



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room

Brookens Administrative Center

1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on June 10, 2025

Members Present: Jon Cagle, Samantha Carter, Lorraine Cowart, Ben Crane, Aaron Esry, John Farney, Stephanie Fortado, Carolyn Greer, Elly Hanauer-Friedman, Jenny Lokshin, Brett Peugh, Emily Rodriguez, Matt Sullard, Eric Thorsland, Bethany Vanichtheeranont, Daniel Wiggs, Jeff Wilson and Jennifer Locke

Members Absent: Jake Fava, Jilmala Rogers, Tom ‘Ed’ Sexton, and Chris Stohr

Others Present: Steve Summers (County Executive), Michelle Jett (Director of Administration), Travis Woodcock (Budget Director), Shannon Siders (Director of Probation & Court Services), 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 Mr. Thorsland to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Wiggs. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. April 15, 2025 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Farney to approve the minutes of April 15, 2025; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Input

None

VI. Communications

Mr. Wilson reminded everyone that this is the week we honor the fallen police officers and shared some statistics about deaths in the line of duty. He also shared information about Mark McDuffy from the Edge Scott Fire Protection District who is retiring after 49 years of volunteer service.

Ms. Locke shared that there have been zero police fatalities in Illinois so far this year.

Ms. Carter gave a shoutout to State Representative Carol Ammons, Senator Christopher Belt and Senator Paul Faraci for their work on HB3356 that completely removes licensing requirements for hair braiders. She also stated that she has never received a nametag for events that she attends as a County Board member. Finally, Ms. Carter read an email from Bailey Conrady requesting that she schedule and chair a meeting of the Broadband Task Force this summer while Ms. Conrady is on leave. She also read her response stating she will no longer be serving on this Task Force.

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 – March 2025 & First Quarter Stats
- Public Defender – April 2025
- Emergency Management Agency – April 2025
- Animal Control – January, February, March & April 2025

Received and placed on file

B. Rosecrance

1. Re-Entry Reports

- Financial Report – February 2025
- Program Report – February 2025

Information only

C. Street College

Jay Walker introduced the Street College program to help youth affected by gun violence. They are currently providing weekly programming to the youth in the Juvenile Detention Center. He explained the current courses offered to the youth. He shared information about their founder and described how they are addressing recidivism. They only have three months of funding remaining in their budget. He requested for the County Board to assist them with keeping this vital work going.

Ms. Siders shared information from the staff and parents about how this program has helped to build confidence and teamwork among the youth. Ms. Carter shared how amazing it is to see where they started and how far they have come. Mr. Farney mentioned also mentioned how excited the kids were excited for the County Board to hear their work. Committee members continued to discuss grant funding options/possibilities for continued programming.

D. Sheriff

1. Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Champaign on Behalf of the Champaign County Sheriff’s Office and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

MOTION by Mr. Sullard to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between the County of Champaign on behalf of the Champaign County Sheriff’s Office and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. 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. D. 1

VIII. Finance

A. Budget Amendments/Transfers

1. Monthly General Corporate Budget Amendment Report – May 2025

Information only – Mr. Farney stated for the record they have added appropriations in the amount of \$923,830 to the General Fund through April 2025

2. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/5/61

Fund 1080 General Corporate / Dept 040 Sheriff

Increased Appropriations: \$119,753.60

Increased Revenue: \$73,576.00

Reason: Appropriation of funds for collaboration with DCFS.

MOTION by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2025/5/61; seconded by Mr. Sullard. Mr. Farney mentioned the revenue is lower because the equipment costs are amortized over the life of the agreement, and this does not affect the General Fund balance. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. Auditor

1. FY2024 Audit Update

Ms. Hanauer-Friedman read a letter expressing her concerns with the status of the FY24 audit. The County is already really far behind to meet the September deadline. After describing the past due items, Ms. Hanauer-Friedman recommended that the County Board give administration direction to lead the coordination of the audit and hire temporary staff as needed to ensure the audit does not fall any farther behind.

