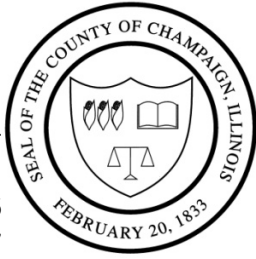


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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
DATA CENTER ACTIVITIES TASK FORCE AGENDA
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Monday, June 1, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

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

10 **MINUTES – Subject to Approval**

11 Members Present: Emily Rodriguez, Dirk Rice, Kevin Sage, Andrew Rehn, Deb Newell, Aaron Esry, Carly
12 McCrory-McKay, Dennise Arres, Amy Young

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14 Members Absent:

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16 Others Present: Jennifer Locke (Board Chair), John Hall (Director of Planning and Zoning), and Kait Kuzio
17 (Recording Secretary)

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. Esry to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Newell. Upon vote, the **MOTION**
30 **CARRIED** unanimously.

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32 **IV. Approval of Minutes**

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34 A. May 4, 2026

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36 The minutes are not completed but will be ready for approval at the next meeting.

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38 **V. Public Input**

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40 **VI. Communications**

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42 Chair Rodriguez welcomed two new members, Dennise Arres and Amy Young. She also recapped items that
43 came up last meeting for which she’s pursuing guidance and answers, including how our non-home-rule status
44 impacts enforcement. She doesn’t have specific communications on this yet, but she is working with the State’s
45 Attorney’s Office.

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47 **VII. New Business**

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49 A. Presentation – Senior Manager of Programs Johanna Smith, Alliance for Water Efficiency

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51 She discussed direct and indirect water usage, reminding task force members to consider that often

52 there are multiple cooling loops involved and while one may be air cooled, it's most likely used in
53 collaboration with another system. She focused on four principal factors that influence the amount of
54 water usage in a data center facility—facility capacity, cooling technology, temperature, and humidity.
55 Their organization has developed a guidebook to assist local governments to ask the right questions
56 about water usage and consider the factors which will be free and will be available soon.

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58 B. Presentation – Dr. Ximing Cai and Research Assistant Hari Dave, Lincoln Institute Project, Civil &
59 Environmental Engineering at University of Illinois

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61 They presented on their recent study, Assessing the impact of data centers on water stress conditions in
62 Virginia and Arizona, covering both direct and indirect impacts and the importance of water
63 governance.

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65 C. Presentation – Executive Director Rick Manner, Champaign Urbana Sanitary District

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67 He presented on local water use and capabilities along with the local Sanitary District's abilities to
68 service potential data centers and to what extent. He discussed the process that would need to happen
69 at the Sanitary District for a data center to even inquire about water use and disposal, stating that it
70 could involve plans for the entity to pay to install pipelines.

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72 D. Memorandum on Water Use and Cooling, Director John Hall, Champaign County Planning and Zoning

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74 **VIII. Other Business**

75 A. **Date of next meeting:** June 22, 2026 to focus on energy

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77 **IX. Chair's Report**

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

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81 **XI. Adjournment**

82 Chair Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 8:57pm.