



**UNITED COUNTIES  
COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS**

TO: UCCI Members  
FROM: Joseph Payette, Secretary  
SUBJECT: Membership Meeting  
Monday, September 25, 2023  
9:30 A.M. – Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Springfield

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

<b>BOND</b>	Bernard Myers
<b>BUREAU</b>	Sharon Schallhorn
<b>CALHOUN</b>	Deann Koster-Fester
<b>CARROLL</b>	Joseph Payette
<b>CHRISTIAN</b>	Elizabeth Hile, Mary Barry
<b>CLINTON</b>	Mike Hilmes
<b>CUMBERLAND</b>	Jonathan Kaye
<b>EFFINGHAM</b>	Norbert Soltwedel
<b>FULTON</b>	Lisa Thompson
<b>HAMILTON</b>	P.E. Cross
<b>HENRY</b>	Dale Stiles
<b>IROQUOIS</b>	Ray Williams
<b>JACKSON</b>	Andrew Erbes
<b>KANKAKEE</b>	Larry Kerkstra
<b>KENDALL</b>	Matthew Prochaska
<b>KNOX</b>	Greg Bacon
<b>LEE</b>	Tom Kitson, Keane Hudson
<b>LIVINGSTON</b>	Alina Hartley
<b>MACON</b>	Tamara Wilcox
<b>MADISON</b>	Kurt Prenzler
<b>MARION</b>	Debbie Smith, Lori Linder
<b>MARSHALL</b>	Henry Gauwitz
<b>MASON</b>	Ken Walker
<b>McDONOUGH</b>	Scott Schwerer
<b>MENARD</b>	Dara Worthington
<b>OGLE</b>	John Finfrock
<b>PIATT</b>	Todd Hendricks
<b>RANDOLPH</b>	Marc Kiehna
<b>RICHLAND</b>	Cynthia Given
<b>STARK</b>	J. Thomas Howes
<b>ST. CLAIR</b>	Mark Kern

<b>STEPHENSON</b>	Samuel Newton
<b>TAZEWELL</b>	David Zimmerman, Russ Crawford
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	David Meyer, Gary Suedmeyer, Dennis Shemonic
<b>WHITESIDE</b>	Martin Koster
<b>WOODFORD</b>	John Krug

Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order by UCCI President David Meyer.

**AGENDA ITEM #1 – Welcome/Introductions**

Welcome and opening remarks by President Meyer. Individual introduction of member county representatives in attendance, and recognition of Executive Committee members.

**AGENDA ITEM #2 – Approval of Minutes (July 24, 2023)**

Motion by Lee County

Seconded by Washington County

Voice Vote - Motion PASSED.

**AGENDA ITEM #3 – Treasurer’s Report (May-August 2023)**

Motion by Randolph County

Seconded by Marion County

Voice Vote - Motion PASSED.

**AGENDA ITEM #4 – President/Executive Director Comments**

Executive Director McCreery welcomed membership to the Crowne Plaza and announced venue/location for the remaining 2023 events resulting from Sangamo Club closing. Mr. McCreery also advised that new venues will be reviewed, evaluated, and announced for UCCI 2024 meetings/events.

- October 27-28 - Fall Conference venue remains the same/Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum/Library ... Friday evening event is being held at the Museum. Saturday morning meeting and education seminar are being held at the Library.
- November 13 – Membership Meeting will be held at the Inn at 835 (835 South Second).

**AGENDA ITEM #5 – Presentation ... Roundtable/Open Forum Discussions**

- *Artificial Intelligence/Public Safety (Dusty Thomas, Senior Business Development Strategist/Public Safety, CDW-G)*

Mr. McCreery announced additional presentation topic, Artificial Intelligence in Public Safety, introduced and thanked Mr. Thomas for his Zoom appearance and participation in today's meeting.

