



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room

Brookens Administrative Center

1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on October 15, 2024

Members Present: Lorraine Cowart, Aaron Esry, John Farney, Stephanie Fortado, Carolyn Greer, Elly Hanauer-Friedman, Jennifer Locke, Jenny Lokshin, Diane Michaels, Donald Owen, Brett Peugh, Emily Rodriguez, Jilmala Rogers, Tom ‘Ed’ Sexton, Jennifer Straub, Leah Taylor, and Bethany Vanichtheeranont

Members Absent: Samantha Carter, Mike Smith, Chris Stohr, Eric Thorsland, and Jeff Wilson

Others Present: Steve Summers (County Executive), Michelle Jett (Director of Administration), Travis Woodcock (Budget Director), Dalitso Sulamoyo (RPC – Chief Executive Officer), Tami Ogden (RPC – Director of Operations), Brandi Granse (RPC – Head Start Director), Matt Banach (Assistant State’s Attorney), Joel Fletcher (Assistant State’s Attorney) Cassandra Johnson (Treasurer), John Malachowski (Broker – Gallagher), Shannon Garrett (Broker – Gallagher), and Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

Vice 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. Sexton to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Owen. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. August 13, 2024 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to approve the minutes of August 13, 2024; seconded by Mr. Farney. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Participation

None

VI. Communications

Mr. Peugh shared details about the upcoming Pride Parade and requested that whoever is vandalizing his property to stop.

Ms. Rodriguez mentioned the recent conduct of the County Board Chair and her intentions to take a formal vote to remove the Chair from her position at a future meeting.

Mr. Owen took a moment to recognize the vigil that was taking place tonight to commemorate the people killed in the Palestine. He shared information about the amount people who have lost their lives. He asked the County Board members to examine their values and think about what they can do to stop the genocide.

Ms. Fortado stated the Building and Food Service Worker's at the University of Illinois are close to striking. She shared details about those positions and the work that they do. She invited everyone to attend the upcoming rally to show their support.

VII. Finance

A. Budget Amendments/Transfers

1. Budget Amendment BUA 2024/8/53
Fund 2075 Regional Planning Commission / Dept 100 Regional Planning Commission
Increased Appropriations: \$120,000
Increased Revenue: \$120,000
Reason: Appropriation for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program funds.

MOTION by Mr. Farney to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2024/8/53; seconded by Ms. Taylor. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

2. Budget Amendment BUA 2024/8/494
Fund 2104 Early Childhood Fund / Dept 104 Early Childhood Development
Increased Appropriations: \$2,500,000
Increased Revenue: \$0
Reason: To facilitate the payoff of the West Champaign and Urbana Early Childhood facilities.

MOTION by Ms. Michaels to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2024/8/494; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Mr. Farney noted a typographical error on the agenda, the increased appropriations should read \$2,500,00. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

3. Budget Amendment BUA 2024/8/495
Fund 2104 Early Childhood Fund / Dept 104 Early Childhood
Increased Appropriations: \$4,291,690
Increased Revenue: \$4,291,690
Reason: Appropriation of a new grant to expand Head Start and Early Head Start Services in Ford, Iroquois and Vermilion Counties.

MOTION by Ms. Straub to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2024/8/495; seconded by Ms. Cowart. Discussion followed with RPC staff and the State's Attorney's Office. Mr. Banach went into great detail about the statute creating the RPC, their bylaws and the RPC's jurisdiction. He stated that an intergovernmental agreement should be completed with each county, and they will work on getting those completed and brought to the Board for approval. Board members continued to discuss the details of this Head Start expansion. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. County Executive

1. 2014 Bond Refunding

William Glass, Municipal Advisor from Raymond James, gave a quick overview of the County's 2005 bonds. He stated they are coming up on their call date and this will be the last chance for savings. He explained that the County should see a savings of approximately 4.3% and explained the bond refunding process. The ordinance will be brought to the County Board for approval this month.

