

RESUME OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
May 21, 2026

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 6:32 PM in the Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Bennett Administrative Center, 102 East Main Street, Urbana, Illinois, County Executive Steve Summers presiding and Matthew Cross as Clerk of the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following members present: Cagle, Cowart, Crane, Farney, Fortado, Lokshin, Peugh, Rodriguez, Rogers, Sexton, Sullard, Arres, and Locke – 13; late: Carter (arrived sometime before 6:42 and the first recorded vote was the Consent Agenda) – 1; absent: Esry, Fava, Hanauer-Friedman, Settles, Vanichtheeranont, Wiggs, and Wilson – 7. County Executive Summers declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business. Board Members Carter and Peugh departed early at approximately 8:30 PM, missing all votes following the vote to end general discussion of Resolution No. 2026-116.

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

County Executive Summers held a moment of silence for recently deceased, retired Board Member LaShunda Hambrick, 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* May 7, May 14, May 20, 2026.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA**

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

Board Member Sullard offered a motion to amend the Agenda to move item XVII. E. Resolution No. 2026-110 to follow items XI. Consent Agenda and item XVIII. B. 1. Resolution No. 2026-112 to follow XII. Presentation; 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, June 2, 2026 at 6:30 PM  
Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Bennett Administrative Center
- B. Environment and Land Use Committee  
Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 6:30 PM  
Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Bennett Administrative Center
- C. Highway and Transportation Committee  
Friday, June 5, 2026 at 9:00 AM  
1605 E Main St, Urbana

**Committee of the Whole:**

- A. Justice and Social Services; Policy, Personnel, and Appointments; Finance  
Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM  
Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Bennett Administrative Center

**County Board:**

- A. Regular Meeting  
Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 6:30 PM  
Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Bennett Administrative Center

**APPOINTING COUNTY BOARD MEMBER**

Board Chair Locke offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-104 appointing William Schoell as a County Board Member in District 7 to fill Eric Thorsland's unexpired term ending November 30, 2026; Board Member Sullard seconded. Board Member Sullard noted an error in the resolution title, incorrectly stating District 6 instead of District 7. Board Chair Locke read the entire text of the resolution. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote, pending correction.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

Chief Deputy Count Clerk Angela Patton administered the oath of office to Board Member Schoell.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Board Member Lokshin offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-105 honoring county employees for years of service; Board Member Farney seconded. County Executive Summers read the entire text of the resolution. Probation and Court Services Director Shannon Siders was invited to speak and praised the service of Alicia Williams and Melissa Jamison. Circuit Court Administrator Lori Hansen was invited to speak and praised the service of Maureen Thompson; she also read a statement from retired Sixth

Judicial Circuit Court Judge Holly Clemons praising Maureen Thompson. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Chair Locke offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-106 honoring retiring county employees; Board Member Rogers seconded. County Executive Summers read the entire text of the resolution. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Jason Benda of Champaign welcomed Board Member Schoell and spoke in favor of increasing the salary of the County Executive.

Gabriel Dunn of Urbana spoke against salary increases for elected officials, especially the County Executive, and recommended a county-wide salary freeze.

County Circuit Clerk Susan McGrath spoke about the service of LaShunda Hambrick to the county and encouraged current Board Members to remember the service and commitment of past Board Members.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Member Farney offered a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda; Board Member Cagle seconded. Board Member Sullard requested item C. 4. Resolution No. 2026-103 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed to follow item XVI. 3. Resolution No. 2026-116. The motion consisting of nine resolutions (Nos. 2026-94, 2025-95, 2025-96, 2025-97, 2025-98, 2025-99, 2025-100, 2025-101 and 2025-102) and one ordinance (No. 2026-10) carried by unanimous roll-call vote:

Yeas: Cagle, Carter, Cowart, Crane, Farney, Fortado, Lokshin, Peugh,  
Rodriguez, Rogers, Schoell, Sexton, Sullard, Arres, and Locke – 15  
Nays: none

### **RESOLUTION No. 2026-110**

Board Chair Locke offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-110 approving an award of contract to Tom Davis Electric for the photovoltaic system installation project, pursuant to ITB 2026-004; Board Member Cagle seconded. County Director of Administration Michelle Jett was invited to speak. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **PRESENTATION**

Volo Internet and Technology Solutions Chief Executive Officer Peter Folk presented an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded Rural Broadband Project.

