

RESUME OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
March 26, 2026

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Bennett Administrative Center, 102 East Main Street, Urbana, Illinois, County Executive Steve Summers presiding and Angela Patton as Clerk of the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following members present: Wilson, Cagle, Crane, Esry, Farney, Fava, Fortado, Hanauer-Friedman, Lokshin, Peugh, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sullard, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Wiggs, and Locke – 17; absent: Arres, Carter, Cowart, Settles, and Sexton – 5. County Executive Summers declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business.

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

County Executive Summers read a 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* March 5, March 12, and March 18, 2026.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA**

Board Member Wilson offered a motion to adopt the Agenda/Addenda; Board Member Wiggs seconded.

Board Member Sullard offered a motion to amend the Agenda to move items XIII. F. Closed Session and G. Resolution No. 2026-64 to follow items XIV. Other Business; Board Chair Locke seconded. The motion to amend the Agenda/Addenda carried by unanimous voice vote.

The motion as amended carried by unanimous voice vote.

**DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**Standing Committees:**

A. County Facilities Committee

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Bennett Administrative Center

B. Environment and Land Use Committee

Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM  
Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Bennett Administrative Center  
C. Highway and Transportation Committee  
Friday, April 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM  
1605 E Main St, Urbana

**Committee of the Whole:**

A. Justice and Social Services; Policy, Personnel, and Appointments; Finance  
Monday, April 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM  
Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Bennett Administrative Center

**County Board:**

A. Regular Meeting  
Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6:30 PM  
Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Bennett Administrative Center

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Board Member Wilson offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-58 Honoring County Employees for Years of Service; Board Member Vanichtheeranont seconded. Board Member Vanichtheeranont read the entire text of the resolution. Probation and Court Services Director Shannon Siders was invited to speak and read a statement from Mental Health Board Executive Director Lynn Canfield praising the service of Leon Bryson, Jr.; she then praised the service of Cory Christensen and David Cardani. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Jason Benda of Champaign spoke about the 2026 Primary Election results in the county.

Marlin Livingston, Cunningham Children’s Home Chief Executive Officer (CEO), spoke on the redeploy grant application.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Member Vanichtheeranont offered a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda; Board Member Esry seconded. The motion, consisting of five resolutions (Nos. 2026-26, 2026-51, 2026-54, 2026-55, and 2026-56) and one ordinance (No. 2026-7), carried by unanimous roll-call vote:

Yeas: Wilson, Cagle, Crane, Esry, Farney, Fava, Fortado, Hanauer-Friedman, Lokshin, Peugh, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sullard, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Wiggs, and Locke – 17

Nays: none

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Board Member Wilson wished a happy Passover and Easter to those who celebrate.

Board Member Thorsland noted the birthday anniversary of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and anniversary of the invention of the polio vaccine.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Member Vanichtheeranont offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board on February 19, 2026; Board Member Cagle seconded. Board Chair Locke stated that the minutes did not accurately reflect the meeting.

Board Member Fortado offered a motion to table the item until the April Regular Board Meeting to correct the minutes; Board Member Sullard seconded. The motion to table carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

County Executive Summers noted that the Summary of Action Taken for Committee of the Whole Meeting (Justice and Social Services; Finance; *and* Policy, Personnel, and Appointments) of March 10, 2026, was received and placed on file.

Board Member Hannauer-Friedman offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-59 amending the number of authorized Deputy Sheriff positions for the Champaign County Sheriff; Board Member Lokshin seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

County Executive noted that item XIII. A. approval to release ITB 2026-004 on a Photovoltaic System installation at the Champaign County Pope Jail and Juvenile Detention Center was removed from the Agenda for discussion at the April 7, 2026 County Facilities Committee Meeting.

