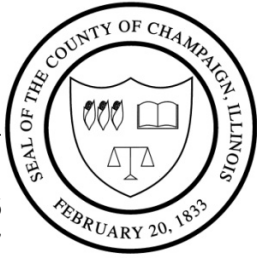


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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
DATA CENTER ACTIVITIES TASK FORCE AGENDA
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Monday, April 13, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

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

10 **MINUTES – Subject to Approval**

11 Members Present: Emily Rodriguez, Eric Thorsland, Dirk Rice, Kevin Sage, Andrew Rehn, Karen Kane (proxy)

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13 Members Absent: Aaron Esry, Deb Newell, Carly McCrory-McKay

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15 Others Present: Michelle Jett (Director of Administration), John Hall (Director of Planning and Zoning),
16 and Kait Kuzio (Recording Secretary)

17 **Agenda Items**

18 **I. Call to Order**

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20 Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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22 **II. Roll Call**

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24 Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

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26 **III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum**

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28 **MOTION** by Mr. Sage to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Upon vote, the **MOTION**
29 **CARRIED** unanimously.

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31 **IV. Public Input**

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33 **V. Communications**

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35 Member Thorsland reviewed some key concerns about data centers, as he was not able to be at the last
36 meeting. He stated that Bloomberg and Environmental and Energy Study Institute did studies and came up with
37 similar numbers. They show the average rate-hike of electricity for an area that has a data center is 267%. Mr.
38 Thorsland recommended some key things to be thinking about.

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40 Member Sage stated that for construction workers, there are no permanent jobs, ever. He explains that the
41 “temporary” nature of the job is not a detriment to workers in that industry because that is how the industry
42 functions. He also expressed that he would like information specific to the process for water cooling.

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44 Ms. Kane states that she’s learned about the impact of vibrations that can be felt in addition to noise, and would
45 like to learn more about that, too.

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47 Member Rehn asks for more information to clarify whether there are center proposals that are currently being
48 considered by the county currently.

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50 **MOTION** by Mr. Thorsland to suspend the rules to allow additional public participation; seconded by Mr.
51 Sage. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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VI. New Business

A. Data Centers Presentation – Andrew Rehn, Prairie Rivers Network (information only)

Member Rehn provided an overview presentation which covered defining data centers and large data centers, lay of the land, some impacts, and pending statewide policy.

Following the presentation, members discuss and ask Mr. Rehn follow up questions. Members feels an important first step is defining “what is large” in terms of data centers and how do we assess size?

They also brought up a lack of water quantity law in Illinois at the state level. Mr. Rehn said, for example, there is no sole source in charge of the Mahomet Aquifer to say that is a good use for our water, and we are not the only county relying on the Aquifer.

B. Current Champaign County Data Center Regulations - John Hall, Director of Planning and Zoning (information only)

Direct Hall provided information on current planning and zoning policy for data centers, and proposed language changes to the policy. Members discussed the potential language changes, and feel they need more information on how to best measure or assess “size” of a data center. Some members feel that square footage may be too limiting.

VII. Other Business

A. Date of next meeting
i. May 4, 2026

VIII. Future Meeting Topics (discussion only)

Members have identified five topics by which to organize meetings and speakers. Dates for topics will be assigned as experts and speakers are scheduled and available. The topics include:

1. water and wastewater
2. economic and community benefit
3. performance standards, governance and transparency
4. energy demands and infrastructure
5. environmental

IX. Chair’s Report

None

X. Next Steps (discussion only)

This was covered in agenda item eight.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.