



## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

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Shields-Carter Meeting Room

Bennett Administrative Center

102 E. Main Street, Urbana, Illinois

#### MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on April 14, 2026

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**Members Present:** Dennise Arres, Jon Cagle, Samantha Carter, Lorraine Cowart, Ben Crane, Aaron Esry, John Farney, Jake Fava, Stephanie Fortado, Elly Hanauer-Friedman, Jenny Lokshin, Brett Peugh, Emily Rodriguez, Jilmala Rogers, Monique Settles, Ed Sexton, Matt Sullard, Eric Thorsland, Bethany Vanichtheeranont, and Daniel Wiggs

**Members Absent:** Jeff Wilson and Jennifer Locke

**Others Present:** Steve Summers (County Executive), Michelle Jett (Director of Administration), Travis Woodcock (Finance Director), Dustin Heuerman (Sheriff), Shannon Barrett (Chief Deputy Sheriff), Chelsea Angelo (Animal Control Director), and Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

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#### Agenda Items

##### **I. Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Rodriguez 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 Ms. Vanichtheeranont to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Thorsland.

**MOTION to AMEND** by Mr. Sullard to move item VI. Communications to directly follow item X. A; seconded by Mr. Farney. Upon vote, the **MOTION to AMEND CARRIED**.

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

##### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

A. February 10, 2026 – Regular Meeting

**MOTION** by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to approve the minutes of February 10, 2026; seconded by Mr. Wiggs.

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

##### **V. Public Input**

Natalie Nagel, AFSCME Representative, voiced her concerns regarding the move of positions in the County Executive's Office from the Auditor's Office. She stated the County unilaterally decided the pay grade range for the new positions and that this should be a decision completed through the bargaining process. She asked the Board how this move has benefited County employees. The Finance Specialists have filed a petition to be included in the bargaining unit, but the County has objected.

Charlisa Hart, the niece of Lloyd Carter, spoke about his cross-party alliances. She stated that type of politician is so valuable because they are more effective in law making that is equal for both sides. She would like to see this Board work better together and stop making negative posts on social media. She would really like to see more work being done like her Uncle Lloyd was able to accomplish.

## **VI. Communications**

Mr. Farney left the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Ms. Carter mentioned a lack of communication between Board members and her lack of trust for County finances. She stated the bickering has gone on long enough.

Mr. Cagle, Mr. Sexton and Ms. Lokshin left the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Mr. Peugh asked the Democrats to find someone to run against George if he is the problem. He also mentioned the Physical Plant Department has recently hired the son of someone that works in another County department.

Mr. Esry reminded everyone to start watching for farm implements as the farmers return to the fields this spring.

Ms. Carter left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Mr. Thorsland mentioned the astrological event on March 10, 1982 that sparked widespread attention but there were no catastrophic events. He then spoke about the 7 soldiers that have lost their lives, the 140 injured soldiers and the 168 people at a schoolhouse that lost their lives in Iran. This will impact all of us and everyone needs to keep this in mind as we approach elections.

## **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 – January 2026
- Public Defender – February 2026
- Animal Control – January & February 2026

Received and placed on file

B. Animal Control

1. Approving an Animal Control and Impound Services Agreement with the Villages of Tolono and Savoy

**MOTION** by Mr. Farney to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving an Animal Control and Impound Services Agreement with the Villages of Tolono and Savoy; seconded by Mr. Sexton. Upon vote the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

C. Other Business

None

D. Chair's Report

None

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

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**VIII. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments**

A. County Executive

1. Monthly HR Report – February 2026

Received and placed on file

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

a. Reappointing *Lee Roberts* to the Zoning Board of Appeals, unexpired term ending 12/31/2030

**MOTION** by Mr. Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Lee Roberts to the Zoning Board of Appeals; seconded by Mr. Sullard. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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

Information only

B. County Clerk

1. Fee Report – February 2026

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

**IX. Finance**

A. Budget Amendments/Transfers

1. Monthly General Corporate Budget Amendment Report – February 2026

Information only

2. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/2/242  
Fund 2679 Child Advocacy Center / Dept 179 Child Advocacy Center  
Increased Appropriations: \$27,352  
Increased Revenue: \$27,352  
Reason: Appropriation of the National Children’s Alliance Equipment and Technology Support Grant.