Board Member Fortado requested weekly updates on the project from ARPA Manager Kathy Larson.

### **RESOLUTION No. 2026-112**

Board Member Rodriguez offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-112 approving an agreement between the Champaign County Board, the Sheriff of Champaign County, and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Court Security Officers, January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028; Board Member Farney seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Board Member Peugh noted an upcoming anti-gun violence event at Douglass Park in Champaign on Sunday, May 24, 2026.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Chair Cagle offered an omnibus motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board on March 26, 2026, and April 23, 2026; Board Member Sullard seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

County Executive Summers noted that the Summary of Action Taken for the Environment and Land Use Committee of May 7, 2026, was received and placed on file.

Board Chair Locke offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-11 amending the zoning ordinance, Zoning Case 202-AT-26; Board Member Lokshin seconded. Board Chair Locke read a statement from recently retired Board Member Eric Thorsland about the issues raised with the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Carbon Sequestration Activities Task Force, and the Environment and Land Use Committee. The motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote:

Yeas: Cagle, Carter, Cowart, Crane, Farney, Fortado, Lokshin, Peugh,  
Rodriguez, Rogers, Schoell, Sexton, Sullard, Arres, and Locke – 15  
Nays: none

### **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 May 12, 2026, was received and placed on file.

Board Member Farney offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-90 approving Budget Transfer BUA 2025/12/1705 Animal Control transfer to cover unanticipated costs for FY2025; Board Chair Locke seconded. The motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote:

Yeas: Cagle, Carter, Cowart, Crane, Farney, Fortado, Lokshin, Peugh,  
Rodriguez, Rogers, Schoell, Sexton, Sullard, Arres, and Locke – 15  
Nays: none

Board Member Farney offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-91 approving Budget Transfer BUA 2026/3/302 Circuit Clerk appropriations to cover upcoming costs for the implementation of e-citations; Board Member Schoell seconded. The motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote:

Yeas: Cagle, Carter, Cowart, Crane, Farney, Fortado, Lokshin, Peugh,  
Rodriguez, Rogers, Schoell, Sexton, Sullard, Arres, and Locke – 15  
Nays: none

Board Member Farney offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-116 establishing salaries of countywide elected officials (County Executive, County Clerk, County Treasurer); Board member Cagle seconded.

Board Member Sullard offered an amendment to correct the text of the resolution where the fifth paragraph incorrectly states to offices as Circuit Clerk, Auditor, Coroner, and County Board Chair Board instead of County Executive, County Clerk, and County Treasurer; Board Member Rodriguez seconded. The motion to amend the text carried by unanimous voice vote.

Member Farney offered an amendment to set the salaries at \$95,548.69 for County Executive, \$116,234.00 for County Clerk, and \$116,234.00 for County Treasurer, and all three to remain the same for all four years; Board Member Rodriguez seconded.

Board Chair Locke offered a motion to separate the discussion and vote for the three elected offices; Board Member Rogers seconded. The motion to separate carried by roll-call vote:

Yeas: Cagle, Carter, Cowart, Crane, Lokshin, Peugh, Rogers,  
Schoell, and Locke – 9

Nays: Farney, Fortado, Rodriguez, Sexton, Sullard, and Arres – 6

The Board discussed the salary of \$95,548.69 for the County Executive as raised by Board Member Farney and seconded by Board Member Rodriguez.

