



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Finance/ Policy, Personnel, & Appointments/Justice & Social Services
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois

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12 **MINUTES – Subject to Approval**

13 **Members Present:** Samantha Carter, Lorraine Cowart, Stephanie Fortado, Jim Goss, Mary King,
14 Jenny Lokshin, Jim McGuire, Diane Michaels, Brad Passalacqua, Jacob Paul,
15 Emily Rodriguez, Chris Stohr, Jennifer Straub, Leah Taylor, Eric Thorsland,
16 Bethany Vanichtheeranont, Wayne Williams, Kyle Patterson

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18 **Members Absent:** Aaron Esry, Stan Harper, Steve Summers, Jodi Wolken

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20 **Others Present:** Darlene Kloeppel (County Executive), Tami Ogden (Director of Finance), George
21 Danos (Auditor), DeShawn Williams (Chief Deputy Treasurer), Susan McGrath
22 (Circuit Clerk), Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

23 **Agenda Items**

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25 **I. Call to Order**

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27 Chair Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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29 **II. Roll Call**

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31 Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

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33 **III. Approval of Agenda/Addenda**

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35 **MOTION** by Ms. Straub to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Taylor. Ms. King requested to make a
36 friendly amendment to the motion. Ms. Straub and Ms. Taylor allowed the friendly amendment to move item
37 VIII. A. 2. a to the end of the appointments after item i. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

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39 **IV. Approval of Minutes**

40 A. April 12, 2022 – Regular Meeting

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42 **MOTION** by Ms. Lokshin to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022; seconded by Ms. Carter. Upon roll call
43 vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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45 **V. Public Participation**

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47 Mike Melton, Sangamon Valley Public Water District Board member, spoke in support of the appointment of
48 Mike Larson. He doesn't believe there is a more qualified person to assist with getting clean water to homes
49 affected by the gas leak.

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51 Bud Parkhill, customer of Sangamon Valley Public Water District Board and former board member, spoke in
52 support of the appointment of Mike Larson. He believes Mr. Larson is an excellent member who is very
53 knowledgeable in this area.

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55 Matthew Broga, Sangamon Valley Public Water District employee, he is here speaking on behalf of the
56 operations department about the current work environment that he attributes to Mike Larson. He requested for
57 the County Board to think long and hard before appointing Mr. Larson to the water district.
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59 Marc Sellers, Sangamon Valley Public Water District employee, explained if the County Board wants to do
60 what is best for the Sangamon Valley Public Water District, they will not recommend the appointment of
61 Mike Larson.
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63 Kerry Gifford, General Manager of Sangamon Valley Public Water District, spoke about the composition of
64 the water district board and things Mike Larson has done recently in regard to the water district. He requested
65 that the County Board does not reappoint Mr. Larson.
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67 Meghan Hennesy, Chairman of the Sangamon Valley Public Water District Board, stated she believes her
68 board is struggling to keep their priorities in line with what the community needs. She said these struggles are
69 affecting the employees and the community's access to clean water. She would like to see someone who's
70 priorities align with the community's be appointed to this position.
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72 **VI. Communications**

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74 Mr. Patterson recognized the passing of Timothy Johnson and his 75 years of public service.
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76 Mr. Stohr stated that Sheriff Heuerman will not be available for the study session on May 24th and he would
77 like to postpone that meeting.
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79 Mr. Paul mentioned the case of John Wall from Baltimore who is serving 25 years to life in jail for the
80 possession of cannabis due to federal laws in a state where it is legal. He is mentioning this as a warning to
81 the county about comingling state cannabis money.
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83 Ms. Straub shared a message from Jenny Putman who wanted the County Board to know she is very proud to
84 serve the well-oiled machine that is the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District.
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86 **VII. Justice and Social Services**

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

- 89 • Probation & Court Services – March 2022 & 1st Quarter Report
 - 90 • Animal Control – April 2022
 - 91 • Emergency Management Agency – February & March 2022
 - 92 • Public Defender – February, March & April 2022
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94 Received and placed on file
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96 B. Rosecrance Re-Entry Financial Report – March 2022
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98 Information only
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100 C. Other Business

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102 Mr. McGuire asked the Board to come up with a plan to support the Sheriff's staff and when they could work
103 on that plan. Mr. Patterson listed items the Board has already done for the Sheriff's staff. Mr. McGuire stated
104 he does not believe their current actions are working to retain staff. Ms. Fortado mentioned the workforce
105 study that is currently being done to address employee retention throughout the county, the satellite jail

106 expansion plan, the Sheriff’s plan to move more inmates and the bonus’ given this year as the different steps
107 that have been taken to address the current issues.

