

RESUME OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
March 20, 2025

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois, with County Executive Steve Summers presiding and Angie Patton as Clerk of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following members present: Fava, Fortado, Greer, Hanauer-Friedman, Lokshin, Peugh, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sexton, Stohr, Sullard, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Wilson, Cowart, Esry, Farney, Locke – 18; late: Carter – 1; absent: Wiggs, Cagle, Crane – 3. County Executive Summers declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business. Board Member Sullard departed early at 7:15PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Executive Summers recited the Serenity Prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

READ NOTICE OF MEETING

The Clerk read the Notice of the Meeting, said Notice having been published in the *News Gazette* on March 6, March 13, and March 19, 2025.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

Board Member Sexton offered a motion to adopt the Agenda; Board Member Farney seconded.

Board Member Stohr offered a motion to amend the agenda to move up item XVII A & B to follow XII. Board Chair Locke moved to pull item E1 off the consent agenda. Board Member Farney moved to remove closed session items XVI F & G. Board Member Hanauer-Friedman moved to remove item XIII from the agenda. Board Chair Locke also moved to remove XVII H from the agenda. Board Member Wilson moved to remove item B2 be pulled from the consent agenda. Board Chair Locke seconded motions and Board Member Stohr agreed to the amendments. The motion to approve the agenda and amendments carried by unanimous voice vote.

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DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. County Facilities Committee Tuesday, April 8, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m. Shields-Carter Meeting Room
- B. Environment and Land Use Committee
Thursday, April 10, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m. Shields-Carter Meeting Room
- C. Highway and Transportation Committee
Friday, April 11, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m. 1605 E Main Street, Urbana

Committee of the Whole:

- A. Justice & Social Services; Policy, Personnel & Appointments; Finance Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m. Shields-Carter Meeting Room

County Board:

- A. Regular Meeting Thursday, April 24, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m. Shields-Carter Meeting Room B.
- B. Study Session Tuesday, April 29, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. Shields-Carter Meeting Room

COUNTY TREASURER APPOINTMENT

Board Chair Locke offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-84 Appointing Byron Clark to the Office of County Treasurer of Champaign County, Illinois. Board Chair Locke read the resolution. Board Member Sullard seconded. Board Member Wilson offered congratulations and is looking forward to his tenure. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Board Member Stohr offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-85 Honoring County Employees for Years of Service. Board Member Stohr read the resolution, and Board Member Lokshin seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Treasurer staffer, Robin Leever, was invited to give brief remarks.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

CeCe Phillips, Circuit Clerk staffer and AFSCME representative expressed the need to offer Champaign County workers a living wage and a fair contract.

Bobbie Johnson, Public Defender's office staffer expressed the need for higher wages

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and a fair contract for AFSCME members.

Former County Treasurer CJ Johnson and Chief Deputy Treasurer DeShawn Williams spoke about Robin Leever's dedication and long service to the County.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Esry offered a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda; Board Member Vanichtheeranont seconded. The motion consisting of 13 resolutions (Nos. 2025-69, 2025-70, 2025-71, 2025-73, 2025-74, 2025-75, 2025-76, 2025-77, 2025-78, 2025-79, 2025-80, 2025-81, 2025-83) and 3 ordinances (No. 2025-3, 2025-4, 2025-5) carried by unanimous roll-call vote:

Yeas: Fava, Fortado, Greer, Hanauer-Friedman, Lokshin, Peugh, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sexton, Stohr, Sullard, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Wilson, Carter, Cowart, Esry, Farney, and Locke – 19

Nays: none

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Lokshin spoke about the CU Basketball Championships in town this week. She also spoke about the Developmental Disabilities Board and threat of Medicaid cuts.

Board Member Wilson spoke about Women's History Month and the upcoming Medal of Honor Day for military.

Board Member Esry mentioned RTAG/CCARTS finally receiving 3 new busses after waiting for 5 years.

Board Member Fortado spoke about Women's History Month and gave remarks about the history and origins of the holiday. Board Member Fortado also spoke about an upcoming documentary being shown at the Champaign Public Library.

Board Member Thorsland spoke about the impact of the Soybean Research Institute no longer being funded.

Board Member Rodriguez thanked AFSCME for attending meetings. She also spoke about the County labor negotiations with AFSCME and that a living wage is the goal for the contract.

