



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room

Brookens Administrative Center

1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois

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**MINUTES** – Approved as Distributed on March 11, 2025

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**Members Present:** Jon Cagle, Samantha Carter, Aaron Esry, John Farney, Jake Fava, Carolyn Greer, Elly Hanauer-Friedman, Jenny Lokshin, Brett Peugh, Emily Rodriguez, Jilmala Rogers, Tom ‘Ed’ Sexton, Matt Sullard, Bethany Vanichtheeranont, Daniel Wiggs, Jeff Wilson and Jennifer Locke

**Members Absent:** Lorraine Cowart, Ben Crane, Stephanie Fortado, Chris Stohr, and Eric Thorsland

**Others Present:** Steve Summers (County Executive), Michelle Jett (Director of Administration), Judge Rosenbaum (Chief Judge), Lori Hanson (Court Administrator), Liz Pollock (Public Defender), Cassandra Johnson (Treasurer), and Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

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**Agenda Items**

**I. Call to Order**

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. Esry.

**MOTION to AMEND** by to remove item VIII. E. 6. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

A. January 14, 2025 – Regular Meeting

**MOTION** by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to approve the minutes of January 14, 2025; seconded by Ms. Rogers.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**V. Public Participation**

Nancy Yeagle, Advocates for Aging Care, shared her husband’s story with the County Board and the challenges they faced in finding a good facility. She thanked the Board for their assistance with finding better solutions for the aging community.

Mary Gentry, Advocates for Aging Care, reminded the Board of the 300-bed shortage in our County and how important it is for family members to be able to monitor the care of their loved ones.

Joan Dixon, Advocates for Aging Care, stated they have been working long and hard on finding solutions for the aging community and thanked the County Board for their assistance. Champaign County needs more beds, and she listed all of the people/entities they are working with to find a solution.

**VI. Communications**

Mr. Wiggs shared details of grants through the City of Urbana for public and private entities.

Mr. Farney shared congratulations to the Holy Cross 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball team and their coaches who will be playing for a state championship this week.

Mr. Wilson shared details about Abraham Lincoln and his life for his upcoming birthday.

Ms. Carter wished everyone a happy Black History Month and hopes that everyone will be able to participate in some of the activities that are happening in our community this month.

Ms. Locke shared details about the African American Heritage Trail tours that are beginning next week and she encouraged everyone to remember healthy practices, so they aren't sharing the things that are going around right now.

**VII. Justice and Social Services**

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

- Probation & Court Services – December 2024 & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Statistics
- Public Defender – January 2025
- Animal Control – November & December 2024
- Emergency Management Agency – January 2025

Received and placed on file

B. Rosecrance Re-Entry Reports

- Financial Report – December 2024
- Program Report – December 2024

Information only

C. Advocates for Aging Care

1. Presentation on Market Study Results

Sarah Laufenburg, Cathy Emanuel and Laurie Reynolds gave a presentation to the County Board. They shared the reason for their group's creation, who they are collaborating with, what they have accomplished and the results of the market study and needs assessment. They also listed shared their next steps and goals for the future.

Mr. Wilson asked if Medicare reimbursements were better, if that would help the issue. They said it could help but may not. Our community really needs pilot programs. Ms. Hanauer-Friedman suggested reaching out to the OLLI Program at the University of Illinois. Ms. Lokshin asked about the moratorium on skilled nursing beds, and they explained that Champaign County would most likely qualify for a waiver.

D. Public Defender

1. Year-End Summary for FY2024

Ms. Pollock provided a memo updating the Board on progress made in her office within the last year. She stated that the current caseload shows that she needs 27 attorneys, but she has a great group of employees that are doing a phenomenal job even with the large caseloads.

E. Circuit Court

1. Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 180 to Protect Judicial Representation in the Sixth Judicial Circuit

**MOTION** by Ms. Locke to recommend County Board approval of a resolution supporting Senate Bill 180 to Protect Judicial Representation in the Sixth Judicial Circuit; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Discussion continued with Judge Rosenbaum about the way the current law will negatively affect Champaign County. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Ms. Carter left the meeting.

F. Other Business

None

D. Chair's Report

None

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

VII. E. 1

**VIII. Finance**

A. Budget Amendments/Transfers

1. Budget Amendment BUA 2024/12/987  
Fund 1080 General Corporate / Dept 031 Circuit Court  
Increased Appropriations: \$25,000  
Increased Revenue: \$0  
Reason: To cover outstanding invoices for professional services.

**MOTION** by Mr. Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2024/12/987; seconded by Mr. Sullard. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

2. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/1/142  
Fund 2109 Indoor Climate Resources Agency / Dept 932 Indoor Climate Resources Agency  
Increased Appropriations: \$3,308,055  
Increased Revenue: \$3,308,055  
Reason: Appropriation of grant funds for the Indoor Climate Research & Training Division of the RPC.

**MOTION** by Ms. Lokshin to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2025/1/142; seconded by Ms. Vanichtheeranont. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

3. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/1/313  
Fund 2110 Workforce Development / Dept 110 Workforce Development  
Increased Appropriations: \$126,898  
Increased Revenue: \$126,898  
Reason: Appropriation of grant funds for the Workforce Development Division of the RPC.

**MOTION** by Mr. Sexton to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2025/1/313; seconded by Ms. Locke. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

4. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/2/7  
Fund 2500 County Grant Fund / Dept 075 General County  
Increased Appropriations: \$122,836.63  
Increased Revenue: \$0  
Reason: To appropriate the remaining Firearm Safe Storage Strategies grant funds from FY2024 to the FY2025 budget.

