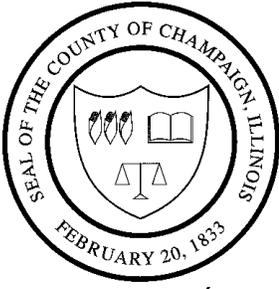


Committee of the Whole Meeting

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**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room

Bennett Administrative Center

102 E. Main Street, Urbana, Illinois

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MINUTES – Subject to Approval

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- Members Present:** Dennise Arres, Jon Cagle, Samantha Carter, Aaron Esry, John Farney, Jake Fava, Stephanie Fortado, Jenny Lokshin, Brett Peugh, Emily Rodriguez, Jilmala Rogers, Ed Sexton, Matt Sullard, Eric Thorsland, Bethany Vanichtheeranont, Daniel Wiggs, Jeff Wilson and Jennifer Locke
- Members Absent:** Ben Crane, Lorraine Cowart, Elly Hanauer-Friedman, and Monique Settles
- Others Present:** Steve Summers (County Executive), Michelle Jett (Director of Administration), Chris Smith (Building and Grounds Manager), Liz Pollock (Public Defender), Julia Rietz (State’s Attorney), Shannon Barrett (Chief Deputy Sheriff), Matt Welson (Detective), Kaitlyn Kuzio (Grant Coordinator), Lauri Brauer (Coroner), and Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)
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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. Esry to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Vanichtheeranont. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. December 9, 2025 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to approve the minutes of December 9, 2025; seconded by Mr. Sexton. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Input

Jason Benda, County employee, asked the Committee to take caution when voting to eliminate positions. He is not opposed to the proposed changes, but he has some concerns with the proposed changes. He listed some of his concerns and gave examples of why they can be an issue. He also believes the Director of Administration position will need to be re-graded after these changes.

Chris Smith, Building and Grounds Manager, spoke about the Facilities Department restructuring. He asked why this was necessary and wondered if administration did not like the work he was doing since they are proposing to eliminate his position. He mentioned that duties were missing, and others were duplicated across the job descriptions. Finally, he stated that this was a complete surprise to the entire department, and many may consider resigning.

57 Esley Carter chose not to speak when called.
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59 Benjamin Beaupre, resident of Champaign, spoke about the loss of the Re-Entry Council but mentioned it is
60 still a need in the community. He asked the County Board members to revisit the recommendations from the
61 Racial Justice Task Force. He would like to see the recommendation for the community engagement oversight
62 committee come to fruition, so the community members know about all of the resources within the
63 community.
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65 James Benson, Juvenile Redeploy Illinois Program Director, stated he is here to answer any questions that
66 may arise when voting to add the grant positions to the Administrative Services Department. He stated they
67 are looking to move to a location that is better aligned with the state’s recommended program model. Also,
68 they would like to move the program in order to retain staff. He wants to be intentional about who runs the
69 program in order to provide the best services.
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71 Marlin Livingston, Cunningham Children’s Home Chief Executive Officer, expressed concern regarding the
72 transfer of the Adult Redeploy Illinois grant positions to the County. He shared some background information
73 and stated they were not given proper notice in regard to the proposed changes. The state has not expressed
74 any performance concerns to him about the program.
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76 **VI. Communications**
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78 Ms. Rogers shared mentioned the upcoming medical legal death investigation professional’s week. She also
79 shared information about the country’s first coroner and wished all of them a happy coroner’s week.
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81 Mr. Wilson shared information from an article that was published about a Post 559 color guard that is retiring
82 after 20 years of service.
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84 **VII. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments**

85 A. County Executive

86 1. Monthly HR Report – December 2025
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88 Received and placed on file.
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90 2. Appointments/Reappointments (*italics indicates incumbent*)

91 a. Reappointing *Dennis Butler* to the Pesotum Slough Special Drainage District, unexpired term
92 ending 8/31/2028
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94 **MOTION** by Ms. Locke to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Dennis Butler to
95 the Pesotum Slough Special Drainage District; seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**
96 unanimously.
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98 b. Appointing Doug Bennett to the Sangamon & Drummer Drainage District, unexpired term ending
99 8/31/2028
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101 **MOTION** by Mr. Farney to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Doug Bennett to
102 the Sangamon & Drummer Drainage District; seconded by Mr. Wilson. Upon vote, the **MOTION**
103 **CARRIED** unanimously.
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- 106 c. Appointing Jilmala Rogers as the County Board Liaison on the Martin Luther King Jr Celebration
107 Committee

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109 **MOTION** by Ms. Lokshin to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Jilmala Rogers
110 as the County Board liaison on the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee; seconded by Mr. Sullard.
111 Mr. Wilson thanked Ms. Rogers for being willing to serve on this committee. Upon vote, the **MOTION**
112 **CARRIED** unanimously.

