



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room

Brookens Administrative Center

1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois

**MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on August 12, 2025**

**Members Present:** Jon Cagle, Samantha Carter, Lorraine Cowart, Aaron Esry, John Farney, Jake Fava, Stephanie Fortado, Carolyn Greer, Elly Hanauer-Friedman, Jenny Lokshin, Brett Peugh, Emily Rodriguez, Tom ‘Ed’ Sexton, Matt Sullard, Eric Thorsland, and Jennifer Locke

**Members Absent:** Ben Crane, Jilmala Rogers, Bethany Vanichtheeranont, Daniel Wiggs, Jeff Wilson

**Others Present:** Steve Summers (County Executive), Michelle Jett (Director of Administration), Travis Woodcock (Budget Director), Isak Griffiths (Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk), and Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

**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. Thorsland to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

A. May 13, 2025 – Regular Meeting

**MOTION** by Mr. Sullard to approve the minutes of May 13, 2025; seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**V. Public Input**

Jeffrey Trask, Champaign Urbana Reparations Coalition member, shared historical information about different groups of people receiving reparations and why. The Coalition is trying to identify the harms that have been done to African Americans in Champaign County and then they will create recommendations for those harms. They would like to invite the cities, the county and the U of I to be part of the coalition. He stated when you harm someone, you apologize and sometimes those harms require compensation along with the apology.

Jada Fulcher, Champaign resident, speaking with the Champaign Urbana Reparations Coalition and representing the younger members of the community. She can see the effects that segregation has had on the generational wealth of her peers. Reparations have the ability to bolster a community that hasn’t been invested in. She stated it is very important to her community that they see people put in the work; not just say they support the black community because we are doomed to repeat history that we do not know.

Renee Antrosio, is a 25-year resident of this community, explained her background and her current position as the Pastor of a local church. She stated her congregation is on a journey to learn about reparations all around the world and there are several different ways we can address the harms that have occurred. We have all benefited from the wealth that was built on the backs of the free labor provided by slaves. Her congregation has donated over \$50,000 to a reparations fund and she explained how they are using those funds. This is their way of saying we are sorry, and we would like to repair. We don't want to be the last community to address the harms.

James Lorr, Urbana resident and business owner, quoted the following information from 24/7 Wall Street. The Champaign/Urbana community is twentieth in the list of worst cities for black Americans, second in the state for infant mortality, and there are many instances of red-lining practices. He said we need to take action so our community can begin to heal.

## **VI. Communications**

Ms. Carter thanked the Champaign Urbana Reparations Coalition for coming, stated she attended their meeting last week and it is time to unite.

Ms. Fortado detailed the incredible work that is done by the Regional Planning Commission for Champaign County. They have had a profound impact on the community. There is still a large gap in the work that needs to be done but she thanked the RPC employees for what they have already accomplished and affirmed the Board's commitment to continuing the valuable relationship they have with the RPC.

Mr. Farney shared information about the memorial race and scholarship fundraiser for the Illinois State Police Trooper Corey Thompson. He reminded everyone of the tragic accident that took Trooper Thompson's life and why they are doing the race. He invited everyone to help them honor Trooper Thompson. Finally, he shared that the following Saturday is National Flag Day, background about the day and gave everyone a lapel pin to wear in celebration.

Mr. Thorsland asked everyone to recognize the impact research and grants have on our community. We will see a reduction on many things in our community as grant funding is reduced. He also shared information about the upcoming No Kings protest.

Mr. Peugh thanked the Champaign Urbana Reparations Coalition for coming and shared details of upcoming Juneteenth celebrations in the community.

Ms. Locke also thanked the Champaign Urbana Reparations Coalition and requested they reach out to some of the Board Members.

## **VII. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments**

- A. Lincoln Legacy Committee
  - 1. Annual Report
  - 2. Future Proposals

Ms. Carter left the meeting.

Barb Oehlschlaegar-Garvey, Lincoln Legacy Committee Chair, shared the Committee's annual report and a presentation from the Committee. The presentation detailed the history of the committee, their current projects, future plans and long-term goals.

