsland, Bethany Vanichtheeranont, Daniel Wiggs, Jeff Wilson, and Jennifer Locke**

Members Absent: **Samantha Carter, Ben Crane, Jilmala Rogers, and Ed Sexton**

Others Present: **Steve Summers (County Executive), Susan McGrath (Circuit Clerk) 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. Farney to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Vanichtheeranont. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. March 10, 2026 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Thorsland to approve the minutes of March 10, 2026; seconded by Mr. Arres. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Input

None

VI. Communications

Ms. Lokshin shared details of a film screening and art show during Ebert Fest.

Ms. Rodriguez shared details of the upcoming Data Center Activities Task Force meeting and the topics on the agenda.

Mr. Peugh read a list of questions from a constituent regarding the hiring of a maintenance employee.

VII. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments

A. County Executive

1. Monthly HR Report – March 2026

Information not received in time to complete the report.

2. Appointments/Reappointments

- a. Reappointing Lillian Williams to the Eastern Prairie Fire Protection District, term ending 04/30/2029
- b. Reappointing Denny Jayne to the Ivesdale Fire Protection District, term ending 04/30/2029
- c. Reappointing Kevin Chalmers to the Philo Fire Protection District, term ending 04/30/2029
- d. Reappointing Eric Stalter to the Sangamon Valley Fire Protection District, term ending 04/30/2029
- e. Reappointing Chris Karr to the Scott Fire Protection District, term ending 04/30/2029
- f. Reappointing Howard Marsh to the St. Joseph-Stanton Fire Protection District, term ending 04/30/2029
- g. Reappointing Kevin Wolken to the Thomasboro Fire Protection District, term ending 4/30/2029
- h. Reappointing Dale Grimm to the Tolono Fire Protection District, term ending 04/30/2029

OMNIBUS MOTION by Mr. Sullard to recommend County Board approval of resolutions appointing Lillian Williams, Denny Jayne, Kevin Chalmers, Eric Stalter, Chris Karr, Howard Marsh, Kevin Wolken, and Dale Grimm to their respective fire protection districts; seconded by Ms. Hanuer-Friedman. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

- i. Reappointing Ladell Myrick to the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District, term ending 4/30/2029

MOTION by Mr. Wilson to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Ladell Myrick to the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

Information only

B. County Clerk

1. Fee Report – March 2026

Received and placed on file

C. Sheriff

- 1. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement Creating Champaign County Emergency Telephone System Board

MOTION by Mr. Thorsland to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Creating Champaign County Emergency Telephone System Board; seconded by Mx. Arres. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

2. Resolution Approving the Proclamation Designating the Week of May 10th as National Police Week

MOTION by Mr. Wilson to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving the Proclamation Designating the Week of May 10th as National Police Week; seconded by Ms. Locke. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

3. Resolution Approving the Proclamation Designating the Week of May 3rd as National Correctional Officer Week

MOTION by Mr. Farney to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving the Proclamation Designating the Week of May 3rd as National Correctional Officer Week; seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

D. County Board

1. Creation of a Legislative Task Force

Committee members discussed the creation of a Legislative Task Force. Mr. Farney stated that it is important to have a voice in the House and Senate. Ms. Fortado believes this is long overdue and could help shape things in Champaign County in a meaningful way. Committee members discussed the differences between committees, subcommittees and a task force. They also spoke about the cost of the committee and staff time. Committee members agreed that they should move forward with the creation of a Legislative Committee and have it in place by the end of the year.

E. Other Business

None

F. Chair's Report

None

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

None

VIII. Finance

A. Budget Amendments/Transfers

1. Monthly General Corporate Budget Amendment Report – March 2026

Information only

2. Budget Transfer BUA 2025/12/1705

Fund 2091 Animal Control / Dept 047 Animal Control Admin, 247 Animal Warden Service,
248 Animal Impound Services

Amount: \$478.66

Reason: Transfer to cover unanticipated payroll costs for FY2025.

MOTION by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget transfer BUA 2025/12/1705; seconded by Mr. Wiggs. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

3. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/3/302
Fund 2632 Circuit Clerk Electronic Citations / Dept 030 Circuit Clerk
Increased Appropriations: \$58,000
Increased Revenue: \$0
Reason: Appropriation to cover upcoming costs for the implementation of e-citations.

MOTION by Ms. Cowart to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2026/3/302; seconded by Mr. Farney. Discussion followed regarding the replacement of the court management software and how this software fits into the plan. Ms. McGrath explained that this software helps the e-citation program talk with the current court management system and she will have an update in July regarding the need for new court management software. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

B. Auditor

1. Monthly Reports through June 2025 are available on the Auditor's webpage

Information only – Mr. Wilson asked if someone else can provide the reports that the Auditor is not completing. Ms. Locke stated the Finance Department is providing the BUA report and the available budget report in order for the Board members to make informed decisions, but the Auditor must provide the official report to be posted.

C. Treasurer

1. Monthly Report – February & March 2026 – Reports are available on the Treasurer's webpage

Received and placed on file

D. County Executive

1. Available Budget Report – March 2026

Information only

2. FY2024 Audit Update

Information only – Mr. Peugh asked how many grants have been lost, how much money was lost and when the audit will be completed. Ms. Hanauer-Friedman asked Mr. Peugh to contact staff with those specific questions and reminded him that the outside auditor will not give a timeline for completion.

E. Other Business

None

F. Chair's Report

None

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

None

IX. Justice and Social Services

A. Monthly Reports – All reports are available on each department’s webpage through the department reports page

- Emergency Management Agency – February & March 2026
- Probation & Court Services – February 2026
- Public Defender – March 2026
- Veterans’ Assistance Commission – January & February 2026

Received and placed on file

B. Animal Control

1. Approving an Animal Control and Impound Services Agreement with the Village of Gifford

MOTION by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving an Animal Control and Impound Services Agreement with the Village of Gifford; seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

C. Other Business

None

D. Chair’s Report

None

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

None

X. Other Business

None

XI. Adjournment

Chair Locke adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.