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114 d. Appointing Ed Sexton as the County Board Liaison on the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area
115 Transportation Study (CUUATS) Policy Committee

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117 **MOTION** by Ms. Locke to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Ed Sexton as the
118 County Board liaison on the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study; seconded by Mr.
119 Thorsland. Ms. Locke noted that the language in the CUUATS By-laws needs to be updated to reflect the
120 county executive form of government. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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122 e. 2026 Annual Listing of Expiring Appointments

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124 Information only

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

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128 Information only

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130 B. County Clerk

- 131 1. Fee Reports – December 2025 & Semi-Annual Report (July-December 2025)

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133 Received and placed on file.

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135 C. County Executive

- 136 1. Resolution Creating a Building and Grounds Safety Committee

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138 **MOTION** by Mr. Farney to recommend County Board approval of a resolution creating a Building and
139 Grounds Safety Committee; seconded by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson asked if something specific occurred or if
140 this is a way to be proactive. Ms. Jett explained that these are public buildings, and it is best to train the staff
141 for any possible issues. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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143 2. Amending the Schedule of Authorized Positions in the Coroner’s Office – Autopsy Technician and
144 Pathologist

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146 **MOTION** by Ms. Rogers to recommend County Board approval of a resolution amending the schedule of
147 authorized positions in the Coroner’s Office; seconded by Mr. Sullard. Ms. Locke asked why they want to
148 move this position from being contracted out to being a county employee. Ms. Brauer explained there is a
149 shortage of pathologists nationwide and offering benefits is a way to attract them to Champaign County. Upon
150 vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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- 156 3. Amending the Schedule of Authorized Positions in the Juvenile Detention Center – PREA
157 Coordinator

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159 **MOTION** by Ms. Lokshin to recommend County Board approval of a resolution amending the schedule of
160 authorized positions in the Juvenile Detention Center; seconded by Mr. Esry. Mr. Farney reminded everyone
161 that this position has already been funded in the FY2026 budget and will be required by the State moving
162 forward. Ms. Lokshin also reminded everyone that this is a reimbursable position, so the County only pays for
163 fringe benefits. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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165 4. Amending the Schedule of Authorized Positions in the Administrative Services Department – Grant
166 Coordinator and Grant Reporting Clerk

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168 **MOTION** by Mr. Thorsland to recommend County Board approval of a resolution amending the schedule of
169 authorized positions in the Administrative Services Department; seconded by Mr. Sullard. Upon vote, the
170 **MOTION CARRIED**.

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172 5. Amending the Schedule of Authorized Positions in the Administrative Services Department -
173 Program Director, Therapist, Case Manager and Family Engagement Specialist

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175 **MOTION** by Ms. Lokshin to recommend County Board approval of a resolution amending the schedule of
176 authorized positions in the Administrative Services Department; seconded by Mr. Farney.
177 **MOTION to TABLE** to the January County Board meeting by Mr. Sullard; seconded by Mr. Farney.
178 Extensive discussion continued regarding whether a week would be enough time to get all of the stakeholders
179 together to discuss how this change with affect them. Ms. Locke stated she would table the motion again at
180 the January County Board meeting if the stakeholders were unable to meet. Upon vote, the **MOTION to**
181 **TABLE CARRIED**.

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183 Mr. Sullard left the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

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185 6. Amending the Schedule of Authorized Positions in the Physical Plant and Administrative Services
186 Departments – Maintenance Manager, Custodial and Grounds Manager and Facilities Project
187 Manager Positions

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189 **MOTION** by Ms. Lokshin to recommend County Board approval of a resolution amending the schedule of
190 authorized positions in the Physical Plant and Administrative Services Department; seconded by Mr. Farney.

