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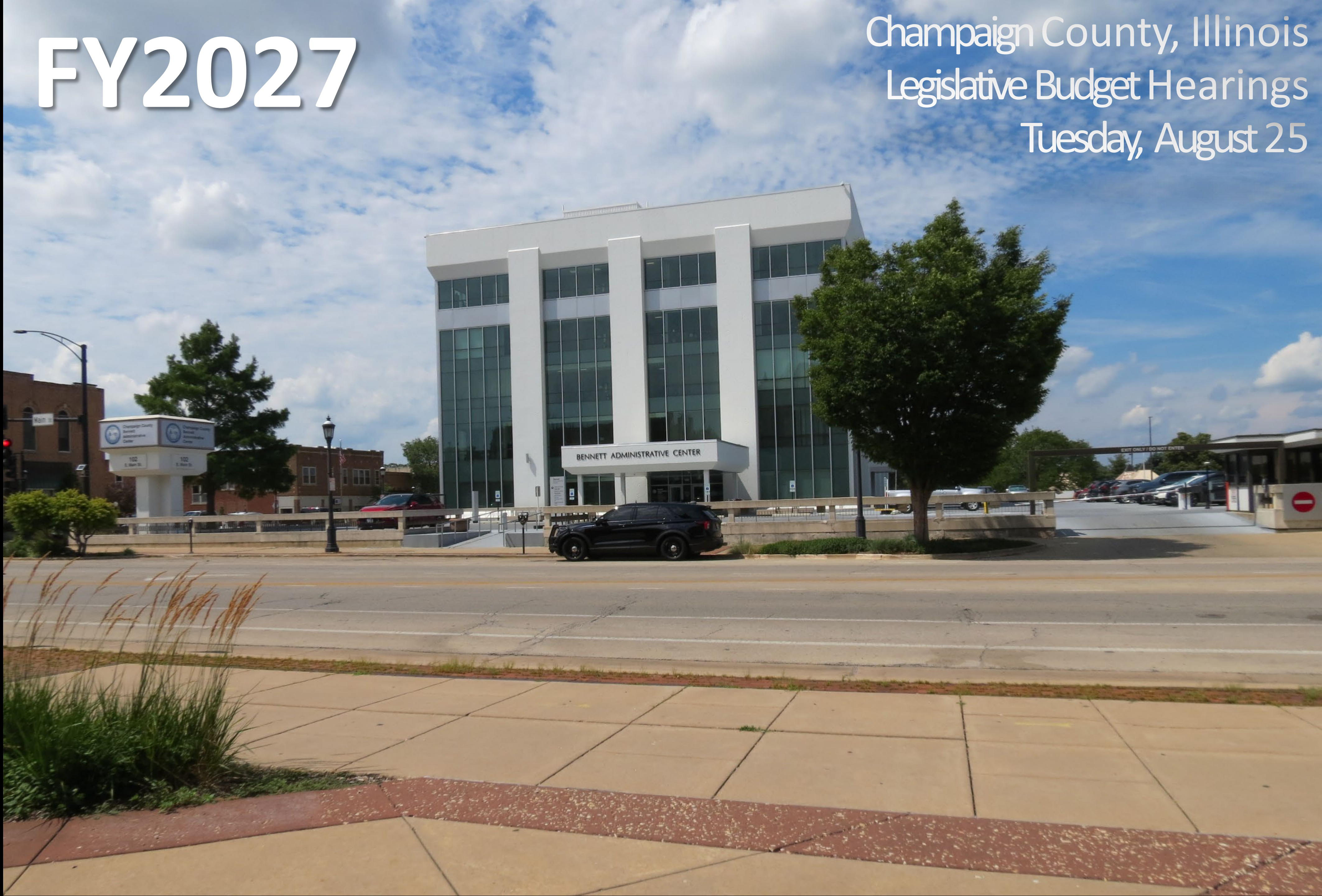

