

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room

Bennett Administrative Center

102 E. Main Street, Urbana, Illinois

Agenda Items

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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Agenda/Addenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. January 13, 2026 – Regular Meeting (*to be distributed*)

V. Public Input

VI. Communications

VII. Justice and Social Services

A. Monthly Reports – All reports are available on each department's webpage through the department reports page at: <http://www.co.champaign.il.us/CountyBoard/Reports.php>

- Probation & Court Services – December 2025 & 4th quarter statistics
- Public Defender – January 2026
- Emergency Management Agency – January 2026
- Animal Control – November & December 2025

B. County Board

1. Responsibility in Firearm Legislation (RIFL) Act (*presentation*)

2. Resolution supporting the Responsibility in Firearm Legislation (RIFL) Act

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C. Other Business

D. Chair's Report

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

VIII. Policy, Personnel, & Appointments

A. County Executive

1. Monthly HR Report – January 2026

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a. Reappointing *Alicia Beck* to the Rural Transit Advisory Group, unexpired term ending 12/31/2027

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b. Reappointing *Kyle Patterson* to the Mental Health Board, unexpired term ending 12/31/2029

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c. Reappointing <i>Linda Turnbull</i> to the Housing Authority Board of Champaign County, unexpired term ending 7/31/2030	11
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3. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/2/9 Fund 2500 County Grant Fund / Dept 031 Circuit Court Increased Appropriations: \$71,823.81 Increased Revenue: \$0 Reason: Appropriation of the Adult Redeploy Illinois Grant funds for FY2026.	23-24
4. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/2/11 Fund 2500 County Grant Fund / Dept 075 General County Increased Appropriations: \$27,695.64 Increased Revenue: \$0 Reason: Appropriation of the Firearms Safe Storage Strategies Grant funds for FY2026.	25-26

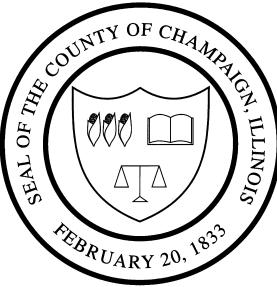
5. Budget Amendment BUA 2026/2/12	27-28
Fund 2500 County Grant Fund / Dept 036 Public Defender	
Increased Appropriations: \$57,937.50	
Increased Revenue: \$0	
Reason: Appropriation of grant funds to offset the Public Defender's expert witness program expenses.	
 B. Auditor	
1. Monthly Reports through June 2025 are available on the Auditor's webpage at: http://www.co.champaign.il.us/auditor/countyboardreports.php	
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 XI. Adjournment	

Elly Hanauer-Friedman

District 4 Board Member

Jenny Lokshin

District 4 Board Member



**Office of
County Board
Champaign County, Illinois**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jilmala Rogers, Chair, Justice and Social Services

FROM: Elly Hanauer-Friedman and Jenny Lokshin, Board Members District 4

DATE: January 28, 2026

RE: Resolution Supporting the Responsibility in Firearm Legislation (RIFL) Act

The proposed Resolution expresses the Champaign County Board's strong support for the *Responsibility in Firearm Legislation (RIFL) Act* (HB 3320 / SB 2279), introduced by State Representative Kevin Olickal and State Senator Robert Peters. The Act establishes a special state treasury fund, that pools the contributions annually from firearm manufacturers based on their contribution to injury and death, to provide support for survivors or families of firearm injury and resources to community violence and suicide intervention efforts. The Resolution recognizes the significant financial and social burden firearm injuries impose on Illinois residents and urges the Illinois General Assembly to pass the legislation as a fair, evidence-based, and fiscally responsible approach to firearm injury accountability.

Background:

Each year, firearm injuries impose an estimated \$18–20 billion in direct and indirect costs on Illinois families and taxpayers. Despite this extraordinary burden, firearm manufacturers currently bear none of these costs. The RIFL Act establishes a fair and fiscally responsible framework to shift a portion of these expenses from the injured and public to the manufacturers who profit from firearm sales.

