



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room

Brookens Administrative Center

1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois

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11 **MINUTES – Subject to Approval**

12 **Members Present:** Samantha Carter, Lorraine Cowart, Aaron Esry, John Farney, Carolyn Greer, Elly
13 Hanauer-Friedman, Jennifer Locke, Jenny Lokshin, Brett Peugh, Emily Rodriguez,
14 Jilmala Rogers, Tom ‘Ed’ Sexton, Mike Smith, Chris Stohr, Jennifer Straub, Leah
15 Taylor, Eric Thorsland, Bethany Vanichtheeranont and Jeff Wilson

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17 **Members Absent:** Stephanie Fortado, Diane Michaels, and Donald Owen

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19 **Others Present:** Steve Summers (County Executive), Michelle Jett (Director of Administration),
20 Travis Woodcock (Budget Director), Susan McGrath (Circuit Clerk), George Danos
21 (Auditor), Jerry Kellems (Animal Control), Steve Thuney (Coroner), Orion Smith
22 (RPC Fiscal Director) and Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

23 **Agenda Items**

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25 **I. Call to Order**

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27 Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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29 **II. Roll Call**

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31 Roll Call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

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33 **III. Approval of Agenda/Addenda**

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35 **MOTION** by Ms. Locke to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Thorsland.

36 **MOTION** by Mr. Stohr to amend the agenda, moving items IX. A. 1a-b before public participation; seconded
37 by Mr. Farney. Upon vote the **MOTION to amend the agenda CARRIED** unanimously.

38 Upon vote, the **MOTION to approve the amended agenda CARRIED** unanimously.

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40 **IV. Approval of Minutes**

41 A. June 11, 2024 – Regular Meeting

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43 **MOTION** by Ms. Locke to approve the minutes of June 11, 2024; seconded by Ms. Cowart. Upon vote, the
44 **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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46 **V. Public Participation**

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48 George Danos spoke in opposition to the referendum questions that will be on the November ballot. First, he
49 spoke about the question to eliminate the Office of County Auditor, explaining why the language in the
50 question is incorrect and why an internal auditor is needed. He then moved on to the question to add an
51 additional tax explaining that he believes the reasons for it are not legitimate.

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53 **VI. Communications**

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55 Ms. Locke shared details for the Re-Entry Resource Fair on August 29th.

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57 Ms. Rodriguez spoke about the proposal that will be coming from the Opioid Settlement Task Force
58 and shared details for the Scott Bennett Resource Day on August 23rd.
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60 Mr. Thorsland stated we are now on track for wind and solar to provide more energy to the grid than
61 coal for the whole year for the first time ever. He reminded everyone that the County continues to not
62 be in compliance with the state law on solar and wind ordinances.
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64 Mr. Wilson shared details of the Veterans' Standdown event on September 7th.
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66 Mr. Stohr mentioned that the Household Hazardous Waste event is full but you can contact the cities
67 to be placed on the waiting list.
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69 Ms. Rogers shared details about Amnesty Week and the Expungement Summit in the Circuit Clerk's
70 Office.
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72 **VII. Justice and Social Services**

73 A. Monthly Reports – All reports are available on each department's webpage through the department
74 reports page

- 75 • Probation & Court Services – May 2024
 - 76 • Public Defender – June 2024
 - 77 • Emergency Management Agency – June & July 2024
 - 78 • Animal Control – April, May, June & July 2024
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80 Received and placed on file
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82 B. Rosecrance Re-Entry Reports

- 83 • Financial Report – May & June 2024
 - 84 • Program Report – May & June 2024
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86 Information only
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88 C. Coroner

89 1. Office Update
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91 Coroner Thuney shared an update from the Coroner's Office. He spoke about staffing, budget shortfalls, and
92 gave details about the facility. He shared details on the death investigation process, autopsies, forensic testing
93 and death certificates. Then he moved on to speak about training and education for coroner employees and the
94 affects of recent legislative changes. He ended his presentation with information about community outreach,
95 the Secretary of State's emergency contact program and the Gift of Hope organization.
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97 Mr. Stohr left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.
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99 Ms. Lokshin mentioned her recent tour of the facility and asked if there are any grant funds for investigating
100 cold cases. Mr. Thuney explained that those cases actually belong to the forensic anthropologist who works
101 on those cases for free.
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103 Board members continued to discuss the statistics shared in the presentation, details on how long bodies are
104 held, what they do with the DNA that is collected and what happens to the personal belongings of a decedent.
105 Mr. Thuney concluded with information about a Narcan training that they will be holding, and he would like
106 to invite all of the Board Members to attend.