**MOTION** by Ms. Hanauer-Friedman to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2025/2/7; seconded by Mr. Wiggs. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

5. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/2/10  
Fund 2106 Public Safety Sales Tax / Dept 237 Delinquent Prevention Grants  
Increased Appropriations: \$13,670  
Increased Revenue: \$0  
Reason: The County funds the Youth Assessment Center based on 5% of the estimated Public Safety Sales Tax. The FY2025 budget needs to be updated to match the final estimated amount of PSST revenue.

**MOTION** by Ms. Rodriguez to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2025/2/10; seconded by Ms. Vanichtheeranont. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

6. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/2/11  
Fund 1080 General Corporate / Dept 124 Regional Office of Education  
Increased Appropriations: \$7,066  
Increased Revenue: \$0  
Reason: The estimated EAV changed after the FY2025 budget was approved, requiring additional funds for the Regional Office of Education.

**MOTION** by Mr. Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2025/2/11; seconded by Mr. Sexton. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

7. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/2/21  
Fund 2500 County Grant Fund / Dept 031 Circuit Court & 036 Public Defender  
Increased Appropriations: \$147,624.52  
Increased Revenue: \$0  
Reason: To appropriate the remaining Adult Redeploy Illinois grant funds from FY2024 to the FY2025 budget.

**MOTION** by Ms. Greer to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2025/2/21; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

8. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/2/23  
Fund 2500 County Grant Fund / Dept 031 Circuit Court & 036 Public Defender  
Increased Appropriations: \$229,796  
Increased Revenue: \$229,796  
Reason: Appropriation of grant funds from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the Adult Redeploy Illinois program.

**MOTION** by Mr. Sullard to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2025/2/23; seconded by Mr. Sexton. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. Auditor

1. Reports are available on the Auditor's webpage
  - November & December 2024
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report

Received and placed on file – Mr. Wilson asked when they would begin the FY24 audit and it was explained that the process should be starting soon.

C. Treasurer

1. Monthly Report – December 2024 – Reports are available on the Treasurer's webpage

Received and placed on file

D. County Executive

1. Establishing a Capital Asset Policy

**MOTION** by Ms. Locke to recommend County Board approval of an Ordinance Establishing a Capital Asset Policy; seconded by Ms. Hanauer-Friedman. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

2. Resolution Abating Certain Taxes Hereto Levied to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Various Outstanding Bonds of the County of Champaign, Illinois

**MOTION** by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of a resolution abating certain taxes hereto levied to pay the principal of and interest on various outstanding bonds of the County of Champaign, Illinois; seconded by Mr. Esry. Mr. Farney explained the purposed of this resolution. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

E. Regional Planning Commission

1. Approving the Application for, and if awarded, acceptance of the Assessing IEQ for Health and Weatherization Impacts for Sustainable Environments (The IEQ-Health-WISE Study) Grant
2. Approving the Application for, and if awarded, acceptance of the Integration of Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) in Multifamily Building Energy Audits (INSPIRE-MF) Grant
3. Approving the Application for, and if awarded, acceptance of the Residential Energy Auditor Training Grant
4. Approving the Application for, and if awarded, acceptance of the Microbiome-linked Indoor Environmental Health Factors and Risk Estimation Grant
5. Approving the Application for, and if awarded, acceptance of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) Grant

**OMNIBUS MOTION** by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of resolutions approving the application for, and if awarded, acceptance of the grants listed above; seconded by Mr. Cagle. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

6. Request for investment in RPC's future location

This item was removed during agenda approval.

F. Other Business

Board Chair Locke read a letter from Finance Chair Fortado announcing her resignation as the Finance Chair.

G. Chair's Report

None

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

VIII. A. 1-8, D. 1-2, E. 1-5

**IX. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments**

A. County Executive

1. Monthly HR Report – January 2025

Received and placed on file – Mr. Wilson pointed out some information on the report and asked some clarifying information about the payroll figures.

2. Appointments/Reappointments (*italics indicates incumbent*)
  - a. Resolution Appointing *Chelsea Angelo* as the Animal Control Administrator, term 3/1/2025-2/28/2027

**MOTION** by Mr. Cagle to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Chelsea Angelo as the Animal Control Administrator; seconded by Ms. Rogers. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- b. Resolution Appointing Tony Stierwalt to the Pesotum Consolidated Drainage District, unexpired term ending 8/31/2027

**MOTION** by Mr. Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Tony Stierwalt to Pesotum Consolidated Drainage District; seconded by Mr. Sexton. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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

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- d. Applications for open appointments

Information only

B. County Clerk

1. Monthly Fee Reports – January 2025

Received and placed on file

C. Sheriff

1. Resolution Authorizing a Change in Administrative Operating Hours for the Champaign County Sheriff's Office

**MOTION** by Mr. Sullard to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing a change in administrative operating hours for the Champaign County Sheriff's Office; seconded by Mr. Farney. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

D. County Board

1. Changes to County Board Rules

a. Order of Business

b. Presentation designation for outside entities

c. Public Participation not for elected officials to address the Board regarding their department

Board members discussed the proposed changes to the County Board Rules. After much discussion and many suggestions, staff took the ideas and will prepare a clean copy of the updated rules at the County Board meeting for final approval.

E. Other Business

None

E. Chair's Report

Vice Chair Wilson expressed his appreciation for County Employees.

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

IX. A. 2a-b, C. 1

X. **Other Business**

Chair Locke reminded everyone that we all must be civil and respectful to everyone.

XI. **Adjournment**

Chair Locke adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.