Coroner
Laurie Brauer
FTE 8

Fund 1080	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$16,600	$16,600
Expenditure Total	$828,271	$826,079

HIGHLIGHTS

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Coroner
Laurie Brauer
FTE 0

Fund 2638	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$125,000	$125,000
Expenditure Total	$125,000	$125,000
Fund Balance	$264,411	$264,411

HIGHLIGHTS

- Created full-time Forensic Pathologist and Autopsy Technician positions.
- Renovated and modernized the autopsy room.
- Resumed in-house autopsies, refusing outsourcing costs and supporting regional partner counties.
- Added rapid on-site toxicology testing capable of screening up to 29 drugs in under 30 minutes.
- Replaced one coroner removal vehicle; the second budgeted for replacement in 2027.
- Purchase of three power cots to reduce employee injury risk, I'd like to add an additional 3 power cots.
- Implemented structured, scenario-based medicolegal death-investigator training including online certification course.
- Standardized report writing with new SOP, review checklist, and training scenarios to improve accuracy, consistency, timeliness, and legal defensibility.

Sheriff
Sheriff Dustin Heuerman
FTE 63

Fund 1080-040	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$1,616,152	$1,655,578
Expenditure Total	$7,606,985	$7,568,951

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2% budget reduction based on reducing patrol vehicle & associated equipment costs for FY27.
- Contractual increases for METCAD dispatching and report services.
- No new funding requested for FY27

Sheriff – Correctional Center
Sheriff Dustin Heuerman
FTE 95.5

Fund 1080-140	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$512,000	$558,590
Expenditure Total	$8,844,990	$9,150,279

HIGHLIGHTS

- Temporary budget reduction based on reduced funding for officer uniforms.
- Substantial increase for inmate medical & mental health contract.
- Overtime and hiring continue to be challenging.
- 1 new Court Security Officer position requested due to creating an additional courtroom and needing to meeting legal obligations for courtroom staffing.

Sheriff Merit Commission
Sheriff Dustin Heuerman
FTE 0

Fund 1080-057	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$0	$0
Expenditure Total	$27,160	$26,636

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2% budget reduction by reducing professional services line
- Needed funding is variable based on number of individuals hired within the year.

Drug Forfeitures
Sheriff Dustin Heuerman
FTE 0

Fund 2612	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$22,000	$28,500
Expenditure Total	$76,309	$28,500
Fund Balance	$95,597	$95,597

HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenues and expenditures are regulated by statute.
- It is difficult to predict the number of cases that will be handled where pursuing asset forfeiture is appropriate, and therefore difficult to predict revenues and expenditures.

Cannabis Regulation Fund
Sheriff Dustin Heuerman
FTE 0

Fund 2635	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$55,500	$57,147
Expenditure Total	$57,500	$51,147
Fund Balance	$153,937	$153,937

HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenues come from taxes from the legal sale of cannabis to help combat the illegal sale and consumption of cannabis.
- Expenditures are regulated by statute.

Jail Commissary
Sheriff Dustin Heuerman
FTE 0

Fund 2658	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$113,000	$113,697
Expenditure Total	$457,500	$256,175
Fund Balance	$321,867	$179,389

HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenues and expenditures are regulated by statute.
- Expenditures must help to improve inmate welfare and safety while in custody.
- Budget allows for exploration of new inmate programs in FY27, though those programs are not yet known at this time.

Jail Medical Costs
Sheriff Dustin Heuerman
FTE 0

Fund 2659	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$10,010	$10,010
Expenditure Total	$10,010	$10,010
Fund Balance	$3,184	$3,184

HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenue is collected from court fines.
- Expenditures are regulated by statute.
- Fund is essentially a pass-through fund to contribute towards inmate medical costs paid from the General County Fund.