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192 Ms. Jett explained that current positions have too much work on their plate. They would like to divide them
193 more evenly, so staff can appropriately focus on their duties. Mr. Peugh raised concerns about the possibility
194 of this being budget neutral and decreasing the use of architects and engineers for County projects. Ms.
195 Fortado was surprised when she learned that the custodial management staff and the capital project manager
196 were the same person in the current structure. Ms. Carter does not feel comfortable adding another task to the
197 Executive’s Office. Mr. Wilson believes the Project Manager position should be a standalone position that
198 reports to Finance or directly to the Executive.

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200 Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED 12-5**.

201 Yeas: Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Wiggs, Arres, Esry, Farney, Fava, Fortado, Lokshin, Rodriguez,
202 Sexton, Locke

203 Nay: Wilson, Cagle, Carter, Peugh, Rogers

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D. Other Business

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E. Chair’s Report

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

VII. A. 2a-d, C. 1-3

VIII. Finance

A. Budget Amendments/Transfers

1. Monthly General Corporate Budget Amendment Report – December 2025

Information only

2. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/1/13

Fund 2500 County Grant Fund / Dept 075 General County

Increased Appropriations: \$74,377.88

Increased Revenue: \$74,377.88

Reason: Appropriation of the Firearms Safe Storage Strategies Grant funding for FY2026.

MOTION by Mr. Thorsland to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2026/1/13; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

3. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/1/14

Fund 2500 County Grant Fund / Dept 031 Circuit Court & 052 Court Services

Increased Appropriations: \$200,000

Increased Revenue: \$200,000

Reason: Appropriation of the Adult Redeploy Illinois Grant funds for FY2026.

MOTION by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2026/1/14; seconded by Mr. Sexton. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

4. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/1/15

Fund 2500 County Grant Fund / Dept 036 Public Defender

Increased Appropriations: \$25,000

Increased Revenue: \$25,000

Reason: Appropriation of Expert Witness Support Grant funds.

MOTION by Ms. Carter to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2026/1/15; seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon vote the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- 256 5. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/1/16
257 Fund 2679 Child Advocacy Center / Dept 179 Child Advocacy Center
258 Increased Appropriations: \$37,500
259 Increased Revenue: \$37,500
260 Reason: Appropriation of grant funds from the United Way.
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262 **MOTION** by Ms. Locke to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment
263 BUA 2026/1/16; seconded by Ms. Carter. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.
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- 265 6. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/1/19
266 Fund 2679 Child Advocacy Center / Dept 179 Child Advocacy Center
267 Increased Appropriations: \$3,500
268 Increased Revenue: \$3,500
269 Reason: Appropriation of grant funds from the Community Foundation of East Central Illinois.
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271 **MOTION** by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget
272 amendment BUA 2026/1/19; seconded by Mr. Cagle. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.
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- 274 7. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/1/18
275 Fund 2634 Public Defender Grant Fund / Dept 036 Public Defender
276 Increased Appropriations: \$14,471.85
277 Increased Revenue: \$14,471.85
278 Reason: Appropriation of remaining funds from the AOIC Grant.
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280 **MOTION** by Mx. Arres to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment
281 BUA 2026/1/18; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.
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283 B. Auditor

- 284 1. Monthly Reports through June 2025 are available on the Auditor's webpage
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286 Information only
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288 C. Treasurer

- 289 1. Monthly Report – November & December 2025 – Reports are available on the Treasurer's webpage
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291 Received and placed on file.
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293 D. County Executive

- 294 1. Available Budget Report – December 2025
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- 298 2. FY2024 Audit Update
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302 E. Other Business

- 303 1. January 27, 2026 – Study Session
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F. Chair's Report

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

VIII. A. 2-7

IX. Justice and Social Services

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

- Probation & Court Services – November 2025
- Public Defender – December 2025
- Emergency Management Agency – December 2025

Received and placed on file

B. Sheriff

1. Safety Assessment Management and Mitigation Team Intergovernmental Agreement

MOTION by Ms. Vanichtheeranont to recommend County Board approval of a Safety Assessment Management and Mitigation Team Intergovernmental Agreement; seconded by Mr. Thorsland.

