CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Finance/ Policy, Personnel, & Appointments/Justice & Social Services
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room
Bennett Administrative Center
102 E. Main Street, Urbana, Illinois

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on August 11, 2026

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, Bethany Vanichtheeranont, Daniel Wiggs, Jeff Wilson, and Jennifer Locke**
Members Absent:	**Matt Sullard**
Others Present:	**Michelle Jett (Director of Administration), Susan McGrath (Circuit Clerk), and Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)**

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. May 12, 2026 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Farney to approve the minutes of May 12, 2026; seconded by Mr. Wiggs. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Input

Jenna spoke about impending fiscal legislation.

VI. Communications

Mr. Farney shared details of the upcoming Trooper Thompson 5K event.

Mr. Peugh shared details of the upcoming Juneteenth event.

Ms. Carter spoke about gun violence awareness month events and the upcoming Hedge Park ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mr. Wilson gave a shout out to Advocates for Aging Care for the packed house that showed up to the public hearing on their proposed new nursing facility.

Ms. Locke shared details on submitting public comments for those that were unable to attend the Advocates for Aging Care hearing.

VII. Justice and Social Services

A. Monthly Reports – All reports are available on each department's webpage through the department reports page
- Animal Control – March, April & May 2026
- Emergency Management Agency – May 2026
- Probation & Court Services – April 2026
- Public Defender – May 2026

Received and placed on file

B. Circuit Clerk
1. Court Case Management System Update

Ms. McGrath shared an update on the Court Case Management System Study. They have received the final report back from the consultant. The cost will range from $2.5 million to $5 million and it is clear that the County does not have the funds at this time. Also, the current vendors available do not align with all the County's requirements. Ms. McGrath believes that waiting a couple of years would allow the County to put aside more funds for this project and for the vendors to grow with the needs of local governments.

Ms. McGrath would like to extend their current contract for three years and spend approximately $300,000 for some upgrades to the current system that will keep them going for those three years.

C. County Board
1. Establishing a Re-Entry Council

MOTION by Ms. Lock to recommend County Board approval of a resolution establishing a re-entry council; seconded by Ms. Fortado. Discussion followed regarding the composition of the council and explaining that this council is being created to make recommendations on how the re-entry funds are allocated by the County Board.

MOTION to AMEND by Ms. Fortado to change number one to add "engagement with community-based providers with re-entry expertise in Champaign County"; seconded by Ms. Locke. Upon vote, the **MOTION to AMEND CARRIED.**

MOTION to TABLE until the August meeting by Mr. Peugh; seconded by Mr. Farney. Ms. Rogers and Ms. Lokshin reminded everyone of previous discussions to ensure they are effectively spending the re-entry funds and if this council is not created soon, they may not be able to make a recommendation by December. Upon vote, the **MOTION to TABLE FAILED**.

MOTION to AMEND by Ms. Locke to change number three to be a liaison appointed by the County Executive; seconded by Ms. Carter. Discussion continued regarding which board member is appointed and how they are appointed. Upon vote, the **MOTION to AMEND CARRIED.**

MOTION to AMEND by Ms. Fortado to add community members with re-entry expertise and/or experience with the criminal justice system to the list in number four; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon vote, the **MOTION to AMEND CARRIED** unanimously.

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

D. Other Business

None

E. Chair's Report

None

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

None

VIII. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments

A. County Executive
   1. Monthly HR Report – May 2026

Received and placed on file

   2. Establishing a Legislative Committee

MOTION by Ms. Hanauer-Friedman to recommend County Board approval of a resolution establishing a legislative committee; seconded by Mr. Farney. Ms. Vanichtheeranont explained the purpose of this committee and how that will help the County. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

   3. Approval of an updated job description for Board of Review Members

MOTION by Mr. Cagle to recommend County Board approval of a resolution updating the job description for Board of Review Members; seconded by Ms. Settles. Ms. Jett explained that there are no changes to the job duties, they are just requesting to update the format of the description and remove some of the information that is not necessary.

MOTION to AMEND by Mr. Farney to change the language to say a real estate license is a preference rather than a requirement; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon vote, the **MOTION to AMEND CARRIED**.

Upon vote, the **MOTION as amended CARRIED**.