Emergency Management Agency
Sheriff Dustin Heuerman
FTE 2

Fund 1080-043	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$58,100	$85,050
Expenditure Total	$195,087	$194,393

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2% budget reduction by reducing professional services line

Circuit Clerk
Susan McGrath
FTE 35

Fund 1080-030	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$1,188,000	$416,500
Expenditure Total	$2,018,467	$2,012,019

HIGHLIGHTS

Starting with FY24, the Circuit Clerk's office combined the following revenues and expenses into the General Fund (1080-030): Circuit Clerk Support Enforcement General Fund (1080-130), Child Support Service Special Revenue Fund (2617-030), Circuit Clerk Operation and Administrative Special Revenue Fund (2630-030), and Court Document Storage Special Revenue Fund (2671-030). The Circuit Clerk's Office continues to track revenue and general fund expenses related to the mission of the office.

With the combining of these revenues into the General Fund in FY25, our expectation was that Administrative Services would plan for and schedule the replacement of capital assets, including general office technology, high-capacity scanners, office equipment, possible replacement of the JANO AS/400 server and the separate tape storage systems with new hardware or with cloud-based products. This has not happened. The County was also supposed to set aside funds for court record digitization starting in FY25. However, the County has not adopted a capital asset replacement plan, meaning that we will not have sufficient funds for technology needs for the offices of the Circuit Clerk and the Circuit Court. The County also failed to set aside any funds for court record digitization.

Circuit Clerk
Susan McGrath
FTE 35

HIGHLIGHTS

The Clerk is responsible for the preservation of exhibits and evidence through the end of any appeal of the disposition of a case, which is through the end of the Defendant's sentence, or through the end of any appeal plus prescribed numbers of years in a variety of civil cases. As a result, the evidence storage room in the basement is full to the ceiling with evidence that must be maintained, in addition to voluminous numbers of storage bins of evidence that have spilled over into the file storage area and are stacked up to the ceiling. In the main office, each year we are adding between two and three Bradford carriage walls of stored files and documents. This means we are annually filling up 105 shelves that are 34" wide. The shelves in the Circuit Clerk's office are nearly full. We are going to be working with the Chief Judge on the entry of an administrative order that will create a system for the release of evidence which no longer needs to be maintained. We continue to work with the judiciary to expand the e-filing of documents in criminal cases, but that is up to the Illinois Supreme Court to make any changes in that regard. We requested that this need be addressed for both FY26 and again this year.

Circuit Clerk
Susan McGrath
FTE 35

HIGHLIGHTS

Over the years we have worked hard to be cost effective and eliminate or downgrade non-bargaining positions. There are now only three non-bargaining positions. The Executive gave permission during the FY26 budget discussion to add two new bargaining positions. Those positions, however, were not made part of the organizational chart until this proposed FY27 budget. Because those positions were not included in our organization chart for FY26, we have spent increasing monies for overtime. Overtime has become essential to do the work of appeals, expungements, record requests, filing (electronic, over the counter and by mail), general record maintenance, and reporting. Legislative changes have increased the workload in all of these areas, but these changes have not included funds for the additional work created.

Revenues for what used to be the Circuit Clerk's general and special funds have been impacted by changes in the law and Supreme Court rules. Those changes include:

1. The Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act which took full effect in 2018, and which included a provision that mandating that the Secretary of State no longer be able to suspend driver's licenses for unpaid traffic tickets.
2. The Safe-T Act provisions which eliminated cash bond in criminal felony and misdemeanor cases effective September 18, 2023.

Circuit Clerk
Susan McGrath
FTE 35

HIGHLIGHTS

3. Supreme Court Rule 404 effective September 1, 2023 which was revised to state as follows: "In any case where a defendant is represented by a public defender… the attorney representing that defendant shall file a certification with the court, and that defendant shall be entitled to a waiver of assessments as defined in 725 ILCS 5/ 124A-201(a) without necessity of an Application under this rule." The Public Defender represents approximately 79% of Defendants in felony cases and 82% of Defendants in misdemeanor cases.

