



**UNITED COUNTIES
COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS**

TO: UCCI Members
FROM: Joseph Payette, Secretary
SUBJECT: Membership Meeting
Monday, November 15, 2021
9:30 A.M. – Sangamo Club
Springfield

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

BUREAU	Ralph Anderson
CHRISTIAN	Elizabeth Hile
CRAWFORD	David Fulling
CUMBERLAND	Roy Clapp
EFFINGHAM	James Niemann
FULTON	Lisa Thompson
HAMILTON	P.E. Cross
HENRY	Jeff Orton
KANKAKEE	Steve Liehr, Larry Kustra
KENDALL	Matt Prochaska
LaSALLE	Tom Walsh
LEE	Doug Farster
LIVINGSTON	Marty Fannin, Kathy Arbogast
MARION	Debbie Smith
MASON	Ken Walker
MENARD	Dara Worthington
MONTGOMERY	Gene Miles
PIATT	Ray Spencer
STEPHENSON	Samuel Newton
TAZEWELL	David Zimmerman
WASHINGTON	Eric Brammeier
WHITESIDE	Karen Nelson
WOODFORD	John Krug

The meeting was called to order by UCCI Vice President David Zimmerman.

Welcoming remarks by Vice President Zimmerman.

Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Approval of Minutes (October 23, 2021)

Motion by Bureau County
 Seconded by Kendall County
 All present voting AYE.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Treasurer's Report (September, October 2021)

Motion by Woodford County
 Seconded by Kankakee County
 All present voting AYE.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Vice President/Executive Director's Remarks

UCCI Members to Washington, DC Trip ... Executive Director McCreery announced tentative plans for a 'UCCI Members to Washington, DC' trip in April 2022 were being explored with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and would be dependent on the Congressional calendar. Mr. McCreery also advised that the UCCI Executive Committee had included monies within the 2022 budget to allow for the reimbursement of a total of \$3,000 per county for UCCI members who send a representative/representatives to attend. All 2021 UCCI dues-paying member counties (and, who have paid their 2022 UCCI dues) are eligible to receive the \$3,000 per county reimbursement. Details will be shared as they become available.

UCCI 2022 Dues Structure ... Mr. McCreery advised that the 2022 UCCI Dues Structure adopted by the UCCI Executive Committee was based on 2020 Census population data.

Legislative Update ... Mr. McCreery provided a brief overview of the 'anything but normal' 2021 Veto Session of the Illinois General Assembly and expectations for the Spring Session when lawmakers are scheduled to return to Springfield on January 4, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Presentation ... 'UCCI Roundtable Discussions'

Mr. McCreery noted that a recurring theme included in member event evaluations was the benefit of meeting with county board members from across the state to discuss issues/challenges units of local government are faced with and to get ideas/suggestions on how those issues/challenges are being managed elsewhere to help benefit their own local constituents. In an effort to provide such networking, today's 'first of a kind' roundtable discussion will afford that opportunity to attendees. Mr. McCreery explained that a request for discussion topics was made to UCCI membership, and the following topics were chosen from those received to be presented for such a roundtable discussion.

- *Compliance with New Precinct Maps ...* To start the discussion, UCCI legal counsel, Jason Brokaw, provided a thorough review of Senate Bill 536 (Election Omnibus Bill), including, but not limited to, reasoning behind initiation of proposal (substantially equal precinct population/1,200) by County Clerks (including, inability to find election judges/less precincts result in election cost savings); language inconsistencies making compliance in 2021 impossible; reapportionment guidelines impacting the splitting of precincts; and, that legislation was sent to Governor on November 12, but has not yet been signed into law. Mr. McCreery reported on UCCI correspondence directed to Governor and bill sponsors (Senate President Harmon/House Representative Stuart) addressing need for change in language to allow for compliance and willingness to work with administration toward resolution.

Open discussion held with/between membership, as well as informative question and answer session.

- *House Bill 1735 (Added Discussion Topic)* ... Mr. McCreery reported of recent legislative activity on HB1735 (House Counties/Township Committee hearing scheduled for noon, Thursday, November 18/subject matter only), which seeks to eliminate the office of coroner and create the position of medical examiner, who shall be a physician licensed to practice within Illinois; and, sought member input/feedback on ramifications of elimination of coroner/medical examiner replacement. Open discussion held with/between membership, as well as informative question and answer session.
- *Uniform Zoning/Renewable Energy Sources* ... Open discussion held with/between membership, as well as informative question and answer session.
- *Use of Personal Cell Phones/Computers for County Business (OMA/FOIA)* ... Mr. Brokaw provided updated case law, including ‘Madigan’ case study.
Open discussion held with/between membership, as well as informative question and answer session.
- *OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) regarding COVID-19 vaccinations & testing/100 Employee Issue (Added Discussion Topic)* ... Mr. Brokaw’s review/update included, but was not limited to, November 4, 2021 release of OSHA ETS; indefinite stay of ETS issued by U.S. Court of Appeals (Fifth Circuit) on November 12, 2021 pending judicial review of motions for permanent injunction; and, ramifications to Illinois as a ‘state plan’ state. Membership advised updates would be provided by UCCI as they become available.
Open discussion held with/between membership, as well as informative question and answer session.

Vice President Zimmerman expressed his feeling that roundtable discussions were beneficial, relevant and a good opportunity to discuss issues of importance to all members; and, encouraged membership to complete and return evaluation form provided for input/feedback on roundtable discussion held.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Legislative Update

Covered by Mr. McCreery in Agenda Item 3.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – County Issues

NONE

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Old Business

- *2022 UCCI Statewide Salary & Fringe Benefits Survey* ... Vice President Zimmerman encouraged membership participation in survey data collection.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – New Business

- *Review/Adoption of 2022 UCCI Budget* ... UCCI Treasurer, Mr. Cross, reviewed proposed 2022 Budget as recommended by UCCI Executive Committee; and, moved that budget be adopted as presented.
Motion by Hamilton County
Seconded by Stephenson County
All present voting AYE.

- *Refund of 2021 Membership Dues* ... UCCI Treasurer, Mr. Cross, announced recommendation of UCCI Executive Committee for refund of 2021 membership dues; and, moved that 2021 membership dues be refunded.
Motion by Hamilton County
Seconded by Piatt County
All present voting AYE.
- *2022 UCCI Calendar of Events* ... Vice President Zimmerman advised in addition to events listed on 2022 calendar, the 'Members to Washington, DC' trip was tentatively scheduled for April 2022.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Adjournment

Motion by Kendall County
Seconded by Kankakee County
All present voting AYE.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, January 24, 2022
9:30 A.M. – Sangamo Club
227 East Adams, Springfield