Mx. Arres clarified what a SAMM Triage and Management Plan and how does this information affect members of the community. Detective Weldon explained how the triage process works, stating that many tips do not make it through the triage process. The tips that make it through the triage process go through a threat assessment that is applicable to their specific circumstances. Most of the information received will not affect community members because it will be kept confidential unless it becomes criminal in nature. Ms. Carter asked how this will be beneficial to the community. Detective Weldon explained that the goal is to interrupt anyone that is on a pathway to violence. Mr. Wilson inquired about other communities joining the SAMM Team. Detective Weldon explained that other communities are welcome to join.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

C. Other Business

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D. Chair's Report

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

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X. Other Business

- A. Approval of Closed Session Minutes
1. December 9, 2025

MOTION by Mr. Esry to approve the closed session minutes of December 9, 2025; seconded by Ms. Vanichtheeranont. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Locke adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

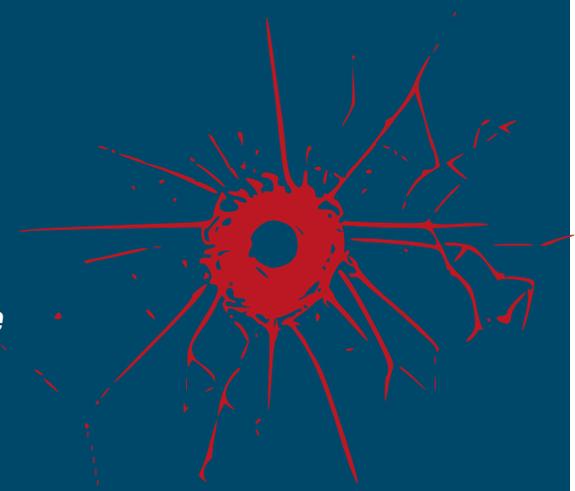
RESPONSIBILITY IN FIREARMS

LEGISLATION (RIFL) ACT

*Shifting Costs of Firearm Injury from the Public to Firearm Manufacturers,
Supporting Evidence Based Gun Violence Prevention Strategies across the State*

Rep. Olickal HB 3320

Sen. Peters SB 2279



THE PROBLEM

Firearm injury in Illinois generates between **\$18-20 Billion** in **direct** and **indirect** costs annually. These costs are associated with **~6,700** injuries, suicides, homicides, and accidental shootings annually. Clashes over the 2nd Amendment distract taxpayers from noticing it pays a never-ending, crippling tab for firearm injury while the **firearm industry profits handsomely** from the outcomes of its for-profit activity.

THE DETAILS

The RIFL Act requires certain finished firearm manufacturers to **share the public costs of firearm injury** with the injured, taxpayers and Illinois through annual contributions to a special State Treasury Fund, aligning manufacturers financial interest with prevention and safer innovation, while funding the proven strategies that reduce gun injury and public costs.

- Requires finished firearm manufacturers to be licensed to sell, distribute, or import products in Illinois.
- Licensing is contingent on finished firearm manufacturers annual contributions to the State Treasury fund. Contributions are required **only if** their products are recovered in an injury or death in the State of Illinois.
- Manufacturers contributions to the fund are **proportional to their number of products recovered** each year associated with injuries or deaths. The fund total varies year to year based on the incidence and direct expenses of gun injury.
- Licensing is operated by a non-for-profit, legal entity authorized by the Illinois State Government. A percentage of the fund contributions are appropriated for the administrative costs of the agency.
- The RIFL Act requires all Illinois law enforcement agencies to provide the Illinois State Police with information on all firearm injury types, fatal and non-fatal, and provide the name of the **manufacturer and model associated with injury**. ISP will report annually to the agency this data which will be used to calculate annual fund contributions.
- Failure of manufacturers, distributors, or authorized retailers, including vendors at gun shows, to comply will result in fines and revocation of licensing to sell firearm products in the State of Illinois.
- The funds collected will be appropriated to IDHS Office of Firearm Violence Prevention to support **Reimagining Public Safety Act grants** across the State to fund evidence based violence and suicide prevention efforts, victim services, and high risk youth intervention.
- Cost benefit analysis indicates in year 1, the RIFL Act will save Illinois \$297 Million and by year 3, \$520 Million

How Firearm Injury Costs are Shared:

Illinois: **\$18-20 Billion**

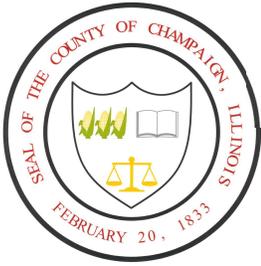
Firearm Manufacturers: **\$0**

THE SOLUTION

The equitable solution for relieving the public of the unfair costs of firearm injury is modeled on the **State Guaranty Association**, required for insurers, and **Workers Compensation, mandated** for businesses in all other industries. Business licensing is contingent upon participating in these **no-fault programs financed 100% through contributions by private industry in every state**. Similar no-fault funds exist in many industries.