Mr. Thorsland, LLC County Board Liaison, stated this Committee does a lot of interesting stuff and they are always looking for new members to join. The Committee will be coming up with a proposal for updating the Courthouse Exhibit.

B. County Executive

1. Monthly HR Report – May 2025

Received and placed on file

2. Appointments/Reappointments (*italics indicates incumbent*)

- a. Resolution Appointing Timothy Bartlett to the Forest Preserve District, term 7/1/2025-6/30/2030

**MOTION** by Mr. Cagle to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Timothy Bartlett to the Forest Preserve District; seconded by Mr. Farney. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- b. Resolution Appointing *Vicki Niswander* to the Developmental Disabilities Board, term 7/1/2025-6/30/2028
- c. Resolution Appointing *Anne Robin* to the Developmental Disabilities Board, term 7/1/2025-6/30/2028

**OMNIBUS MOTION** by Ms. Lokshin to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Vicki Niswander and Anne Robin to the Developmental Disabilities Board; seconded by Mr. Cagle. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- d. Resolution Appointing *Cathy Emmanuel* to the County Board of Health, term 7/1/2025-6/30/2028
- e. Resolution Appointing *David Thies* to the County Board of Health, term 7/1/2025-6/30/2028
- f. Resolution Appointing *Brent Reifsteck* to the County Board of Health, term 7/1/2025-6/30/2028

**OMNIBUS MOTION** by Ms. Hanauer-Friedman to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Cathy Emmanuel, David Thies and Brent Reifsteck to the County Board of Health; seconded by Ms. Greer. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- g. Currently vacant appointments – full list and information is available on the County’s website

Information only

C. County Clerk

1. Monthly Fee Reports – April 2025

Received and placed on file

D. County Board

1. Resolution Appointing Daniel Wiggs to the Opioid Settlement Task Force

**MOTION** by Mr. Thorsland to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Daniel Wiggs to the Opioid Settlement Task Force; seconded by Mr. Sullard. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

2. Resolution Appointing Carolyn Greer to the Litigation Committee

**MOTION** by Mr. Sullard to recommend County Board approval of a resolution appointing Carolyn Greer to the Litigation Committee; seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

E. Other Business

None

F. Chair's Report

None

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

VII. B. 2a-f, D. 1-2

**VIII. Justice and Social Services**

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

- Probation & Court Services – April 2025
- Public Defender – May 2025
- Animal Control – May 2025

Received and placed on file

B. Rosecrance

1. Re-Entry Reports

- Financial Report – April 2025
- Program Report – April 2025

Information only – Ms. Locke shared that Rosecrance is no longer able to fulfill their contractual obligations and the contract is being terminated. There are unspent funds for FY2025 that need to be reallocated, and the Board should be receiving a proposal at their next meeting.

C. Regional Planning Commission

1. Resolution in Support of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

**MOTION** by Ms. Locke to recommend County Board approval of a resolution supporting the Community Services Block Grant; seconded by Mr. Esry. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

2. Resolution in Support of Full Federal Funding for Head Start

**MOTION** by Ms. Hanauer-Friedman to recommend County Board approval of a resolution supporting full federal funding for Head Start; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

3. Resolution in Support of Full Federal Funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

**MOTION** by Mr. Thorsland to recommend County Board approval of a resolution supporting full federal funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); seconded by Ms. Greer. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

D. Other Business

None

E. Chair's Report

None

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

VIII. C. 1-3

**IX. Finance**

A. Budget Amendments/Transfers

1. Monthly General Corporate Budget Amendment Report – June 2025

Information only

2. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/5/478

Fund 2075 Regional Planning Commission / Dept 100 Regional Planning Commission

Increased Appropriations: \$305,500

Increased Revenue: \$305,500

Reason: Appropriation of additional IHDA grant funds for the Strong Communities Program.

**MOTION** by Mr. Sullard to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2025/5/478; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

3. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/6/27

Fund 2110 Workforce Development Fund / Dept 110 Workforce Development

Increased Appropriations: \$177,705

Increased Revenue: \$177,705

Reason: Appropriation of WIOA Rapid Response grant funds.

