



**UNITED COUNTIES  
COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS**

TO: UCCI Members  
FROM: Joseph Payette, Secretary  
SUBJECT: Membership Meeting  
Monday, March 28, 2022  
9:30 A.M. – Sangamo Club  
Springfield

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

<b>BUREAU</b>	Ralph Anderson
<b>CARROLL</b>	Joseph Payette
<b>CHRISTIAN</b>	Elizabeth Hile
<b>CLINTON</b>	James Sullivan
<b>CUMBERLAND</b>	Roy Clapp
<b>EFFINGHAM</b>	James Niemann
<b>HAMILTON</b>	P.E. Cross
<b>HENRY</b>	Kathy Nelson
<b>JACKSON</b>	Andrew Erbes
<b>KANKAKEE</b>	Larry Kerkstra
<b>KENDALL</b>	Matt Prochaska
<b>KNOX</b>	Pamela Davidson
<b>LaSALLE</b>	Tom Walsh
<b>MACON</b>	Pat Dawson, Debra Kraft
<b>MADISON</b>	Kurt Prenzler
<b>MARION</b>	Debbie Smith
<b>MASON</b>	Ken Walker, Eldon Garlisch
<b>McDONOUGH</b>	Scott Schwerer
<b>MENARD</b>	Dara Worthington
<b>OGLE</b>	John Finfrock, Patricia Nordman
<b>PERRY</b>	Bruce Morgenstern
<b>PIATT</b>	Ray Spencer
<b>PUTNAM</b>	Steve Malavolti
<b>RANDOLPH</b>	Marc Kiehna
<b>SCHUYLER</b>	Jim Corrie
<b>STARK</b>	J. Thomas Howes
<b>ST. CLAIR</b>	Mark Kern
<b>STEPHENSON</b>	Samuel Newton
<b>TAZEWELL</b>	David Zimmerman
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	David Meyer, Gary Suedmeyer
<b>WHITESIDE</b>	Karen Nelson
<b>WOODFORD</b>	John Krug

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**AGENDA ITEM #1** – Welcome by President Meyer included introduction of Executive Committee members, UCCI staff and legal counsel. Individual member county representative introductions followed.

**AGENDA ITEM #2** – Approval of Minutes (February 28, 2022)

Motion by Randolph County

Seconded by Knox County

All present voting AYE.

**AGENDA ITEM #3** – Treasurer’s Report (February 2022)

Motion by Ogle County

Seconded by Clinton County

All present voting AYE.

**AGENDA ITEM #4** – President/Executive Director’s Report

President Meyer welcomed moving forward this year with more in-person events/activities.

**AGENDA ITEM #5** – Presentation by Dr. Kent Redfield, Emeritus Professor of Political Science, University of Illinois-Springfield.

After a brief overview of his background/history, Dr. Redfield’s presentation focused on ‘Politics in Illinois 2022’ and included, but was not limited to, a detailed review of the ‘Lay of the Land’ (population and political demographics; political culture and corruption; redistricting and election law; money in politics/funding campaigns and influencing legislation/policy; weak fiscal structure/exploding demand for services/solutions; chaos/lack of continuity in the Executive Branch and status quo oriented/risk adverse politics in the Legislative Branch dominated by Speaker Madigan); and, a broad overview of those factors that might change the ‘lay of the land’. Dr. Redfield also addressed the upcoming 2022 Elections, highlighting uncertainty that exists, including, but not limited to, potential impact of national headwinds against Democrats in our Democratic state; what role unions/union issues will play; can both parties run a unified campaign effort; can use of culture war issues by Republican candidates be successful; and, impact of big-money donors in both primary and general election. In closing, Dr. Redfield discussed ‘Money in Politics’ including, but was not limited to, contribution limits/self-funding; review/comparison of top contributors to legislative elections from interest groups/corporation; mega contributions from individuals/families in Illinois politics; and, partisan distribution of contributions in Illinois campaigns.

Handout material made available.

Question/Answer session held with membership.