- 107 D. County Clerk
108 1. Restrictive Covenant Mapping Update
109 2. Election Center Conference
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111 Clerk Ammons gave the County Board several updates from his office. He began with information about the
112 Certified Election Registration Administrators (CERA) and announced that he has successfully completed the
113 coursework and will be graduating on September 10th. He then moved on to information about the Restrictive
114 Covenant Project. He encouraged everyone to attend their next educational event in September. They recently
115 met with the Dean’s Office to determine how law students can engage the information and understand the
116 impact these restrictive covenants have on the community. Also, he is working on a documentary with Jim
117 Young, that will premiere on September 23rd at the Spurlock Museum and he shared details of the
118 documentary project. Finally, Clerk Ammons listed a couple awards that his office has received.
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120 County Board members discussed details of each ongoing project and congratulated Clerk Ammons and his
121 staff for all of the work they have done.
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- 123 E. Sheriff
124 1. Out of County Boarding
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126 Sheriff Heuerman gave an update on the jail consolidation project and explained that they believe the inmates,
127 being held out of county, should be able to move back to Champaign County by the end of the year. They will
128 always have a need to house inmates out of county due to protective custody and other issues. They typically
129 use Piatt and DeWitt County for that need. Currently, the majority of inmates are housed in Kankakee because
130 they had the largest amount of available beds and it is easier on County staff for the inmates to all be in one
131 location. Superintendent Voges invited all of the Board Members to attend a tour of the new construction.
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133 Board Members discussed their tour of the Kankakee facilities, asked questions about increasing our staff, and
134 if there are any services that we do not provide at the Champaign County Jail. Ms. Lokshin also reminded
135 everyone that this facility is named the Pope Jail and we should move away from calling it the satellite jail.
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- 137 F. Circuit Clerk
138 1. Public Safety Records Management System Intergovernmental Agreement & Amendments
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140 **MOTION** by Ms. Locke to recommend County Board approval of a Resolution Authorizing Public Safety
141 Records Management System Intergovernmental Agreements and Amendments; seconded by Mr. Sexton.
142 Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.
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- 144 G. Other Business
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- 148 H. Chair’s Report
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- 152 I. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda
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158 **VIII. Finance**

159 A. Budget Amendments/Transfers

160 1. Budget Amendment BUA 2024/7/451

161 Fund 2638 Coroner Statutory Fees & 3105 Capital Asset Replacement Fund / Dept 042 Coroner

162 Increased Appropriations: \$14,210

163 Increased Revenue: \$0

164 Reason: Transferring funds from the Capital Asset Replacement Fund to the Coroner's Statutory Fees
165 Fund to cover the cost of a vehicle that was purchased in March.

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167 **MOTION** by Ms. Straub to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment
168 BUA 2024/7/451; seconded by Ms. Taylor. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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170 B. Auditor

171 1. Reports are available on the Auditor's webpage

- 172 • Monthly Reports – May & June 2024

- 173 • Second Quarter Report

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175 Received and placed on file

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177 C. Treasurer

178 1. Monthly Report – May 2024 – Reports are available on the Treasurer's webpage

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180 Received and placed on file

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182 2. Amending the Schedule of Authorized Positions in the Treasurer's Office – Account Clerk

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184 Treasurer Johnson explained why this additional position is needed in her office. County Board Members
185 agreed and would like this to be brought to the County Board meeting for approval.

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187 D. Other Business

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191 E. Chair's Report

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

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199 **IX. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments**

200 A. County Executive

201 1. Employee Recognition

- 202 a. Resolution Honoring Retiring County Employees

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204 **MOTION** by Mr. Stohr to recommend County Board approval of a resolution honoring retiring County
205 employees; seconded by Ms. Taylor. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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209 b. Resolution Honoring County Employees

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211 **MOTION** by Mr. Stohr to recommend County Board approval of a resolution honoring County employees;
212 seconded by Mr. Farney. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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214 2. Monthly HR Report – June & July 2024

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216 Received and placed on file

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

219 a. Resolution Appointing *Kyle Windler* to the Yearsley Cemetery Association, unexpired term
220 ending 6/30/2030

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222 **MOTION** by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Kyle
223 Windler to the Yearsley Cemetery Association; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Upon vote, the **MOTION**
224 **CARRIED** unanimously.