**MOTION** by Mr. Sullard to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2026/2/242; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

3. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/2/229  
Fund 2679 Child Advocacy Center / Dept 179 Child Advocacy Center  
Increased Appropriations: \$5,000  
Increased Revenue: \$5,000  
Reason: Appropriation of the Champaign Rotary Club Grant for office furniture.

**MOTION** by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2026/2/229; seconded by Mr. Crane. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

4. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/1/521  
Fund 2110 Workforce Development Fund / Dept 110 Workforce Development  
Increased Appropriations: \$137,159.88  
Increased Revenue: \$137,159.88  
Reason: Appropriation of the Career Planner Training Academy Grant funds.

**MOTION** by Ms. Lokshin to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2026/1/521; seconded by Ms. Carter. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. Auditor

1. Monthly Reports through June 2025 are available on the Auditor’s webpage

Information only

C. Treasurer

1. Monthly Reports through January 2026 are available on the Treasurer’s webpage

Information only

D. County Executive

1. Available Budget Report – February 2026

Information only

2. FY2024 Audit Update – Presentation by Orion Smith

Mr. Smith gave a presentation on historical audit information from 2018-2025. He described the reporting requirements for an audit and the structure of the Auditor’s Office. He detailed the due dates for each annual audit, their actual completion dates and how late each one was completed. He stated the 2022 audit was the

only one that was completed on time. Mr. Smith explained the reasons for the current audit delays and what they have been doing to get the audit submitted to the outside auditor for completion. The trial balance has been submitted to the outside auditor, and they hope to complete their work within the next couple of months, if not sooner.

Ms. Carter asked Mr. Smith if he is still employed by the County and he clarified that he is not an employee but does contract work for the County. Mr. Peugh asked why it took so long for him to bill the County for his services if he began the work in May. Mr. Smith explained that he didn't start submitting invoices for services until he was working on the audit more consistently and that his time spent on this presentation is being done pro bono.

Mr. Sullard left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Several Board members pointed out what a great asset Mr. Smith has been to the County and that they owe him gratitude for everything he has done. Ms. Rodriguez reminded the Board that Auditor Danos stated he is not understaffed but they have seen him cycle through many employees during his time in office.

3. New Rules Regarding Accessibility – Title II of ADA

Information only – Mr. Peugh asked why the County Board is just now hearing about the accessibility guidelines.

E. Sheriff

1. FY2025 Analysis of Overtime

Information only

2. Amending the Number of Authorized Deputy Sheriff Positions for the Champaign County Sheriff

**MOTION** by Mx. Arres to recommend County Board approval of a resolution amending the number of authorized deputy sheriff's positions for the Champaign County Sheriff; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Mx. Arres asked the Sheriff to clarify this request, how it would affect the budget and whether it relates to the overtime memo. Sheriff Heuerman explained that this is an agreement with the Village of Savoy and they would like to add a fourth deputy to their agreement and the County would be fully reimbursed for this position. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

3. Authorizing an Agreement with Quality Correctional Health Care for Inmate Medical and Mental Health Services in Champaign County, Illinois

**MOTION** by Mr. Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing an agreement with Quality Correctional Health Care for inmate medical and mental health services in Champaign County, Illinois; seconded by Mr. Wiggs. Ms. Vanichtheeranont asked how this will impact the current budget. Sheriff Heuerman explained that this will be a slight increase to the General Fund, but this will provide 24/7 nursing coverage unlike the previous contract The Sheriff believes 24/7 coverage is the best choice for the County. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

F. Other Business

None

G. Chair's Report

None

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

IX. A. 2-4, E. 3

X. Other Business

A. March 24, 2026 – Study Session regarding OMA & FOIA

Information only

XI. Adjournment

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