**AGENDA ITEM #6 – Legislative Update**

*Deputy Director's Update* – With approximately two weeks remaining before April 8, 2022 adjournment date, there are still big items to be addressed by the General Assembly, including the budget. Anticipation is that budget negotiations will continue following adjournment. UCCI is continuing to monitor legislation of interest.

*Legal Counsel's Update* – Mr. Brokaw provided status update on the following:

- SB2912 (Superintendent of Public Works/Registered Professional Engineer) – *STALLED OUT*. Passed out of the Senate; returned to House Rules.
- SB3460 (Administrative Leave/Crimes involving Local Officials) – *STALLED OUT*. Passed out of the Senate; returned to House Rules.
- SB3795 (County Design-Build Contracts) – *STALLED OUT*. Passed out of the Senate; returned to House Rules.
- HB5538 (Prevailing Wage/Public Works) – *CONSIDERED DEAD*, monitoring to continue. Passed out of the House; assigned to Senate Assignments.

**AGENDA ITEM #7 – County Issues**

*Madison County* ... COVID pandemic/IDPH & county health department mandates.

*Randolph County* ... Request for training/assistance on technology & cybersecurity.

(UCCI legal counsel provided brief review/status of SB3939. Requires the Department of Innovation and Technology to establish a cybersecurity liaison program to advise and assist units of local government with cybersecurity issues; and, provides for cybersecurity training for employees of counties and municipalities. Passed out of the Senate; 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading in House, with final action deadline extended to April 8, 2022.)

*Henry County* ... Seeking feedback (ARPA funds/county plans for expansion of broadband/public-private partnerships)

**AGENDA ITEM #8 – Old Business**

- **Update/Overview of UCCI Members to Washington, DC Trip**

Attendees are responsible for making their own travel/hotel arrangements. Programs/meetings will take place at the NACo headquarters.

*Schedule of Events* – May 9 (Monday) travel day; no events planned.

May 10 (Tuesday) programs/meetings all day; group dinner.

May 11 (Wednesday) programs/meetings all day.

Programs/Meeting agenda (topics/speakers) will be announced when finalized.

*Reimbursement of Expenses* – Receipts/Expense Report required for reimbursement. Total reimbursement up to \$3,000 per county/\$3,500 per county, if more than one county representative attends, is available to all UCCI 2021 dues-paying member counties. Reimbursement will be made directly to each attendee (not to the county).

*Registration Deadline* – Attendees must register with UCCI no later than Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

Information and registration forms have been sent to membership. If you did not receive this information and are interested in attending, please contact Connie at the UCCI office ...

[UCCI@unitedcounties.com](mailto:UCCI@unitedcounties.com) or 217-544-5585.

- ***UCCI 2022 Leadership Program***

UCCI will be offering to its member counties a Leadership Program developed in cooperation with the National Association of Counties (NACo), specifically for UCCI. The program will include both in-person and on-line sessions held over a 12-week period, starting in July; and there is no charge to participate. Those individuals completing the program will be recognized during the UCCI Fall Conference to be held at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum/Library in Springfield in late October. Leadership Program registration will be limited to 50 participants. More details and registration information will be forthcoming.

- ***UCCI 2022 Annual Conference – July 25-26 - Eagle Ridge Resort, Galena***

Announcement of added education program to be held on Monday (following membership meeting). UCCI is coordinating with the University of Illinois-Extension for Monday education program as well as Tuesday education seminar. More details and registration information will be forthcoming.

**AGENDA ITEM #9 – New Business**

President Meyer announced change in upcoming meeting dates for April and May. Next Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022, at the Sangamo Club in Springfield. As the UCCI Members to Washington, DC trip is taking place in May, the Membership Meeting scheduled for May 23, 2022 is cancelled .

**AGENDA ITEM #10 – Adjournment**

Motion by Randolph County  
 Seconded by Stark County  
 All present voting AYE.

**NEXT MEETING**

**Monday, April 25, 2022**

9:30 A.M. – Sangamo Club

227 East Adams, Springfield