Board Member Thorsland offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-60 approving an intergovernmental cost-sharing agreement between the County of Champaign, the City of Champaign, the City of Urbana, and the Village of Savoy for residential electronic collections in 2026 and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency-sponsored one-day household hazardous waste collection in 2026; Board Member Farney seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Thorsland offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-61 approving an Annual Report on the Champaign County Solid Waste Management Plan to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; Board Member Hanauer-Friedman seconded. Planning and Zoning Director John Hall was invited to join the discussion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Sullard offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-62 awarding on contract for the furnish and spread on the road of bituminous material for 2026 maintenance of various county highways in Champaign County; Board Member Esry seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Sullard offered motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-63 awarding of contract for the furnish of bituminous material from the plant for maintenance of various road districts and county highways in Champaign County; Board Member Cagle seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Chair Locke offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-6 amending Ordinance No. 742 establishing the rules and regulations governing the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor in Champaign County, Illinois; Board Member Sullard seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Farney offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-66 authorizing Payment of Claims; Board Member Lokshin seconded. County Executive Summers noted the resolution only approves payments of claims and does not meet the Auditor's statutory obligations. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Esry offered an omnibus motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-67 authorizing execution and amendment of Section 5311 Grant Agreement, Ordinance No. 2026-7 to provide for public transportation in Champaign County, Illinois, Resolution No. 2026-68 approving the acceptance of a Special Warranty, and Resolution No. 2026-69 authorizing execution and amendment of Downstate Operating Assistance Agreement; Board Member Thorsland seconded. Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Program Compliance Oversight Monitor Emma Woods was invited to join the discussion. The omnibus motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Farney offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-70 approving award of contract for Champaign County select demolition for 1701 E. Main Street, pursuant to ITB 2026-002; Board Member Lokshin seconded. County Director of Administration and Interim Facilities Director Michelle Jett was invited to join the discussion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Chair Locke offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-71 appointing Jennifer Straub to the Mental Health Board, term ending 12/31/2027; Board Member Lokshin seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Board Member Rodriguez offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-65 approving an agreement between the Chief Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Adult and Juvenile Probation Officers, January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028; Board Member Farney seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

County Executive Summers noted the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Safety, Lighting, Energy Efficiency Program (SLEEP) updates were in the Agenda packet.

Various Board Members discussed setting deadlines and benchmarks for incomplete ARPA projects and spending. Director Jett was invited to join the discussion. The Board directed County Executive Summers to enact a hard deadline of June 15, 2026, for the Economic Development Corporation's low hurdle grant program to complete, to expand the SLEEP program to renters and to other low-income neighborhoods beyond those originally defined, and recommit \$150,000 of remaining SLEEP funds to RPC's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

County Executive Summers noted the Grant Coordinator update in the Agenda packet.

County Executive Summers stated that the Purchases Not Following Purchasing Policy Report was not provided by the Auditor, despite being required by County Policy. Board Members Fortado and Wilson requested, since the Auditor has refused to provide it, County Executive Summers find an alternate method of generating the report, including exploring legal action.

Board Chair Locke offered a motion to remove from the table Resolution No. 2026-72 amending the Schedule of Authorized Positions in the Administrative Services Department – Program Director, Therapist, Case Manager, and Family Engagement Specialist; Board Member Vanichtheeranont seconded. The motion to remove from the table carried by voice vote. Board Member Vanichtheeranon offered a motion to adopt the resolution; Board Member Wiggs seconded. RPC CEO Dalitso Sulamoyo, County Public Defender Elisabeth Pollock, CEO Livingston, Director Siders, Champaign County Redeploy Initiative Care Coordinator James Benson, and Director Jett were invited to join the discussion. Board Member Vanichtheeranont offered a motion to call the question; Board Member Rodriguez seconded. The motion to call the question carried by voice vote. The motion to adopt the resolution carried by roll-call vote:

Yeas: Esry, Farney, Fava, Fortado, Hanauer-Friedman, Lokshin, Rodriguez,  
Sullard, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Wiggs, and Locke – 12

Nays: Wilson, Cagle, Crane, Peugh, and Rogers – 5

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Board Member Esry offered a motion to enter into closed session, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 C5 to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, requesting the following people remain present: RPC Chief Operating Officer Tami Ogden, RPC CEO Sulamoyo, County Executive Summers, Director Jett, and Clerk of the meeting Angela Patton; Board Member Farney seconded. The Board entered into closed session by roll-call vote:

Yeas: Wilson, Cagle, Crane, Esry, Farney, Fava, Fortado, Hanauer-Friedman, Lokshin, Peugh, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sullard, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Wiggs, and Locke – 17

Nays: none

The Board resumed the open meeting by roll-call vote: call vote:

Yeas: Wilson, Cagle, Crane, Esry, Farney, Fava, Fortado, Hanauer-Friedman, Lokshin, Peugh, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sullard, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Wiggs, and Locke – 17

Nays: none

Board Chair Locke offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-64 approving an agreement of purchase and sale to the County Board; Board Member Farney seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

County Executive Summers adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.



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