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226 b. Resolution Appointing Adam Sharp to the Beaver Lake Drainage District, term 9/1/2024-
227 8/31/2027
- 228 c. Resolution Appointing *Tim Huls* to the Drainage District #10 Town of Ogden, term 9/1/2024-
229 8/31/2027
- 230 d. Resolution Appointing *Paul Berbaum* to the Drainage District #2 Town of Scott, term 9/1/2024-
231 8/31/2027
- 232 e. Resolution Appointing *Gerald Reifsteck* to the Fountain Head Drainage District, term 9/1/2024-
233 8/31/2027
- 234 f. Resolution Appointing Kevin Emkes to the Kerr & Compromise Drainage District, term
235 9/1/2024-8/31/2027
- 236 g. Resolution Appointing *Mark Birkey* to the Nelson-Moore-Fairfield Drainage District, term
237 9/1/2024-8/31/2027
- 238 h. Resolution Appointing *Gerald Henry* to the Okaw Drainage District, term 9/1/2024-8/31/2027
- 239 i. Resolution Appointing *Keith Harms* to the Prairie Creek Drainage District, term 9/1/2024-
240 8/31/2027
- 241 j. Resolution Appointing *Reggie Peters* to the Salt Fork Drainage District, term 9/1/2024-8/31/2027
- 242 k. Resolution Appointing *Bruce Killian* to the Sangamon & Drummer Drainage District, term
243 9/1/2024-8/31/2027
- 244 l. Resolution Appointing *Mark Douglas* to the Silver Creek Drainage District, term 9/1/2024-
245 8/31/2027
- 246 m. Resolution Appointing *William Shumate* to the Somer #1 Drainage District, term 9/1/2024-
247 8/31/2027
- 248 n. Resolution Appointing *Greg Smith* to the St. Joseph #4 Drainage District, term 9/1/2024-
249 8/31/2027
- 250 o. Resolution Appointing *Barry Fisher* to the St. Joseph #6 Drainage District, term 9/1/2024-
251 8/31/2027
- 252 p. Resolution Appointing *David Wolken* to the Triple Fork Drainage District, term 9/1/2024-
253 8/31/2027
- 254 q. Resolution Appointing *Colten Allen* to the Union Drainage District #3 of South Homer & Sidney,
255 term 9/1/2024-8/31/2027
- 256 r. Resolution Appointing *Donald Maxwell* to the Upper Embarras River Basin Drainage District,
257 term 9/1/2024-8/31/2027
- 258 s. Resolution Appointing Kevin Harms to the West Branch Drainage District, term 9/1/2024-
259 8/31/2027

260 **OMNIBUS MOTION** by Mr. Esry to recommend County Board approval of resolutions appointing the
261 above-mentioned members to their respective drainage districts; seconded by Mr. Smith. Upon vote, the
262 **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.
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264 t. Currently vacant appointments – full list and information is available on the County’s website
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266 Information only
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268 u. Applications for open appointments
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270 Information only
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272 B. County Clerk

273 1. Fee Reports

274 • June & July 2024 – Monthly Report

275 • January-June 2024 – Semi-Annual Report
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277 Received and placed on file
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279 C. County Board

280 1. Rules and Procedures of the Champaign County Board

281 a. Changing the Order of Business for meetings
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283 Mr. Farney shared his desire to change the Board rules, allowing employee recognition to go straight to the
284 County Board Meeting and for it to be placed close to the beginning of the meeting. Board Members
285 discussed these changes and were all in agreement. Administrative staff will make the changes and bring a
286 draft to the County Board meeting for approval.
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288 D. Other Business

289 1. Regional Office of Education – Superintendent Retiring March 2025
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291 Mr. Wilson read Mr. Lewis’ resignation letter and Mr. Summers stated it has been a joy to work with such a
292 wonderful educator and he will be sorely missed.
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294 E. Chair’s Report
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296 Mr. Wilson thanked all of the people who volunteer on drainage districts and the other various committees
297 throughout the County.
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299 F. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda
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301 IX. A. 1a-b, 3a-s
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303 X. Other Business
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307 XI. Adjournment
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309 Chair Carter adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.