Ms. Fortado mentioned a previous comment from the County Auditor about paying off this bond early. She wanted to make sure everyone understands you cannot just pay these bonds off early. Mr. Farney requested that the definition for County Executive be added to the proposed ordinance and asked questions regarding who is required to sign these documents.

2. Resolution Approving Employee Health Insurance and Related Benefit Plans for FY2025

MOTION by Ms. Taylor to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving Employee Health Insurance and Related Benefit Plans for FY2025; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Discussion followed with the County's Broker. Mr. Malachowski gave a quick overview of the renewal costs if changes were not made. The Broker suggested implementing an HRA that is paid by the County. Ms. Jett explained the potential, but unlikely, risks to this program. By implementing this HRA the employees will receive a 5% savings on insurances costs in FY2025. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

C. Auditor

1. Monthly Report – July 2024 – are available on the Auditor's webpage

Mr. Farney recalled the Auditor stating he would present a report at the next meeting, and he did not attend that meeting, nor is he present at this meeting. Mr. Farney has requested the presence of elected officials at more meetings.

D. Treasurer

1. Monthly Report – June & July 2024 – Reports are available on the Treasurer's webpage

Treasurer Johnson spoke about the status of property tax collections and an RFP for cash management that will be coming to the Board for approval.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of the Appropriate Certificate of Purchase, permanent parcel 29-050-0114
3. Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of the Appropriate Certificate of Purchase, permanent parcel 30-064-0067

OMNIBUS MOTION by Ms. Taylor to recommend County Board approval of resolutions authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate certificate of purchase, permanent parcel 29-050-0114 and 30-064-0067; seconded by Ms. Vanichtheeranont. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

E. Other Business

None

F. Chair's Report

None

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

VII. A. 1-3, D. 2-3

VIII. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments

A. County Executive

1. Monthly HR Report – August 2024

Received and placed on file

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

- a. Resolution Appointing Justin Leerkamp to the Broadlands-Longview Fire Protection District, unexpired term ending 4/30/2025

MOTION by Mr. Farney to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Justin Leerkamp to the Broadlands-Longview Fire Protection District; seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- b. Resolution Appointing William Sander to the County Board of Health, unexpired term ending 6/30/2027
- c. Resolution Appointing Neil Sharma to the County Board of Health, unexpired term ending 6/30/2027

OMNIBUS MOTION by Mr. Owen to recommend County Board approval of resolutions appointing William Sander and Neil Sharma to the County Board of Health; seconded by Ms. Vanichtheeranont. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- d. Resolution Appointing a County Board Liaison on the County Board of Health

MOTION by Ms. Taylor to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing a County Board liaison on the County Board of Health; seconded by Ms. Greer. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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

Information only

- f. Applications for open appointments

Information only

B. County Clerk

1. Monthly Fee Reports – August 2024

Received and placed on file

C. Other Business

None

D. Chair’s Report

None

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

VIII. A. 2a-d

IX. Justice and Social Services

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

- Probation & Court Services – June 2024 & 2nd Quarter Report
- Public Defender – July & August 2024
- Animal Control – August 2024

Received and placed on file

B. Rosecrance Re-Entry Reports

- Financial Report – July 2024
- Program Report – July 2024

Information only

C. Other Business

None

D. Chair’s Report

None

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

None

X. Other Business

A. Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to consider litigation which is pending against or on behalf of Champaign County, and litigation that is probable or imminent against Champaign County

MOTION by Ms. Straub to enter into CLOSED session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to consider litigation which is pending against or on behalf of Champaign County, and litigation that is probable or imminent against Champaign County and that the following parties remain present: Assistant State’s Attorney’s, County Executive, Director of Administration, Budget Director, Treasurer and recording secretary; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

The Committee entered Closed Session at 8:05 p.m.

The Committee resumed Open Session at 8:27 p.m.

XI. Adjournment

Vice Chair Locke adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.