- The Guaranty Association pools insurers' contributions into a fund to pay outstanding claims in the event of any insurer's bankruptcy.
- Workers Compensation (WC), assembles member companies by industry and calculates their contributions according to "experience rating" of workplace injury, illness and death. WC benefits include wage replacement and lifetime medical care to qualified claimants.

For over **100 years**, these programs have **driven workplace safety and protected society from corporate recklessness**. As precedents for the RIFL Act, they demonstrate how an unfair financial burden can be shifted from the public to the industry responsible for it.



OFFICE OF THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY EXECUTIVE

102 E. Main Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801-2744

Steve Summers, County Executive

MEMORANDUM

To: Elly Hanauer-Friedman, Chair of Finance; and
John Farney, Vice-Chair of Finance; and
Honorable Members of the Champaign County Board

From: **Travis Woodcock, Budget Director**

Date: February 10, 2026

Re: FY24 Audit Update – Information Only

At the May 13th Committee of the Whole, the County Board directed the County Executive’s Office to take the lead on the FY24 Audit. Since that time, the County Executive’s Office has been in communication with Clifton, Larson, Allen LLP (CLA) and hired Certified Public Accountant firm to assist with the FY24 Audit. This company was selected because one of their employees used to work for the County and has firsthand knowledge of the County’s prior audits, including doing the FY23 Audit for the County. As the Executive’s Office has worked alongside the outside firm to make timelines and plans on how to proceed with each step of the audit process, it was done under the original assumption that even though reconciliations and workpapers hadn’t been started (which they should have already been completed by that time), at least the fundamental accounting of the County’s books for FY24 had been done properly. As each step of the ‘audit’ work has unfolded, it has been discovered this wasn’t the case, so the scope of the project has drastically changed. It turned from completing workpapers and ‘audit’ work into fixing an extremely broken year of accounting by combing through the entire year and fixing underlying fundamental accounting issues by the auditor’s office (e.g. millions of dollars of cash not recorded correctly, entries booked to the wrong fiscal year/funds/accounts, monthly reviews not completed, etc) before the processes that have typically been considered the ‘audit’ work could even be completed. These ‘audit’ processes must be completed in a certain order because one step affects the next step, and so on. So, until each step is started, it has been impossible to know the extent of how much needs to be fixed before the ‘audit’ work can be started. This extra work has had to be done at every step of the process. The vast majority of time that has been spent by the Executive’s Office and accounting firm has been fixing the issues with the County’s accounting books and not what has been historical classified as ‘audit’ work, such as minor corrections, tie-outs, and workpapers. According to the consultant, who also did the FY23 audit for the County, the FY23 and FY24 accounting books are night and day with the FY24 books in such an extreme mess.

The County is finalizing the due-to-due-from reconciliations, which reconcile items that cross different funds. Like every step in the process, have been significantly more time-consuming and complex than prior years due to all the accounting errors. For reference, four staff members and the consultant have spent the past several days looking through hundreds of entries, line by line, in multiple Munis modules to figure out how they are correlated to each other and determining which fiscal year/fund/account they should actually be booked in. Once all the due-to-due-from coding corrections are found and posted, the reconciliation can be finalized. This is the final step before the

Trial Balance is run and sent off to CLA. After that, the County has a few more items that are submitted to CLA along with the Trial Balance, or that don't get completed until after the Trial Balance is finalized. However, CLA can start their portion of work once the Trial Balance is submitted.

Once the County gets the FY24 Audit submitted, work on the FY25 Audit will start. Many of the same accounting issues that occurred in FY24 also occurred in FY25. In addition, none of the reconciliations or monthly tie-outs for FY25 have been started, so it will be another complex, time-consuming audit process.