Following an overview of his personal background/training, Mr. Thomas briefly described/explained how artificial intelligence/machine learning/deep learning, a not-so-new technology, is put to use throughout industry, government, and science. With Public Safety as focus, discussion included, but was not limited to, focus areas, key outcomes, and key technologies within the following five areas:

- *Digital Evidence Analysis & Management ...* to process/correlate volumes of data from a wide range of sources to aid investigations and distribute to third parties quickly/accurately.
- *Real Time Threat Response ...* quickly detect objects, people, and actions in video surveilled environments to identify risks.
- *Disaster Response & Asset Management...* retrieve third party data from social media, traffic cameras, GPS, weather sensors and more for incident response efficiency.
- *Cybersecurity & Data Protection ...* log data, identify patterns, and quickly identify anomalies or suspicious activities that may indicate a potential cyber intrusion or attack.
- *Dynamic Public Engagement ...* public access to interactive chat interfaces to increase community interaction, reporting and real-time support.

Question/Answer session held. Handout material provided.

- *Paid Leave for All Workers Act FAQs (Attorney Jane May, Inman-Fitzgibbons-Murdock-Kosoff)*

Introduction and appreciation for Ms. May's Zoom participation by Mr. McCreery.

Ms. May prefaced her remarks by noting that the additional guidance to shed light on somewhat confusing/unclear provisions of the Act has not yet been issued from the Illinois Department of Labor but is expected/anticipated. Ms. May initially reminded the audience members of the January 1, 2024 effective date of the Act, reviewed the categories of employees covered under the Act and the paid leave benefits afforded to them under the Act. Ms. May's points of discussion also included, but were not limited to, leave essentials; notice of leave; leave accrual; payout on termination; other employer obligations; penalties; collective bargaining agreements/conflicting interpretations/IDOL enforcement of contract provisions; impact on existing ordinances; counties with existing paid leave ordinance/amending leave ordinance after effective date. Dates for IDOL webinars announced ... October 3, October 19, November 1, and November 16. In closing, Ms. May alerted members to the fact that the overtime issue was on the horizon at the federal level.

Question/Answer session held. Handout material provided also included Paid Leave for All Workers Act FAQs as of August 30, 2023.

- *County Budget Preparation (Jason Brokaw, UCCI Legal Counsel)*  
Mr. Brokaw's presentation provided a broad overview on the basics of budgeting (annual budget cycle/factors to be considered in setting property tax levies/December certification deadline/appropriation budget/knowning your revenues & expenditures/transparency). Before concluding, he opened the discussion up to the membership and fielded their questions.
- **Additional Roundtable/Open Forum Discussion**  
*Christian County* – Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act reporting.  
– Approval process/use of courthouse or lawn

#### **AGENDA ITEM #6 – County Issues**

*Marion County* ... Board member nonadherence to requests of Chair, resulting in delay of ending scheduled meeting; Board member use of recording equipment & recordings.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #7 – Old Business**

*UCCI Fall Conference (October 27-28, 2023)* ... Mr. McCreery reported that the retreat-style format instituted for the 2023 Leadership Academy program was a huge success, graduating 29 individuals from 24 counties, and announced that the Class of 2023 graduates would be recognized during the upcoming Fall Conference at the Friday evening reception/dinner being held at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield. The conference would conclude the following day with the October membership meeting and half-day education seminar being held at the Presidential Library. Staff from the National Association of Counties (NACo) will present on the topics of (1) Rural Infrastructure/Broadband, Transportation & other Infrastructure Investments, and (2) Federal Policy Panel/Agriculture, Rural Development & the 2023 Farm Bill at Saturday morning's seminar.

*2024 Statewide Salary & Fringe Benefits Survey* ... Mr. McCreery advised that data collection for the 2024 UCCI Salary Survey will begin in late October, and the survey document will be distributed the first week of March 2024. Membership is urged to contact your board office and encourage participation in this year's data collection efforts.

*2024 UCCI Event Venues* ... Mr. McCreery reminded attendees to complete and return the evaluation forms included in their meeting packet relating to today's meeting location to assist in planning our 2024 calendar of events. October meeting location is the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum/Library. November meeting location will be the Inn at 835 in Springfield.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #8 – New Business**

NONE

**AGENDA ITEM #9** – Adjournment  
Motion by Kankakee County  
Seconded by Stark County  
Voice Vote - Motion PASSED.

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Saturday, October 28, 2023**  
9:30 A.M. – Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library  
112 North Sixth Street, Springfield