In addition, Courts also can waive fees and fines for Defendants not represented by the Public Defender in criminal cases and consider and grant fee waivers filed by litigants in civil cases, only some of which said fee waivers are mandatory. The legislature has not replaced this lost revenue with other sources of income for the Clerk's office.

We have submitted requests for increased expenditure lines for operational supplies, publications, and the outside audit, due to vendor increases, and requested increases for microfilm digitization and a potential JANO contract addendum. We have also requested office painting and office buildout expansion.

Circuit Clerk
Susan McGrath
FTE 35

HIGHLIGHTS

Performance Indicators listed under 1080-030	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 To Date	2026 Projected	2027 Expected
Revenue collected on behalf of the County	1,182,601	1,322,285	1,110,000	1,110,000	1,212,957.02	548,024	1,096,048	1,110,000
Revenue collected on behalf of the State of Illinois	1,301,400	1,135,190	875,000	850,000	1,786,347.55	753,808	1,507,616	1,600,000
Revenue collected on behalf of other entities	1,849,030	1,473,239	1,375,000	1,200,000	675,694.99	479,098	958,196	900,000
Total cases opened	25,380	26,554	27,064	27,500	29,034.00	14,220	28,440	28,000
Total cases involving self-represented litigants	19,984	20,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	14,725	20,000	21,000
Amnesty event for fines and fees	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Replacement of hardware on time	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	30%
Number of Dissolution of Marriage Cases Filed in Champaign County	487	475	950	550	450	114	300	350
Number of Family Cases Filed in Champaign County	377	318	636	450	401	178	377	450
New pieces of evidence taken into custody	6,040	15,060	10,000	12,000	15,460.00	2,730	5,460	7,000
Total cases with evidence in custody of the Clerk	6,556	7,824	8,259	9,400	8,610.00	8,803	10,500	12,000
Number of Appeal filed	171	161	322	700	120	58	116	120
Number of Pretrial Fairness Act Appeals filed	63	70	140	30	10	6	12	15

Circuit Clerk – Support Enforcement
Susan McGrath
FTE 0

Fund 1080-130	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$12,000	$12,000
Expenditure Total	$12,000	$12,000

HIGHLIGHTS

MISSION STATEMENT (Support Enforcement)

The Clerk's Office will work cooperatively with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to provide and collect information regarding child support related orders and accounts.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Effective January 1, 2024, budgeted revenues and expenses are moved to the General Fund (1080-030).

Revenues and Expenditures for this fund are already included in fund 1080-030.

Circuit Clerk – Court Automation
Susan McGrath
FTE 0

Fund 2613-030	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$216,000	$216,000
Expenditure Total	$282,869	$282,869
Fund Balance	$381,332	$304,463

HIGHLIGHTS

The Court Automation Fund is to defray the expense automated record keeping systems in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court and to pay for expenditures related to the operation of the Integrated Champaign County Justice Information System. The system provides access to case information not only to internal Courthouse offices, but to all Courthouse users as well and provides support for electronic filing of case documents and records. All expenditures must be approved by the Presiding Judge of the County as well as the Circuit Clerk. The fund revenue is derived from the Court Automation fee assessed in cases filed with the Clerk's office. Primary expenses generally include annual maintenance costs for JANO, and Microsoft and Adobe software licenses for the Circuit Court and Circuit Clerk. Additionally, Courtroom computers, monitors, and peripherals, judicial office laptops and monitors, as well as the office computers and peripherals for Circuit Court and Circuit Clerk staff are funded from Court Automation. Part of the yearly revenues need to be reserved in the fund balance for capital replacement needs over time so that replacements can begin in FY27. Due to increasing costs for JANO and its associated products, Microsoft, Adobe, and the other maintenance costs, the General Fund will continue to need to absorb increasing costs until the State of Illinois replaces lost revenues.

