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Tentative agreement on new contract for Champaign County employees *Strike averted for members of AFSCME Local 900*

Tonight after more than eight hours of negotiations, Champaign County and employees represented by AFSCME Local 900 reached a tentative agreement on a new union contract.

The tentative agreement averts a Wednesday morning strike deadline.

Tonight's breakthrough caps more than six months of bargaining.

The terms of the tentative agreement will next be reviewed by union members who will vote on its ratification at meetings to be scheduled in the coming days.

Terms will be shared publicly after union members have had a chance to review, discuss and vote on them.

"We appreciate the hard work of the negotiators on both sides, the assistance of the federal mediator and especially the solidarity of AFSCME members that secured this fair agreement," AFSCME Council 31 staff representative Natalie Nagel said.

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