



## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD AGENDA**

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Thursday, January 14, 2021 – \*5:30 p.m. **\*PLEASE NOTE TIME**

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**Brookens Administrative Center/Zoom Meeting**

**1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois**

### **Agenda Item**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. \*Roll Call**
- III. Read Notice of Meeting**
- IV. Approval of Agenda/Addenda**
- V. Public Participation**
  - Being accepted remotely through zoom – for instructions go to:  
[http://www.co.champaign.il.us/CountyBoard/CB/2021/210114\\_Special\\_Meeting/210114\\_Zoom\\_Instructions.pdf](http://www.co.champaign.il.us/CountyBoard/CB/2021/210114_Special_Meeting/210114_Zoom_Instructions.pdf)
- VI. New Business**
  - A. Resolution requesting the submission of a binding question of public policy to the electors of Champaign County regarding eliminating the Office of the Recorder of Champaign County
- VII. Other Business**
- VIII. Adjourn**

\*Roll call

\*\*Roll call and 15 votes

\*\*\*Roll call and 17 votes

\*\*\*\*Roll call and 12 votes

Except as otherwise stated, approval requires the vote of a majority of those County Board members present.

*All meetings are at Brookens Administrative Center – 1776 E Washington Street in Urbana – unless otherwise noted. To enter Brookens after 4:30 p.m., enter at the north (rear) entrance located off Lierman Avenue.*

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1**  
**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SUBMISSION OF A BINDING QUESTION OF PUBLIC**  
**POLICY TO THE ELECTORS OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY REGARDING ELIMINATING THE**  
**OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Champaign County Board places a high priority on reducing costs of county government and closely related, overlapping administrative functions local governments with excellent opportunities for consolidation; and

**WHEREAS**, the functions of the office of both Champaign County Recorder of Deeds and the Office of the Champaign County Clerk include maintaining official records; and

**WHEREAS**, voters in other Illinois counties have recently elected to consolidate the powers and duties of the office of the Recorder of Deeds with existing County Clerk offices to save taxpayer funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Sections 4(c) and 11 of the Illinois Constitution, provide that a County Board, by a resolution, may authorize a referendum to eliminate a County office, including the office of the Recorder of Deeds; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 28-7 of the Illinois Election Code (10ILCS 5/28-7), provides that a governing body may initiate a public question as outlined in Article VII of the Illinois Constitution through resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 28-2 (c) of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/28-2(c), provides that a resolution of a unit of local government which initiates the submission of the public questions pursuant to the law must be adopted no less than 79 days before a regularly scheduled election to be eligible for submission on a ballot at such election; and

**WHEREAS**, the next regularly scheduled election at which a referendum required by Article VII may be placed on the ballot shall occur on April 6, 2021:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Champaign County Board, Champaign County, Illinois, a unit of local government, that the following binding question shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County of Champaign on April 6, 2021:

**SHALL THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BE ELIMINATED AND ALL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS BE TRANSFERRED TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ON APRIL 1, 2022.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this question, as fully set forth in the previous paragraph, is authorized and shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County of Champaign at the Consolidated General Election to be held on April 6, 2021, in accordance with all applicable provisions of Illinois law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk as the Election authority of Champaign County, is hereby directed to certify said binding question of public policy in accordance with the Illinois Election Code on or before January 19, 2021.

**PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND RECORDED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D. 2021.

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Kyle Patterson, Chair  
Champaign County Board

Recorded & Attest

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Aaron Ammons, County Clerk  
and ex-officio Clerk of the  
Champaign County Board  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Darlene A. Kloeppel, County Executive  
and Presiding Officer of the Champaign  
County Board  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_