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Circuit Clerk – Child Support Service
Susan McGrath
FTE 0

Fund 2617-030	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$6,250	$6,250
Expenditure Total	$5,000	$5,000
Fund Balance	$77,848	$79,098

HIGHLIGHTS

The Clerk's office by statute is authorized to charge a $36 annual fee to people paying child support for their maintenance of their records and the processing of their child support orders, including supplying those orders to the State Disbursement Unit. This fund can also be used to assist in the enforcement of child support orders.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Four years ago, the Circuit Clerk resumed annual collection of the $36 fee. Effective January 1, 2024, up to $5,000 each year of budgeted revenues are moved to the General Fund (1080-030) to help offset JANO maintenance costs.

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Circuit Clerk – Operation and Administrative
Susan McGrath
FTE 0

Fund 2630-030	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$575,000	$575,000
Expenditure Total	$575,000	$575,000
Fund Balance	$806,015	$806,015

HIGHLIGHTS

MISSION STATEMENT (Operation and Administrative)

The Circuit Clerk Operation and Administrative Fund is to be used for expenses required to perform duties required by the office to collect and disburse funds to state and local government entities.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Effective January 1, 2024, regularly planned budgeted revenues and expenses are moved to the General Fund (1080-030). However, the County has not added our asset replacements to the County's capital asset replacement fund and our needs are therefore unmet. Therefore, part of the revenues each year need to be reserved in the fund balance for capital replacement needs over time so that replacements can begin in FY27.

Circuit Clerk E-Ticketing Enforcement
Susan McGrath
FTE 0

Fund 2632-030	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$59,000	$59,000
Expenditure Total	$100,000	$50,000
Fund Balance	$167,286	$176,286

HIGHLIGHTS

MISSION STATEMENT (E-Ticketing)

The fee shall be used to defray expenses related to the establishment and maintenance of electronic citations – the process of transmitting traffic, misdemeanor, municipal ordinance, conservation, or other citations and law enforcement data via electronic means to the Circuit Court Clerk.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Circuit Clerk successfully worked with the Sheriff and local law enforcement agencies to identify a vendor for electronic citations, including all software and hardware necessary to implement the system. The two contracts necessary for implementation of the system were successfully negotiated, and we have made our initial payments toward equipment and implementation. All costs necessary to implement and maintain the system will be paid for a five year period.

E-citation rolled out in January 2026.

Circuit Clerk-Court Document Storage
Susan McGrath
FTE 0

Fund 2671-030	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$200,000	$200,000
Expenditure Total	$200,000	$200,000
Fund Balance	$273,820	$273,820

HIGHLIGHTS

MISSION STATEMENT (Document Storage)
This fund was established to defray the cost of establishing and maintaining a document storage system, including the cost of converting paper files to micrographic or electronic storage. Revenues are derived from fees assessed in cases filed with the Clerk's office.
BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS
Effective January 1, 2024, regularly planned budgeted revenues and expenses are moved to the General Fund (1080-030). The County has not added our asset replacements to the County's capital asset replacement fund and our needs are therefore unmet. Therefore, part of the revenues each year need to be reserved in the fund balance for capital replacement needs over time so that replacements can begin in FY27.
We have requested an additional $467,000 for microfilm case record digitization in FY27.

Circuit Court
Judge Rosenbaum
FTE 16

Fund 1080-031	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$0	$0
Expenditure Total	$1,522,553	$1,509,598

HIGHLIGHTS

- Equipment for 12th courtroom purchased with grant funds
- FAIR Act
  - Statewide PD funds no longer available for conflict cases = $30K shortfall for Court in FY27
  - Cost of sanity evaluations will shift to PD 1/1/27
- Cost of Lexis subscription shifting to Law Library Fund in FY27 = 2%+
- Protein for All grant funding received to support families in JA court
- Eviction mediation grant funding not renewed; no alternative source of funds identified yet