ARPA UPDATE

ARPA Project Manager Kathy Larson provided a brief update on various ARPA-funded

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projects. Board Member Stohr asked about the low-hurdle grant program; Kathy Larson stated there is no new information or update regarding that program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Sexton offered an omnibus motion to approve the minutes of the Regular County Board Meeting of February 20, 2025; minutes of the Special Meeting of February 25, 2025, and the Special Meeting of March 28, 2025; Board Member Farney seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES

County Executive Summers noted the Summaries of Action Taken at the March 4, 2025, County Facilities Committee Meeting; the March 6, 2025, Environment and Land Use Committee; March 7, 2025 at the Highway and Transportation were received and placed on file.

Board Member Thorsland offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-86 Authorizing the Creation of a Carbon Sequestration Activities Task Force as a County Board Select Committee. Board Member Farney seconded. Board Member Wilson inquired who the Chair of the taskforce would be and spoke about the risks to the Mahomet Aquifer. Board Member Stohr addressed concerns. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Thorsland offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-72 Authorizing County Executive Signature on Notice of Intent Required for M.S.4 Stormwater Permit with I.E.P.A for Program Years 2024 through 2029. Board Member Esry seconded. Board Member Wilson invited Director of Planning and Zoning, John Hall to join the discussion. Director Hall gave an overview of the program. Motion carried by voice vote.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

County Executive Summers noted the Summary of Action Taken at the March 11, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting (Justice and Social Services; Finance; and Policy, Personnel, and Appointments) was received and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Lokshin offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-87 authorizing payment of claims; Board Member Esry seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Board Member Farney moved to the Extension of Accrual Period FY 2024. Board Member Hanauer-Friedman seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Wilson offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-88 Appointing Members to the Carbon Sequestration Activities Task Force. Board Member Thorsland seconded. Board Member Esry thanked the members of the Board. Chair Locke noted a misspelling of Deb Frank Feinen's name. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote, pending the correction.

Discussion only item, Director Jett spoke about non-bargaining COLA increase implementation. Director Jett spoke on moving ahead with the 3% increase that should be in effect by the end of April 2025. Board Member Fortado inquired about if non bargaining would receive back pay. Director Jett affirmed non-bargaining would receive back pay.

Board Member Lokshin offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-89 Updating the Champaign County Community Action Board (Community Services Advisory Board); Board Member Esry seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Hanauer-Friedman offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-96 Approving Budget Amendment Balancing Overdrawn Lines for FY2024. Board Member Sexton seconded the motion. Board Member Fortado clarified the payroll split caused 2024-2025 to be overdrawn. Board Member Wilson expressed he needed help understanding why the Board was just seeing this in March. Director Jett joined the discussion and offered an explanation. Board Member Hanauer-Friedman thanked Travis Woodcock and staff for their work on the issue. The motion carried by voice vote.

Board Member Hanauer-Friedman offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-97 Authorization of Signatures for the Champaign County Treasurer's Accounts, Champaign County Collector's Accounts, and Investment Instruments or Investment Accounts. Board Member Lokshin seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Hanauer-Friedman offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-98 Authorization of Facsimile Signatures for the Champaign County Treasurer's Accounts and Champaign County Collector's Accounts. Board Member Thorsland seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Opioid Settlement Task Force Summary of Action Taken February 24, 2025 Meeting, received and placed on file.

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Broadband Task Force Summary of Action Taken March 10, 2025 Meeting, was received and placed on file.

Board Member Locke offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-91 Approving an Agreement between the County of Champaign, Illinois and C-U at Home Regarding the use of Opioid Settlement Funds for the Renovation of a Mid-Barrier Shelter Housing Campus; Board Member Farney seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote:

Board Member Locke offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-92 Approving an Agreement between the County of Champaign and the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District; Board Member Rodriguez seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Farney offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-93 Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-93 Waiving Broadband Easement Filing Fees for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)-Funded Projects in Partnership with the Champaign County Clerk and Recorder. Board Member Sexton seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Labor/Management Health Insurance Committee Summary of Action Taken March 18, 2025 Meeting (to be distributed) received and placed on file.

Board Member Locke offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-94 Approving a New Vendor for the County's Employee Flex Spending Account Program. Board Member Vanichetheeranont seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Vanichetheeranont offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-6 Establishing the Champaign County General Personnel Policy. Board Member Stohr. seconded the motion. Director Jett made a clarification in the sentence regarding smoking during break. The motion carried by voice vote.

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ADJOURN

County Executive Summers adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Ammons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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