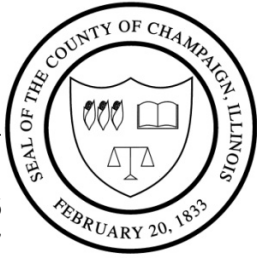


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**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD**  
**DATA CENTER ACTIVITIES TASK FORCE AGENDA**  
**County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois**  
Monday, May 4, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

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

10 **MINUTES – Subject to Approval**

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11 Members Present: Emily Rodriguez, Eric Thorsland, Dirk Rice, Kevin Sage, Andrew Rehn, Deb Newell

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13 Members Absent: Aaron Esry, Carly McCrory-McKay

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15 Others Present: Steve Summers (County Executive), Jennifer Locke (Board Chair), Michelle Jett (Director  
16 of Administration), John Hall (Director of Planning and Zoning), and Kait Kuzio  
17 (Recording Secretary)

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18 **Agenda Items**

19 **I. Call to Order**

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21 Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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23 **II. Roll Call**

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

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

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29 **MOTION** by Mr. Sage to approve the agenda with a friendly amendment to add Mr. Thorsland to the  
30 members; seconded by Mr. Rice. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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32 **IV. Approval of Minutes**

- 33 A. March 23, 2026
- 34 B. April 13, 2026

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36 **MOTION** by Mr. Rehn to approve both sets of minutes as an omnibus; seconded by Mr. Sage. Upon  
37 vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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39 **V. Public Input**

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41 **VI. Communications**

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45 **VII. New Business**

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47 A. Presentation – Alison Lindburg, Director of Sustainability, and Mayor John Laesch of City of Aurora, IL  
48 (information only)

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50 The City of Aurora had placed a moratorium on Data Centers to develop policy and guidelines for data  
51 centers in their City similarly to this task force. They presented their project website, which includes

52 each step of their process, suggested policy and language throughout the process and revisions along  
53 with final versions of each policy. They provided task force members with an overview of the process,  
54 their wards, the challenges they faced, the things they learned throughout the process that they suggest  
55 our members consider, and more.

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57 They discussed water use efficiency, as they set a standard in their policy. They also went over data from  
58 their public survey and their timeline for the entire process before answering members' questions.

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60 Members noted that our situation is a little different than the City of Aurora's because they have home-  
61 rule and Champaign County does not. Members noted that this means they have to consider their  
62 limitations in terms of enforcing some types of policy.

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64 B. Presentation – Brad Tietz, Director of State Policy, Data Center Coalition (information only)

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66 He explained the types of data centers, including hyper-scale, micro-tenant or co-location, and edge  
67 data centers and urged members to first ask what type of data center because that will inform a lot of  
68 questions.

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70 He referenced what he would say are the three over-arching priorities in building a data center.

- 71 1. Provide safe and secure space for the computer equipment.  
72 2. Ensure an uninterrupted flow of electrons to the computer equipment.  
73 3. Reliably release the heat generated from the equipment.

74 He explained that another concern they would have and something members should consider is the  
75 modularity and the ability to move things around inside depending on tenant needs and changes in  
76 efficiency.

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78 **VIII. Other Business**

- 79 A. **Date of next meeting:** June 1, 2026 to focus on water and wastewater

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81 **IX. Chair's Report**

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83 **X. Next Steps (discussion only)**

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85 **XI. Adjournment**

86 Chair Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 8:59pm.