



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD

Legislative Budget Hearings – FY2022

Monday, August 24, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Shields-Carter Meeting Room

Brookens Administrative Center

1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on October 12, 2021

Present: Jacob Paul, Chris Stohr, Jennifer Straub, Steve Summers, Leah Taylor, Eric Thorsland, Samantha Carter, Lorraine Cowart, Aaron Esry, Stephanie Fortado, Jim Goss, Stan Harper, Mary King, Jenny Lokshin, Jim McGuire, Diane Michaels, Brad Passalacqua, Kyle Patterson

Absent: Emily Rodriguez, Jodi Wolken, Jordan Humphrey

County Staff: Darlene Kloepfel (County Executive), Tami Ogden (Director of Finance), Bill Colbrook (Director of Administration), Leann Brehob-Riley (GIS Director), Kari May (Executive Director - Children Advocacy Center), Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Lynn Canfield (Executive Director, Mental Health Board), Mike Williams (Juvenile Detention Center Director), Susan McGrath (Circuit Clerk), Dustin Heuerman (Sheriff), M.C. Neal (Chief Information Officer), Dana Brenner (Facilities Director), Kathy Larson (ARPA Project Manager), Dalitso Sulamoyo (Chief Executive Officer, Regional Planning Commission), Chris Ward (Fiscal Manager, Regional Planning Commission), Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: Julie Pryde (CUPHD Administrator), Krista Jones (Board of Health), Cathy Emmanuel (Board of Health)

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

County Executive, Darlene Kloepfel, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

A verbal roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Ms. Cowart to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Lokshin. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Budget Presentation

Ms. Kloepfel introduced Ms. Ogden and her presentation on the remainder of the budget. Ms. Ogden began with some information about the figures that appear on the slides.

GIS Consortium

Ms. Ogden explained the increase in membership fees, an anticipated retirement in personnel and how the fund balance is above their goal of 25%.

GIS Fund

Ms. Ogden indicated that this fund pays the fees for the County's membership in the GIS Consortium, mapping software licenses and explained where the revenue comes from. She stated that revenues are expected to be greater than budgeted due to a strong real estate market in 2021.

Children's Advocacy Center

Ms. Ogden presented this budget and informed the Board that employees would not be getting wage increases due to a lack of an increase in grant funding in FY2022, but they are working to find additional revenue for those increases.

Board of Health

Ms. Ogden explained how revenue is generated for this fund. She also mentioned that COVID-19 funding will be ending in FY2021 and the County Board of Health has requested an additional appropriation of \$250,000 only to be used for emergencies and response to COVID-19.

Ms. Fortado asked where the fund balance would be at the end of FY2022. Ms. Ogden said it would be below the goal of 25%, around 11%, but the Board of Health believes that COVID-19 is a good reason to draw on the fund balance. Ms. Fortado also mentioned the possibility to use ARPA funds instead on drawing on their fund balance.

County Highway

Ms. Ogden moved on to the Highway budgets by listing some of the projects that funds have been appropriated to cover. She pointed out the large, anticipated fund balance in the County Motor Fuel Tax fund and gave more details about the IDOT Rebuild Grant.

Animal Control

The presentation showed a quick summary of all three budgets for Animal Control. Ms. Ogden pointed out the revenue to expenditure deficit and explained that was due to the planned purchase for a new vehicle and new software to shift this department off the AS/400.

Mental Health Board & Developmental Disabilities Boards

After introducing Ms. Canfield, Ms. Ogden explained some of the highlights provided by Ms. Canfield for uses of this levy funding.

Ms. Fortado asked for clarification on the location of the ARPA funding within this budget. Mr. McGuire invited Ms. Canfield to join the conversation and asked how the ARPA funding will be used. Ms. Canfield explained that ARPA funding is set to fund nine programs through June of 2022 and that she continues to work with state officials to locate more funding for these programs past that time.

Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Sulamoyo and Ms. Ward presented the budget for the Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Sulamoyo began with a general overview of their budget. He then moved on to highlights of each

individual fund. He explained that their fund balances are affected by the timing of grant funding. Some are provided upfront, but others are reimbursed after expenses are incurred. Mr. Sulamoyo finished the presentation by pointing out the memo in their binders that highlights some of the funding that is received from various entities within the County.

Ms. Michaels inquired about the expenses that weren't reimbursed and Mr. Sulamoyo explained they were not eligible to be reimbursed due to the COVID-19 shutdown. Mr. Patterson asked about challenges with the workforce. Mr. Sulamoyo expressed that it has been a great challenge to attract qualified talent.

Courts Construction

This fund is expected to be depleted in FY2022

Courthouse Museum

There aren't any specific expenditures budgeted for FY2022

Public Safety Sales Tax Fund

Ms. Ogden explained the state is still collecting the 1.5% collection, but the Level the Playing Field legislation has enhanced these revenues. Projections show revenues will be 20% higher than they were in 2020. Currently, there is a budget surplus that has been unbudgeted, and Ms. Ogden listed some options for these funds. She went on to explain what the remainder of the revenue goes towards. Then, Ms. Ogden gave details about the current bonds and when the debt service would be completely paid off.

Mr. Goss asked about possibly putting the surplus towards the principal on the 2014 bonds. Ms. Ogden does not believe they have an opportunity to make an advanced payment. Ms. Fortado mentioned they may need to issue debt for the jail project and the Board may want to seek advice from Raymond James regarding all their options.

Capital Asset Replacement Fund

Ms. Ogden listed many of the projects that have been budgeted in this fund. Ms. Kloeppel stated that several of these projects may be ARPA eligible items.

IMRF

Moody's Credit Rating, in 2019, stated the County's pension burden is above average. In FY2022, they will use levy capacity to make an additional contribution of \$550,000 to Unfunded Liability, Ms. Ogden explained. She also projects the loan from this fund to the Nursing Home Fund will be paid in FY2021.

Social Security

Ms. Ogden stated the FICA rate remains stable, additional expenditures are due to increased wages and the loan from this fund to the Nursing Home Fund is projected to be paid in FY2021.

Tort Immunity

This fund has carried a negative fund balance for many years, but Ms. Ogden is suggesting reallocating the Nursing Home levy to this fund. The Nursing Home will be given credit for money owed to Self-Funded Insurance, but the money will be retained in this fund to remedy the negative fund balance.

Self-Funded Insurance

After explaining the purpose of this fund, Ms. Ogden explained a way to lessen the financial burden on other funds, once this fund is in a healthier position.

Nursing Home

University Rehab (nursing home owner) currently owes the County a refund, but they are withholding that until the HFS Audit is complete. Ms. Ogden stated the HFS Audit currently shows the County owing money in excess of the amount owed from University Rehab, but the process has been slow moving.

Mr. McGuire confirmed with Ms. Ogden that the County is no longer responsible for any residents.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Ms. Ogden reminded everyone that the first disbursement was received in FY2021 and the second installment is budgeted in FY2022. Ms. Kloepfel referred the Board members to the memo in their binder and explained the items listed in the spreadsheet. Ms. Kloepfel asked Ms. Larson to explain the qualifications to fit in the public health emergency category.

V. Adjournment

Ms. Kloepfel adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.