

RESUME OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNTY BOARD, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
June 18, 2026

The County Board of Champaign County, Illinois met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:31 PM in the Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Bennett Administrative Center, 102 East Main Street, Urbana, Illinois, County Executive Steve Summers presiding and Matthew Cross as Clerk of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following members present: Cowart, Esry, Farney, Fava, Fortado, Lokshin, Peugh, Rodriguez, Rogers, Schoell, Settles, Sullard, Vanichtheeranont, Wiggs, Wilson, Arres, Cagle, and Locke – 18; late: Carter (arrived at 6:42)– 1; absent: Crane, Hanauer-Friedman, Sexton– 3. County Executive Summers declared a quorum present and the Board competent to conduct business. Board Member Sullard departed at approximately 8:00 at the start of Reallocation discussion and Board Member Lokshin departed at 8:35 during Communications.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Executive Summers recited a prayer for those impacted by recent storms and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

READ NOTICE OF MEETING

The Clerk read the Notice of the Meeting, said Notice having been published in the *News Gazette* June 4, June 11, June 17, 2026.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDA

Board Member Sullard offered a motion to adopt the Agenda; Board Member Wilson seconded.

Board Member Rodriguez offered a motion to amend the Agenda to move item Communications to the end of the Agenda; Seconded by Farney. The motion to amend the Agenda/Addenda carried by voice vote.

Board Member Vannichthernot offered a motion to move item XV. A. 1 to follow Public Input. Seconded by Lokshin. The motion to amend the Agenda/Addenda carried by voice vote.

The motion as amended carried by voice vote.

DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Standing Committees:

County Board:

A. Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 6:30 PM
Shields-Carter Meeting Room, Bennett Administrative Center

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Board Member Vanichtheeranont offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-131 honoring county employees for years of service; Board Member Lokshin seconded. Board Member Vanichtheeranont read the entire text of the resolution. County Clerk Chief Deputy, Angie Patton and County Clerk, Aaron Ammons praised the service of Katelyn Barber. County Circuit Clerk, Susan McGrath was invited to speak and praised the service of Rachel Hatter. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC INPUT

Deanna Easton of Payne's Pride spoke about updating zoning for a property to allow for a tenant.

Gabriel Dunn of Urbana spoke about the absense of unnamed elected officials and whether the Board has the ability to impeach.

OTHER BUSINESS

ARPA Project Manager Larson provided an update on various ARPA-funded projects.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Farney offered a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda; Board Member Schoell seconded.

Yeas: Carter, Cowart, Esry, Farney, Fava, Fortado, Lokshin, Peugh, Rodriguez, Rogers, Schoell, Settles, Sullard, Vanichtheeranont, Wiggs, Wilson, Arres, Cagle, and Locke – 19

Nays: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Wilson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board on May 21, 2026; Board Member Settles seconded. The motion

carried by unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES

County Executive Summers noted that the Summary of Action Taken for the Environment and Land Use Committee of June 4, 2026, was received and placed on file.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

County Executive Summers noted that the Summary of Action Taken for the Highway & Transportation Committee of June 5, 2026, was received and placed on file.

County Executive Summers noted that the Summary of Action Taken for the Committee of the Whole of June 9, 2026, was received and placed on file.

Board Member Rogers offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-132 Establishing a Re-Entry Council; Board Chair Locke seconded.

Board Member Peugh offered an Amendment to require that half of the members of the Re-Entry Council be from community re-entry groups; Board Member Cowart seconded. The motion to amend the Resolution failed by voice vote.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Board Member Vanichtheeranont offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-133 Establishing a Legislative Committee: Board Member Farney seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Board Member Vanichtheeranont offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-134 Appointing James Johnson Jr. to the Edge-Scott Fire Protection District: Board Member Esry seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Vanichtheeranont offered an omnibus motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2026-135 Appointing Stacy Bergmeier to the Bailey Memorial Cemetery Association, Resolution No. 2026-136 Appointing Gregory Burr to the Locust Grove Cemetery Association, Resolution No. 2026-137 Appointing Bill Routh to the Mt. Olive Cemetery Association, Resolution No. 2026-138 Appointing Darrell Schiff to the Mt. Olive Cemetery Association, Resolution No. 2026-139 Appointing Marcus Shaw to the Prairieview Cemetery Association; Board Member Cagle seconded. The omnibus motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Vanichtheeranont offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-140 Appointing Mindy Brand to the Forest Preserve District: Board Member Wiggs seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Vanichtheeranont offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-141 Appointing Chris Diana (R) to the Board of Review: Board Member Esry seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Farney offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-142 Authorizing

Award of Contract to American Environmental Corporations, LLC for the All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, pursuant to RFP 2026-003: Board Member Wiggs seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Board Member Farney offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-143 Amending the Board of Review Member Job Description and Salary Schedule: Seconded by Board Chair Locke. County Director of Administration Michelle Jett was invited to speak.

Board Member Wilson offered an amendment to remove the Chair stipend from the Resolution; Board member Peugh seconded. The motion to amend the Resolution failed by voice vote.

The motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Rogers offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-144 Authorizing Payment of Claims: Board Member Cagle seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Cagle offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-145 Purchases Not Following Purchasing Policy: Board Chair Locke seconded. County Director of Administration Michelle Jett was invited to speak. The motion carried by voice vote.

Board Member Farney offered a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-146 Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Animal Control and Impound Services with the Village of St. Joseph: Board Member Esry Seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Volo Internet and Technology Solutions Chief Executive Officer Peter Folk presented an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded Rural Broadband Project.

ARPA Manager Kathy Larson provided an update on various ARPA-funded projects. Director. County Director of Administration Michelle Jett was invited to join the discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Member Esry spoke about rural driving visibility due to crops.

Board Member Carter announced resignation as Board Member beginning immediately following meeting.

Board Member Peugh spoke about Pride Month and the 2024 Audit.

Board Member Farney praised those doing recovery work following recent storm damage.

Board Member Arres spoke about CUQTBIOC, a local queer group.

Board Member Wilson said Happy Juneteenth.

ADJOURNMENT

County Executive Summers adjourned the meeting at 8:43 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Ammons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Aaron Ammons, Champaign County Clerk
and ex-Officio Clerk of the Champaign County Board
Champaign County, Illinois