Ms. Carter believes the issues with the audit are all self-inflicted. Ms. Locke explained that pointing fingers will not fix anything and they need to deal with the current issues at hand. Ms. Hanauer-Friedman explained that CliftonLarsonAllen has had to move clients around since we are not ready. Ms. Lokshin asked if there would be additional costs to CLA and Ms. Hanauer-Friedman stated that it is safe to assume there would be but it is hard to estimate at this time.

After discussing/clarifying additional details of the audit, the Committee of the Whole gave direction to administration for Mr. Woodcock to take the lead on the FY2024 audit.

Mr. Wilson read a [letter](#) from the Regional Planning Commission Commissioners to the editor of the News-Gazette regarding the delays in the annual audit.

2. Corrections to the Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loans from Reserves to Other Funds

MOTION by Mr. Farney to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing interfund loans from reserves to other funds; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

C. County Executive

1. Resolution Establishing the Budget Process for Champaign County for FY2026

MOTION by Ms. Locke to recommend County Board approval of a resolution establishing the Budget Process for Champaign County for FY2026; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon vote the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

D. Circuit Clerk

1. Extension of time for the completion of the Circuit Clerk's FY2024 Outside Audit

MOTION by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of a resolution extending the time for the completion of the Circuit Clerk's FY2024 outside audit; seconded by Ms. Cowart. Ms. Locke mentioned that this an annual requirement because we run on a different fiscal year than the state. 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

VIII. A. 2, B. 2, C. 1, D. 1

IX. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments

A. County Executive

1. Monthly HR Report – April 2025

Received and placed on file

2. Update to Chapter 8-19 of the Personnel Policy

MOTION by Ms. Locke to recommend County Board approval of an ordinance amending the personnel policy; seconded by Ms. Hanauer-Friedman. Discussion followed regarding the request from the Labor Committee to make these changes for the non-bargaining employees. The language mirrors state law and has been vetted by the State's Attorney's Office. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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

- a. Resolution Appointing Lillian Williams to the Eastern Prairie Fire Protection District, unexpired term ending 4/30/2026

MOTION by Mr. Sullard to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Lillian Williams to the Eastern Prairie Fire Protection District; seconded by Ms. Vanichtheeranont. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- b. Resolution Appointing Levi Kopmann to the Kerr & Compromise Drainage District, unexpired term ending 8/31/2028

MOTION by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Levi Kopmann to the Kerr & Compromise Drainage District; seconded by Mr. Peugh. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- c. Resolution Appointing *John Bergee* to the Board of Review, term 6/1/2025-5/31/2027

MOTION by Ms. Carter to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing John Bergee to the Board of Review; seconded by Mr. Crane. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- d. Resolution Appointing Laura Bleill (D) to the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District, unexpired term ending 12/31/2029

MOTION by Mr. Sullard to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Laura Bleill to the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- e. Resolution Appointing Christopher Stohr (D) to the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District, term 6/1/2025-5/31/2028

MOTION by Ms. Locke to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Christopher Stohr to the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Many members expressed how much they will miss Mr. Stohr but they understand how well qualified he is for this position. Ms. Fortado thanked Jennifer Putman for her service in this position. Mr. Farney requested that this not be included on the Consent Agenda. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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

Information only

- g. Applications for open appointments

Information only

B. Sheriff

- 1. Resolution Amending the Number of Authorized Deputy Sheriff Positions for the Champaign County Sheriff

MOTION by Mr. Sullard to recommend County Board approval of a resolution amending the number of authorized deputy sheriff positions for the Champaign County Sheriff; seconded by Ms. Hanauer-Friedman. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

C. County Board

1. Resolution Appointing Ted Kratschmer to the Carbon Sequestration Activities Task Force

MOTION by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Ted Kratschmer to the Carbon Sequestration Activities Task Force; seconded by Mr. Wiggs. Discussion followed. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

D. Other Business

Chair Locke accepted Ms. Carter's resignation from the Broadband Task Force.

E. Chair's Report

Mr. Wilson thanked County employees for all the work they do to keep the County running.

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

IX. A. 2, 3a-d, B. 1, C. 1

X. Other Business

A. Approval of Closed Session Minutes

1. April 15, 2025

MOTION by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to approve the closed session minutes of April 15, 2025; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Locke adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.