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

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 11, 2026
400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL, 61801

The Cunningham Township Board met in regular session Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:
Chair: Mayor DeShawn Williams
Township Clerk: Rafael Cho
Trustees: Maryalice Wu, Christopher Evans, Shirese Hursey*, Verdell Jones III, James Quisenberry
Supervisor: Danielle Chynoweth
Assessor: Ivana Owona
ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Trustee Grace Wilken;
*Present after roll

OTHERS PRESENT:

I. ROLL CALL
With a quorum present Mayor Williams called the meeting of the Cunningham Township Board to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
None.

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
None.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT
None.

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

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Shared the monthly expenditures for March 2026 including $52,084.84 from the Town Fund, $282,765.72 from the General Assistance Funds, and a total of $334,850.56. Questions ensued.

Motion to approve the bills for March 2026 by Trustee Quisenberry and seconded by Trustee Jones.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Jones, Quisenberry
NAY: None

VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Draft Assessor Budget
Assessor Owona presented on the draft budget for the Assessor's Office and highlighted changes from the prior FY and explained the changes based on prorated values. Question and discussion ensued.

B. 3rd Quarter Financial Report
Supervisor Chynoweth presented the 3rd Quarter Financial Report and highlighted that line items are at about 50% expended and on track.

Supervisor Chynoweth presented the Supervisor's Memo and provided an update on the emergency winter shelter ahead of the seasonally scheduled closure on May 23rd and the exit plan for the program participants. Supervisor Chynoweth reviewed the program service statistics month to date.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. T-2026-05-007R: Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to sign an Agreement with Housing Authority of Champaign County for Homeless Services

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement to receive $418,680 in grant funding to support the emergency housing programs and transitional housing. Motion to approve by trustee Quisenberry and seconded by trustee Wu .
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Quisenberry
NAY: None

B. Resolution No. T-2026-05-008R: Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to sign a Lease Renewal with Lincoln Square, LLC for Office Space

Presented by Supervisor Chynoweth. Item authorizes the Supervisor to sign a lease renewal with Lincoln Square Mall for office space for Supervisor staff for an additional 6 months. Motion to approve by trustee Wu and seconded by trustee Quisenberry.
Vote by roll call:
AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Jones, Quisenberry
NAY: None

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the body, Chair Wu adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Darcy E. Sandefur
Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: 7-13-2026

This meeting was taped and is viewable on demand.