**MOTION** by Ms. Fortado to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2025/6/27; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

4. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/5/480  
Fund 2840 ARPA / Dept 075 General County  
Increased Appropriations: \$975,000  
Increased Revenue: \$0  
Reason: Appropriation of ARPA fund balance to support additional project and contractual expenses projected for the remainder of FY2025

**MOTION** by Ms. Lokshin to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2025/5/480; seconded by Mr. Sexton. Mr. Sullard made a correction to the agenda, noting a zero was missing from the appropriation amount. Mr. Woodcock explained that this is the remaining fund balance in the ARPA fund that needs to be spent by the end of 2026. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously for the corrected amount of \$9,750,000.

5. Budget Amendment BUA 2025/6/12  
Fund 2500 County Grant Fund / Dept 075 General County  
Increased Appropriations: \$74,377.88  
Increased Revenue: \$74,377.88  
Reason: Appropriation of Firearm Safe Storage Strategies grant funds for the remainder of FY2025.

**MOTION** by Ms. Greer to recommend County Board approval of a resolution approving budget amendment BUA 2025/6/12; seconded by Mr. Farney. Ms. Hanauer-Friedman mentioned how great this is to get a continuation of the grant. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

B. Auditor

1. Reports are available on the Auditor's webpage
  - Monthly Reports – January, February, March & April 2025
  - Quarterly Statistics – First Quarter Report

Received and placed on file

2. FY2024 Audit Update

Ms. Hanauer-Friedman noted the memo from the Budget Director that details everything they have done since the last meeting. The goal is to get this audit done by the deadline but due to how many items were already delayed, it does not look like they will meet the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. They are now trying to get everything completed by the end of the year before any major grant penalties are implemented.

Mr. Esry asked if we have shared this information with those in the County that receive grants. Ms. Locke stated they were very blunt with everyone the last RPC Commissioners meeting. Unfortunately, they continue to learn of items that were never completed or done correctly by the Auditor's Office that add to the delay.

Ms. Hanauer-Friedman mentioned that checks are not being uploaded in the system by the Auditor's Office and how that is creating other issues outside of the audit, as well.

Ms. Fortado asked if they have a timeline for items that were supposed to be completed in April. Mr. Woodcock explained there are other items that have not been completed since December 2023 and those need to be done before the April items. He is working with CLA to get a better sense of a timeline.

Ms. Rodriguez reminded everyone that the Auditor stated in the news that he has washed his hands of this audit. Mr. Sullard clarified that the missed deadline will be due to the incomplete work that the Auditor's Office should have been doing over the last several months.

C. Treasurer

1. Monthly Report – January, February & March 2025 – Reports are available on the Treasurer’s webpage

Received and placed on file

D. Circuit Clerk

1. Approval to release RFP 2025-007 Software and Implementation Services for a Court Case Management System (CCMS) Software Systems Environment

**MOTION** by Ms. Lokshin to approve release of RFP 2025-007 Software and Implementation Services for a Court Case Management System (CCMS) Software Systems Environment; seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Discussion followed regarding the timeline for award of contract. Ms. Griffiths clarified there is no commitment to award a contract, and this is just the first step in the planning for purchasing software. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

E. State’s Attorney

1. Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Champaign County State’s Attorney

**MOTION** by Ms. Locke to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Champaign County State’s Attorney; seconded by Mr. Farney. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

F. Regional Planning Commission

1. Resolution Authorizing an Amendment Under Strong Communities Program Round 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment PID# 52418

**MOTION** by Mr. Esry to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing an amendment under Strong Communities Program Round 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment PID# 52418; seconded by Mr. Farney. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Application, and if Awarded, the Acceptance of the WIOA Rapid Response (1E) Grant

**MOTION** by Mr. Sullard to recommend County Board approval of a resolution authorizing the application, and if awarded, the acceptance of the WIOA Rapid Response (1E) Grant; seconded by Mr. Sexton. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

G. Other Business

None

H. Chair’s Report

None

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

IX. A. 2-5, E. 1, F. 1-2

X. Other Business

None

XI. Adjournment

Chair Locke adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.