STATE OF ILLINOIS **CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP**
DeShawn Williams, Chair *Darcy E. Sandefur, Township Clerk*

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2026
400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL, 61801

The Cunningham Township Board met in regular session Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:
Chair: Mayor DeShawn Williams
Township Clerk: Darcy E. Sandefur
Trustees: Maryalice Wu, Christopher Evans, Jaya Kolisetty, Grace Wilken, James Quisenberry
Supervisor: Danielle Chynoweth
Assessor: Absent
ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Trustee Shirese Hursey; Trustee Chaundra Bishop; Assessor Ivana Owona
OTHERS PRESENT: Bourema Ouedraogo; Jamie Wilkey of Lauterbach & Amen.

I. ROLL CALL
With a quorum present Chair Williams called the meeting of the Cunningham Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1. 10-13-2025
2. 11-10-2025
Motion to approve the minutes of the October 13th and November 10th meetings by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Wilken.
Voice vote:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
Supervisor Danielle Chynoweth requested the addition of a discussion item in regards to the Township Emergency Winter Shelter budget request before the Urbana City Council.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT
None.

VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
1. FY 2025 Audit Presentation
Jamie Wilkey of Lauterbach & Amen presented on the annual financial report and audit. The independent auditing firm Lauterbach & Amen had no significant findings and declared a clean audit. Wilkey noted a few pages of interest within the annual financial statements. Questions and discussion ensued.

X. COMITTEE TO VERIFY BILLS
Supervisor Chynoweth presented on the month to date expenditures for the month of November 2025 including $75,525.40 from the Town Fund, $420,337.97 from the General Assistance Fund for a

total of $497,863.37. Discussion and questions ensued. Motion to approve by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Wilken.
Voice vote:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of the Annual Meetings Calender

Presented by Town Clerk Sandefur. Each year the meeting body must approve an annual schedule of meetings. Motion to approve by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Wilken.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

b. Resolution No. T-2026-01-001R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Agreement a Contract with Homebase (Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless – IDHS Collaboration Grant FY26)

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the supervisor to sign a contract with Homebase for shelter management utilizing the IDHS grant awarded through the Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless. Motion to approve by Trustee Wilken and seconded by Trustee Wu.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

c. Resolution No. T-2026-01-002R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an MOU with Community Health Partnership of Illinois

Item presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. This item authorizes the Supervisor to sign an MOU with Community Health Partnership of Illinois to provide onsite medical services to shelter residents at the emergency winter shelter. Questions and discussion ensued. Motion to approve by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Kolisetty.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

d. Resolution T-2026-01-003R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an MOU with Worksite Sponsors for Careers in Motion

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth, Case Manager Bonnie Miller, and Worksite Sponsor Dr. David. Item authorizes the Township Supervisor to enter into MOUs with the worksite sponsors to begin professional development for the general assistance careers in motion track program participants. Participants will be paid and work at the worksite sponsor location and may be eligible for employment after program completion. Questions and discussion ensued. Motion to approve by Trustee Wu and seconded by Trustee Kolisetty.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

e. Discussion Emergency Winter Shelter Budget

Supervisor Chynoweth presented and explained the emergency winter shelter has a funding gap of

$13,993 and a budget request before the Urbana City Council to consider supporting further funding. Chynoweth explained that there are additional funding options that would allow operations of the shelter to extend through the expiration of the occupancy permit of May 23rd but that additional donations may still be secured. Questions continued. The Trustees agreed that they wanted to support the shelter but that they would only be fulfilling the original request included in the Urbana City Council at this time but were open to further funding discussions pending additional information about other funding options.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the body, Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Darcy Sandefur
Township Clerk

This meeting was taped and is viewable on demand.

Minutes Approved: 4-13-2026