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109 D. Chair’s Report

110 None

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

114 None

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117 **III. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments**

118 A. County Executive

119 1. Monthly HR Report – April 2022

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121 Received and placed on file

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

124 a. Resolution appointing *Mike Larson* to the Sangamon Valley Public Water District, term
125 6/1/2022-5/31/2027

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127 **MOTION** by Ms. King to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Mike Larson to the
128 Sangamon Valley Public Water District; seconded by Mr. Goss. County Board members had an in-depth
129 conversation regarding the issues of the water district and its board, the actions of Mr. Larson and if this
130 reappointment is in the best interest of the community members. Mr. Stohr read a statement of his own
131 observations and a letter from Lindsey Wallen the Assistant General Manager of the water district. A member
132 of the public requested to speak to the Board.

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134 **MOTION** by Ms. Lokshin to suspend the rules to allow a member of the public to speak; seconded by Ms.
135 Rodriguez. Mr. Goss requested a roll call vote. Upon roll call, the **MOTION to suspend the rules**
136 **CARRIED.**

137 Yea: 14 – King, Lokshin, Paul, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams,
138 Carter, Cowart, Fortado, Patterson

139 Nay: 4 – McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Goss

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141 Rebecca Richardson, customer of the Sangamon Valley Public Water District and applicant for appointment,
142 spoke of her concerns about conflicts and disagreements happening on the water district board. She asked the
143 Board to look at the whole picture when making this appointment.

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145 Mr. Goss requested a roll call vote for the motion to appoint Mike Larson. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION**
146 **FAILED.**

147 Yea: 5 – McGuire, Michaels, Passalacqua, Paul, Goss

148 Nay: 13 – King, Lokshin, Rodriguez, Stohr, Straub, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Williams, Carter,
149 Cowart, Fortado, Patterson

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151 b. Resolution appointing Cody Rose to the Penfield Public Water District, term ending 5/31/2024

152 c. Resolution appointing *Jennifer Putman* to the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District, term
153 6/1/2022-5/31/2025

154 f. Resolution appointing *Anne Robin* to the Developmental Disabilities Board, term 7/1/2022-
155 6/30/2025

156 g. Resolution appointing Vicki Niswander to the Developmental Disabilities Board, term 7/1/2022-
157 6/30/2025

- 158 h. Resolution appointing Molly McLay to the Mental Health Board, term ending 12/31/2025
159 i. Resolution appointing Kevin Harden to the Tolono Fire Protection District, term ending
160 4/30/2025

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162 **OMNINUS MOTION** by Ms. Straub to recommend County Board approval of resolutions approving the
163 appointments in agenda items b-i; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Mr. Goss requested to make a friendly
164 amendment to the motion by removing items d & e from the omnibus motion. Ms. Straub and Ms. Lokshin
165 agreed to the friendly amendment to their motion. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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167 d. Resolution appointing *Chris Diana (R)* to the Board of Review, term 6/1/2022-5/31/2024
168 e. Resolution appointing *Susan Frobish (D)* to the Board of Review, term 6/1/2022-5/31/2024
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170 **OMNIBUS MOTION** by Mr. Williams to recommend County Board approval of resolutions appointing
171 Chris Diana and Susan Frobish to the Board of Review; seconded by Mr. Paul. Mr. Goss asked if either of
172 these applicants have completed the required Certified Illinois Assessing Officer Training. Mr. Williams
173 stated this training is not a requirement and believes these two members have served admirably in their
174 positions. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

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176 j. Currently vacant appointments – full list and information is available on the County’s website
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178 Information only
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- 180 k. Applications for open appointments
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182 Information only
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- 184 B. County Clerk
185 1. Monthly Report – April 2022
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187 Received and placed on file
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- 189 C. Other Business
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191 None
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- 193 D. Chair’s Report
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- 197 E. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda
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199 VIII. A. 2. b-c, f-i
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201 **IX. Finance**

- 202 A. Budget Amendments/Transfers

- 203 1. Budget Transfer BUA 2022/4/263
204 Fund 2840 ARPA / Dept 075 General County
205 Amount: \$9,043