Board Member Farney called the question to end discussion; Board Member Rodriguez seconded. The motion to call the question carried by roll-call vote:

Yeas: Cagle, Crane, Farney, Fortado, Lokshin, Rodriguez, Rogers,  
Schoell, Sexton, and Sullard – 10

Nays: Carter, Cowart, Peugh, Arres, and Locke – 5

The motion to set the County Executive salary at \$95,548.69 with no increase for subsequent years of the term carried by roll-call vote:

Yeas: Cagle, Crane, Farney, Fortado, Lokshin, Rodriguez, Schoell, Sexton, and Sullard – 9

Nays: Carter, Cowart, Peugh, Rogers, Arres, and Locke – 6

Board Member Farney offered a motion to set the County Clerk salary at \$116,234.00 with no increase for subsequent years of the term; Board Member Sullard seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Board Member Farney offered a motion to set the County Treasurer salary at \$116,234.00 with no increase for subsequent years; Board Chair Locke seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Board Member Farney called the question to end discussion on the entirety of the resolution; Board Chair Locke seconded. The motion to call the question carried by roll-call vote:

Yeas: Cagle, Crane, Cowart, Farney, Rodriguez, Rogers, Schoell, Sexton, Sullard, Arres, and Locke – 11

Nays: Fortado and Lokshin – 2

The motion as amended to correct the typographical error and to set the salary of the County Executive at \$95,548.69, the County Clerk at \$116,234.00, and the County Treasurer at \$116,234.00, with no increases for any subsequent year, carried by unanimous voice.

### **RESOLUTION No. 2026-103**

Board Chair Locke offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-103 approving an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the County of Cook, Illinois and the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois and the County of Champaign, Illinois; Board Member Schoell seconded. Board Member Sullard announced his abstention due to his work advising the University of Illinois Board of Trustees as Counsel. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote, excluding Board Member Sullard.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Board Member Farney offered a motion establishing the per diem rate for County Board Members and the salary for the County Board Chair; Board Member Crane seconded.

Board Member Farney offered a motion to set the per diem rate at \$100.00 for meetings of the County Board, Committee of the Whole, Standing Committees, study sessions, and all special meetings, to include special committees, sub-committees, and other special meetings designated by the County Board for board members with a term beginning 12/1/2026, effective 12/1/2026, and \$100.00 for meetings of the County Board, Committee of the Whole, Standing Committees, study sessions, and all special meetings, to include special committees, sub-committees, and other special meetings designated by the County Board for board members with a term beginning 12/1/2028, effective 12/1/2028, and to set the salary for the County Board Chair at \$15,000.00 in

addition to any per diem payment to which they may be entitled, effective 12/1/2026; Board Member Cagle seconded. Director Jett was invited to join the discussion. The motion carried by voice vote.

The motion as amended carried by voice vote.

Board Member Schoell offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-107 authorizing payment of claims; Board Member Fortado seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote

Board Member Cagle offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-108 purchases not following purchasing policy; Board Member Schoell seconded. The motion failed by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Cowart offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-109 approving contract award authority for road striping 2026; Board Member Sexton seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Chair Locke offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-111 appointing county board members to committee positions previously held by Eric Thorsland; Board Member Rogers seconded.

Board Chair Locke offered an amendment to appoint Board Member Schoell as a member of the Broadband Task Force; Board Member Sullard seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The motion as amended carried by unanimous voice vote.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

ARPA Project Manager Larson provided an update on various ARPA-funded projects. Director Jett was invited to join the discussion.

Board Chair Locke offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-113 approving a subaward agreement between the County of Champaign and the Sangamon Valley Fire Protection District; Board Member Sexton seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Chair Locke offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-114 approving an intergovernmental subaward agreement between the County of Champaign and the Champaign County Sheriff's Office; Board Member Cagle seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Chair Locke offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-115 honoring County Board Member Eric Thorsland; Board Member Lokshin seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

County Executive Summers adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Ammons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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