



**UNITED COUNTIES
COUNCIL of ILLINOIS**

**UCCI Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday January 27, 2025 – 9:30am**

President Abraham Lincoln Hotel – Freeport Room
701 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois

TO: UCCI Members
FROM: Ryan McCreery, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **January 27, 2025 UCCI Membership Meeting Minutes**

This summarizes the decisions and actions of the above meeting attended by the following:

ALEXANDER	James Smith
BOND	Bernard Myers
BOONE	Matt Ragano, Josh Shumaker
BROWN	Bob Willis, Rob Akright
BUREAU	Sharon Schallhorn
CALHOUN	Deann Koster-Fester
CARROLL	Melinda Appel, Julie Bickelhaupt
CHRISTIAN	Liz Hile, Miranda Langen, Mike Specha
CLINTON	Mike Hilmes
CUMBERLAND	John Knueppel
DeWITT	Claro Carter, Thomas Farris
EDGAR	Lisa Ellis
EFFINGHAM	Norbert Soltwedel
HAMILTON	P.E. Cross
IROQUOIS	Ray Williams
JACKSON	Andrew Erbes
JASPER	Jason Warfel
KANKAKEE	Larry Kerkstra
KENDALL	Matt Prochaska
KNOX	Jennifer Fredricks
LEE	Tom Kitson, Keane Hudson, Dean Freil, Mike Zeman
LOGAN	Michael DeRoss, Lance Conahan
MACON	Tamara Wilcox, Ken Walker
MADISON	Dave Tanzyus, Linda Ogden
MARSHALL	Henry Gauwitz
MASON	Eldon Garlisch
MENARD	Dara Worthington
McDONOUGH	Jeremy Benson, Eric Blakeley
MONROE	George Green
MONTGOMERY	Rob Corso

OGLE	Bruce Larson, Aaron Mudge
PERRY	Bruce Morgenstern
PIATT	Jerry Edwards
PIKE	Donald Foster
RANDOLPH	David Holder
RICHLAND	Cynthia Given, Steve Schonert
SHELBY	Carol Cole, Jeff Gregg, Tim Morse
ST. CLAIR	Mark Kern
STARK	J. Thomas Howes
STEPHENSON	Sam Newton, Ronnie Bush, Lynette Williams
TAZEWELL	Russ Crawford
WASHINGTON	David Meyer, Dennis Shemonic
WHITESIDE	Rita Kelly
WILL	Kelly Hickey, Mica Freeman, Dawn Bullock, Daniel Butler
WILLIAMSON	Jim Marlo, Tim Atkisson
WOODFORD	John Krug, Tim Wilcoxon

The meeting was called to order by UCCI President David Meyer at 9:34am.

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Welcome: President Meyer introduced himself, welcomed all attendees, thanked them for coming. President Meyer introduced UCCI Executive Director, Ryan McCreery. McCreery welcomed attendees & introduced UCCI staff team, Connie Golembeck, Jon Peebles and Ashley Packett, to incoming board members.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Approval of Minutes for November 18, 2024 meeting
 Motion by **Piatt County**, seconded by **Lee County**
 Voice Vote - Motion **PASSED**

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Treasurer's Report: November & December 2024 Financials
 Motion by **Williamson County**, seconded by **Marshall County**
 Voice Vote - Motion **PASSED**

AGENDA ITEM 4 – President Meyer welcomed new guests & asked for room introductions.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – UCCI Legislative Director, Jon Peebles, stated 2500 bills were filed between the House and Senate. Peebles will communicate particulars once bills go to committee that may impact UCCI members. Legislative pages on UCCI website will be updated to reflect status and impacts.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - County Issues: UCCI Legal Counsel Jason Brokaw to field membership inquiries regarding county specific questions at wrap of New Board Member Training.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Old Business: None

AGENDA ITEM 8 – New Business

- a) Membership Update/NACo Dues: Ford and Gallatin have joined UCCI for 2025. 2024 dues paying UCCI members had their 2025 NACo dues paid by UCCI .
- b) 2025 Legislative Conference, March 19-20: This event is an ISACO partnership & a great opportunity to meet your elected State officials. Event registration and room block info to come.
- c) 2025 Leadership Academy, June 5-7 & 26-28. Look for details & application in next member communication.
- d) 2025 UCCI budget update: The Executive Committee earmarked funds for a dedicated UCCI building if the opportunity presents itself. There is nothing of note at this time.
- e) UCCI Regional meeting opportunities will take place in the OFF-meeting months. UCCI is working through particulars and will share plans once solidified.
- f) UCCI Executive Committee voted to increase 2025 membership meeting stipend to \$500 & reimburse up to THREE member attendees per county for round trip mileage.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Adjournment at 10am

Motion by **Lee County**, seconded by **Richland County**

Voice Vote - Motion **PASSED**

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 24, 2025, 9:30am

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