206 Reason: Final costs for ARPA premium pay came in slightly higher than anticipated. A budget
207 transfer is requested from non-personnel to personnel appropriation within the ARPA fund to cover
208 the additional cost.
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210 **MOTION** by Ms. Straub to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget transfer
211 BUA 2022/4/263; seconded by Mr. Patterson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.
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- 213 2. Budget Amendment BUA 2022/4/269
214 Fund 2085 County Motor Fuel Tax / Dept 060 Highway
215 Increased Appropriations: \$250,000
216 Increased Revenue: \$0
217 Reason: Budget amendment to re-encumber funds appropriated in FY2021 for bridge projects on
218 County Road 1.
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220 **MOTION** by Mr. Patterson to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget
221 amendment BUA 2022/4/269; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**
222 unanimously.
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- 224 3. Budget Amendment BUA 2022/4/349
225 Fund 2613 Court's Automation Fund / Dept 030 Circuit Clerk
226 Increased Appropriations: \$28,622.78
227 Increased Revenue: \$28,622.78
228 Reason: Appropriation required to increase the spending authority to expend grant money awarded
229 from the Illinois Supreme Court.
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231 **MOTION** by Ms. Taylor to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment
232 BUA 2022/4/349; seconded by Mr. Patterson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.
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234 B. Treasurer

- 235 1. Resolution authorizing the County Executive to assign mobile home tax sale certificate of purchase,
236 permanent parcel 04-006-0129
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238 **MOTION** by Mr. Patterson to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the County
239 Executive to assign mobile home tax sale certificate of purchase; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon vote, the
240 **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.
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- 242 2. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home,
243 permanent parcel 20-032-0045
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245 **MOTION** by Ms. King to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the cancellation of
246 the appropriate certificate of purchase on a mobile home; seconded by Mr. Patterson. Upon vote, the
247 **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.
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249 Mr. Goss asked the Chief Deputy Treasurer about the information he had requested for the Mahomet TIF
250 District. Mr. Williams stated he is working with Devnet to get access to that information. Mr. Goss also asked
251 why the tax bill was not mailed in time to give taxpayers 30 days' notice, the information for exemptions was
252 removed, and the Clerk's vote by mail application was included in the mailing. Mr. Williams explained there
253 was a supply chain shortage that affected the mailing of the bills and asked Mr. Goss to speak with the
254 Treasurer directly about the inclusion of the vote by mail applications.
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256 C. Auditor

- 257 1. Monthly Report – March 2022 – Reports are available on the Auditor's webpage
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259 Received and placed on file
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262 2. 457(b) retirement plan consultant

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264 Information only – Ms. Michaels suggested allowing the Labor/Management Health Insurance Committee to
265 assist in the selection process. Mr. Williams and Mr. Danos discussed the goals and concerns of this RFQ.
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267 D. County Executive

268 1. FY2023 County Budget Process

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270 Information only

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272 2. Resolution adopting the Champaign County Financial Policies

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274 **MOTION** by Ms. King to recommend County Board approval of a resolution adopting the Champaign
275 County Financial Policies; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.
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277 3. Resolution approving a revision to the Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement between the
278 City of Urbana and Champaign County

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280 **MOTION** by Ms. Carter to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving a revision to the
281 Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Urbana and Champaign County; seconded
282 by Mr. Goss. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.
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284 4. Resolution to supersede Resolution No. 2021-310 for establishing the salary for the Champaign
285 County Sheriff

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287 **MOTION** by Mr. Passalacqua to recommend County Board approval of a resolution to supersede Resolution
288 No. 2021-310 for establishing the salary for the Champaign County Sheriff; seconded by Ms.
289 Vanichtheeranont. Board members clarified that this change is being driven by state legislation to receive
290 reimbursement for the Sheriff's salary. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.
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292 E. County Board

293 1. Resolution establishing salaries of countywide elected officials

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295 **MOTION** by Ms. Carter to recommend County Board approval of a resolution establishing salaries of
296 countywide officials; seconded by Ms. Straub. Board members discussed changes they would like to make to
297 this resolution. After discussing several changes, they voted on the motion knowing they could discuss the
298 final version on the County Board agenda. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.
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300 2. Reimburse County Board member Wayne Williams for travel expenses

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302 **MOTION** by Mr. Stohr to recommend County Board approval of a resolution reimbursing Wayne Williams
303 for travel expenses; seconded by Ms. Vanichtheeranont. Mr. Stohr requested to make a friendly amendment to
304 his original motion. Mr. Williams has requested reimbursement for one half of his costs, but Mr. Stohr would
305 like to amend that request to fully compensate Mr. Williams. Ms. Vanichtheeranont agreed to the friendly
306 amendment. Discussion continued regarding the budget for County Board travel expenses. Upon vote, the
307 **MOTION CARRIED**.
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309 F. Other Business

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314 G. Chair's Report

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318 H. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

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320 IX. A. 1-3, B. 1-2, D. 2-4

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322 X. Other Business

323 A. Upcoming Justice & Social Services Study Session – May 24th @ 6:00 p.m.

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325 Meeting cancelled

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327 XI. Adjournment

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329 Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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