Rationale:

Modeled after longstanding no-fault systems such as Workers' Compensation, the RIFL Act provides an equitable and evidence-based solution that balances economic responsibility with public welfare. By linking annual contributions to real-world injury data, this legislation introduces accountability, encourages safer product design, and industry engagement in gun injury prevention strategies. The Illinois Department of Human Services has provided approximately over \$1.2 million dollars over the past two years to support Champaign violence prevention efforts through organizations like DREAAM. Additional funding from the RIFL Act would augment the support that IDHS OFVP is able to provide to support these local efforts.

Support:

The *RIFL Act Coalition*, a partnership of more than 60 national and state organizations, has organized to pass this legislation. The Resolution reflects Champaign County's alignment with statewide efforts to promote fairness, transparency, and public safety while reducing the fiscal burden of firearm injuries on Illinoisans.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XXX

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RESPONSIBILITY IN FIREARM
LEGISLATION (RIFL) ACT

WHEREAS, firearm injuries in Illinois generate an estimated \$18–20 billion in direct and indirect costs each year in medical care, mental health treatment, criminal justice, law enforcement, lost productivity, funeral and burial expenses

WHEREAS, firearm injury is the number one cause of death for children and teens, pregnant women, and means by which suicide is committed

WHEREAS, despite this staggering financial and human toll, firearm manufacturers have been exempted from indirect regulation through tort liability by the 2005 federal law, the Protection in Lawful Commerce in Arms Act; and

WHEREAS, the tobacco, opioid, and other comparable industries have been held financially accountable for their for-profit activity's exorbitant social costs. *The Responsibility in Firearm Legislation (RIFL) Act* (HB 3320 / SB 2279), introduced by State Representative Kevin Olickal and State Senator Robert Peters, offers a fair, evidence-based solution by establishing a special state treasury fund, which pools financial contributions of firearm manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, the RIFL Act ensures that entities profiting from firearm sales share responsibility for the public costs and harm caused by their products, modeling its framework after longstanding and effective no-fault schemes such as *Workers' Compensation* and the *State Guaranty Association*; and

WHEREAS, this fund will provide support for survivors, while also providing additional funding support for proven community violence and suicide prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS over the past few years, Champaign County has made concerted efforts and significant investments in gun violence prevention through funding grassroots organizations working with high risk populations on violence interruption, community building, workforce development and re-entry.

WHEREAS Champaign County is currently a recipient of Illinois Department of Public Health funding to promote safe gun storage and Firearms Restraining Order education and awareness. Champaign County's Gun Safety program has over the past year distributed over 2400 gun locks and 1000 biometric gun safes throughout the County.

WHEREAS Champaign County's progress illustrates the importance of policies like the RIFL Act that will ensure communities can sustain and scale effective strategies that reduce violence

WHEREAS, the Act introduces transparency and accountability by requiring law enforcement agencies to collect and report annually firearm recovery data—including manufacturer and model information—so that annual contributions are tied to actual impact, thereby incentivizing safer product design and responsible business practices; and

WHEREAS, for over a century, no-fault systems like Workers' Compensation have successfully balanced economic responsibility with public welfare, demonstrating that equitable frameworks can protect both communities and industries; and

WHEREAS, the *RIFL Act Coalition*, a coalition of more than sixty organizations nationally and across Illinois, has united in strong support of this legislation, recognizing its potential to reduce financial hardship, promote fairness, and advance public safety statewide; and

WHEREAS, Champaign County and its residents, like communities across Illinois, bear the costs and consequences of firearm-related injuries, and it is therefore both fiscally responsible and morally imperative for the County to support measures that equitably distribute these costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Champaign County Board expresses its strong support for the *Responsibility in Firearm Legislation (RIFL) Act* (HB 3320 / SB 2279) and urges the Illinois General Assembly to advance and enact this legislation during the 104th General Assembly legislative session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Illinois, the President of the Illinois Senate, the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, and the Champaign County delegation to the Illinois General Assembly, to affirm Champaign County's support for responsible, equitable firearm legislation.

PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND RECORDED this 19th day of February, A.D. 2026.

Jennifer Locke, Chair
Champaign County Board

ATTEST: _____
Aaron Ammons, County Clerk
and ex-officio Clerk of the
Champaign County Board

Approved: _____
Steve Summers, County Executive
Date: _____