   4. Appointments/Reappointments *(italics indicates incumbent)*
      a. Appointing James Johnson Jr. to the Edge-Scott Fire Protection District, term ending 4/30/2029

MOTION by Mx. Arres to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing James Johnson Jr. to the Edge-Scott Fire Protection District, term ending 4/30/2029; seconded by Mr. Cagle. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

b. Appointing Stacy Bergmeier to the Bailey Memorial Cemetery Association, term 7/1/2026-6/30/2032
c. Appointing *Gregory Burr* to the Locust Grove Cemetery Association, term 7/1/2026-6/30/2032
d. Appointing *Bill Routh* to the Mt. Olive Cemetery Association, term 7/1/2026-6/30/2032
e. Appointing *Darrell Schiff* to the Mt. Olive Cemetery Association, term 7/1/2026-6/30/2032
f. Appointing *Marcus Shaw* to the Prairieview Cemetery Association, term 7/1/2026-6/30/2032

OMNIBUS MOTION by Mr. Farney to recommend County Board approval of resolutions appointing Stacy Bergmeier, Gregory Burr, Bill Routh, Darrell Schiff and Marcus Shaw to their respective cemetery associations; seconded by Mr. Wilson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

g. Appointing Mindy Brand to the Forest Preserve District, term 7/1/2026-6/30/2031

MOTION by Mr. Sexton to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Mindy Brand to the Forest Preserve District; seconded by Mr. Wilson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

h. Appointing *Chris Diana (R)* to the Board of Review, term ending 5/31/2028

MOTION by Mr. Farney to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Chris Diana to the Board of Review; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

Information only

B. County Clerk
   1. Fee Report – May 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

None

IX. Finance

A. Budget Amendments/Transfers
   1. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/5/388
      Fund 2075 Regional Planning Commission / Dept 100 Regional Planning Commission
      Increased Appropriations: $100,000
      Increased Revenue: $100,000
      Reason: Appropriation of funds for the Decatur Urban Area Transportation Study (DUATS).

MOTION by Ms. Locke to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2026/5/388; seconded by Ms. Vanichtheeranont. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

2. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/5/468
   Fund 1080 General Corporate / Dept 031 Circuit Court
   Increased Appropriations: $50,000
   Increased Revenue: $50,000
   Reason: Appropriation of funds from the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts technology grant.

MOTION by Mr. Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2026/5/468; seconded by Mr. Sexton. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

3. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/5/478
   Fund 3105 Capital Asset Replacement Fund / Dept 051 Juvenile Detention Center
   Increased Appropriations: $78,896
   Increased Revenue: $0
   Reason: To fund an interim upgrade to the Juvenile Detention Center cameras until the scheduled replacement in FY2030.

MOTION by Mr. Schoell to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2026/5/478; seconded by Mr. Sexton. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

4. Budget Transfer BUA 2026/6/86
   Fund 2500 County Grant Fund / Dept 031 Circuit Court
   Amount: $50,000
   Reason: Transferring funds as approved by the Adult Redeploy Illinois Grant.

MOTION by Mr. Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget transfer BUA 2026/6/86; seconded by Ms. Rogers.

MOTION to AMEND by Ms. Locke to correct the BUA number to 2026/6/92; seconded by Mr. Wiggs. Upon vote, the **MOTION to AMEND CARRIED** unanimously.

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

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

Information only

C. Treasurer
   1. Monthly Report – April 2026 – Reports are available on the Treasurer’s webpage

Received and placed on file

D. Circuit Clerk
   1. Extension of time for completion of the Circuit Clerk’s FY2025 outside audit

MOTION by Mr. Farney to approve the extension of time for completion of the Circuit Clerk's FY2025 outside audit; seconded by Ms. Fortado. Ms. Fortado explained that this is a typical process for most counties and why this audit is different and separate from the county's annual audit. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

E. Regional Planning Commission
   1. Approving Application, and if Awarded, Acceptance of the Decatur Urban Area Transportation Study (DUATS)

MOTION by Ms. Lokshin to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving application, and if awarded, acceptance of the Decatur Urban Area Transportation Study (DUATS); seconded by Ms. Vanichtheeranont. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

F. Sheriff
   1. Award of Contract for the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, pursuant to RFP 2026-003

MOTION by Mr. Farney to recommend County Board approval of a resolution awarding contract for the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update; seconded by Mr. Cagle. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

G. County Executive
   1. Available Budget Report – May 2026

Information only

   2. FY2024 Audit Update

Information only – Ms. Hanauer-Friedman explained they are very close to the completion of the audit, and they have made it very clear that it needs to be done before June 30th.

   3. Approval of the salary schedule for Board of Review Members

MOTION by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving the salary schedule for Board of Review Members; seconded by Mr. Schoell. Mr. Wilson asked some clarifying questions about the grade range and stated he does not believe the chair has enough additional duties to require a stipend. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

   4. Reallocation of ARPA funds

Committee members discussed the entities that haven't spent all of their ARPA funds and are dangerously close to not being able to spend the remainder. If the Board wants to reallocate some of those funds, instead of returning it to the federal government, they need to bring ideas to the County Board meeting that can be completed immediately.

H. <u>Other Business</u>

None

I. Chair's Report

None

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

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X. Other Business

None

XI. Adjournment

Chair Locke adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.