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

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 18, 2025
400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL, 61801

The Cunningham Township Board met in regular session Monday, August 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:
Chair: Mayor DeShawn B. Williams
Township Clerk: Darcy E. Sadnefur
Trustees: Maryalice Wu, Christopher Evans, Jaya Kolisetty, Chaundra Bishop, Grace Wilken, James Quisenberry
Supervisor: Danielle Chynoweth
Assessor: Ivana Owona

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Trustee Shirese Hursey;

OTHERS PRESENT:

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Motion by Trustee Wu to approve and seconded by Trustee Bishop.
Voice vote:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Supervisor Chynoweth asked that item 8G Resolution No. T-2025-08-015R be removed because the item is not ready to go at this time and will be on next month's agenda.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

V. COMMITTEE TO VERIFY BILLS
a. Town Fund
b. General Assistance Fund

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Shared the monthly expenditures including $54,099.26 from the Town Fund, $228,021.905 from the General Assistance Funds, and total of $282,121.16. Questions ensued. Supervisor Chynoweth noted that there will be a revised version of the bills available next month and the Board may want to consider deferring approval until then.

Motion to defer approval of the bills for this month to the next meeting of the Township Board by Trustee Quisenberry and seconded by Trustee Wu.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Supervisor Chynoweth shared the Supervisor's Memo. Chynworth shared an update on the popup shelter and the individuals able to be housed during the extreme heat thanks to the HHI grant funds. Noted rental assistance is up from prior months as is utility assistance. Provided programmatic updates and announced that the Housing Authority has funds that need to be expended prior to the end of the year and is seeking subrecipient grantees. Questions and discussion ensued.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Ordinance No. T-2025-08-001: An Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (Fiscal Year 2024-2025 - AMENDED)

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item approves the amended annual budget and appropriation Ordinance for FY 2025. Item will be placed on file for public inspection for 30 days leading up to a public hearing in September. Motion to place on file for 30 days for public inspection by Trustee Wilken and seconded by Trustee Kolisetty. Discussion ensued.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

b. Ordinance No. T -2025-08-002: An Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (Fiscal Year 2025-2026)

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item approves the annual budget and appropriation Ordinance for FY 2026. Item will be placed on file for public inspection for 30 days leading up to a public hearing in September.
Motion to place on file for 30 days for public inspection by Trustee Quisenberry and seconded by Trustee Bishop.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

c. Resolution No. T-2025-08-011R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Agreement with the State of Illinois for the IDHS Emergency Transitional Housing (ETH) Grant for Homeless Services (FY 26)

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with the State of Illinois to receive the IDHS Emergency Transitional Housing Grant for Homeless Services for FY 2026. Grant totals $530,000 and supports the Township Bridge to Home program.
Motion to approve by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Wu.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

d. Resolution No. T-2025-08-012R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Agreement with the State of Illinois for the HOME Illinois RRH Grant for Homeless Services (FY 26)

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with the State of Illinois to receive the HOME Illinois RBH Grant for Homeless Services for FY 2026. Questions ensued. Motion to approve by Trustee Wilken and seconded by Trustee Kolisetty.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

e. Resolution No. T-2025-08-013R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Agreement with the State of Illinois for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) for Homeless Services (FY26)

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with the State of IL to receive the Emergency Solutions Grant for Homeless Services for FY 2026. Grant supports street outreach and rapid rehousing. Motion to approve by Trustee Kolisetty and seconded by Trustee Wu.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans,Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

f. Resolution No. T-2025-08-014R: Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Agreement with City of Urbana for Housing and Homelessness Innovation (HHI) Grant for CARES/Bridge to Home Service (FY26-FY27)

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with the City of Urbana to receive the Housing and Homeless Innovation Grant for the CARES/Bridge to Home Services for FY 2026-2027. Motion to approve by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Wilken.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans,Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry
NAY: None

~~**g. Resolution No. T-2025-08-015R: A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Intergovernmental Agreement for Rental Assistance Between the City of Urbana and Cunningham Township Supervisors Office (CDBG Funds FY26)**~~

Removed under additions to the agenda.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the body, Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Darcy E. Sandefur
Town Clerk

This meeting was taped and is viewable on demand.

Minutes Approved: 10-13-2025