Jury Commission
Judge Rosenbaum
FTE 2.5

Fund 1080-032	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$32,600	$32,600
Expenditure Total	$178,941	$176,510

HIGHLIGHTS

- Typically under budget
- PA 104-683: Juror Pay
  - Employers with more than 25 employees must pay jurors their regular wages for days serving jury duty
  - Effective 1/1/2027

Law Library
Judge Rosenbaum
FTE 0.5

Fund 2092	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$83,000	$114,480
Expenditure Total	$84,866	$74,307
Fund Balance	$310,816	$350,989

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fee revenue budgeted at $114,480, up from $83,000, reflecting FY25 collection levels rather than the conservative FY26 estimate.
- Fund assumes the LexisNexis subscription from the Circuit Court General Fund; books and periodicals rise from $21,200 to $40,700.
- Help desk navigator retired April 2026, ending the Land of Lincoln partnership and eliminating the $29,900 professional services line.
- FY27 request: part-time Access to Justice Coordinator to absorb navigator duties and standardize help desk reporting – estimated $58,892 above budgeted expenditures
- JusticeCorps funding confirmed through June 2027; fund balance grows to $350,989.

Specialty Courts
Judge Rosenbaum
FTE 1

Fund 2685	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$17,600	$47,600
Expenditure Total	$89,581	$99,306
Fund Balance	$108,862	$57,156

HIGHLIGHTS

- Total clients served to date in FY26: 92
- Total graduates projected for FY26: 12
- Provided safe housing for 9 clients
- Adult Redeploy Illinois grant funding offsets some costs

LOOKING AHEAD

- Growing Drug Court
- Improving client services (housing, counseling)
- Developing better career and employment integration
- Shifting funding model to ARI grant

Foreclosure Mediation
Judge Rosenbaum
FTE 0

Fund 2093	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$10,250	$15,500
Expenditure Total	$1,000	$1,100
Fund Balance	$81,826	$96,226

HIGHLIGHTS

- Self-funded since 2018 by a $100 fee on each residential foreclosure filing; FY27 revenue budgeted at $15,500.
- Dispute Resolution Institute had coordinated the program under its own grant funding, allowing filing fees to accumulate. However, their loss of grant funding will impact the fund.
- The pre-mediation conference model resolves most cases before an attorney mediator is engaged, effectively eliminating mediator costs.
- FY25 activity: 158 new filings, 44 entering mediation, 107 resolved in pre-mediation, 38 homes retained.

Juvenile Detention Center
Director Shannon Siders
FTE 33

Fund 1080-051	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$1,653,271	$1,826,204
Expenditure Total	$2,190,554	$2,241,941

HIGHLIGHTS

- Salary reimbursement for State FY2026 will include full funding for officers' salaries including increases.

- Contract for resident food increased by 3.7% effective May 1, 2026. Projecting an increase of 5% effective May 1, 2027. JDC population size has increased recently which has also increased expenses.

- Contract for resident medical services were originally scheduled to decrease after change in vendors. We recently switched back to our previous vendor and costs have increased. Anticipating a 3-7% increase in August 2027.

- A 2% cut was made in commodities and services not withstanding the food and medical lines.

Court Services
Director Shannon Siders
FTE 31

Fund 1080-052	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$1,110,105	$1,070,349
Expenditure Total	$2,111,852	$2,111,290

HIGHLIGHTS

- Salary reimbursement for State FY2026 will include full funding for officers' salaries. However, 14 officer salaries are only funded at $1000/month. We will be requesting AOIC convert some of these positions to full reimbursement.

- Majority of expenses are personnel. 2% was cut from commodities & services.

- Requesting one additional Probation Officer position. This would be for an officer dedicated to the Emerging Adult population. Reimbursement will be requested from AOIC.

- Requesting new Office Manager who would provide additional support at our front desk and assist our Supervisor of Administrative Services.

Probation Services Fund
Director Shannon Siders
FTE 0

Fund 2618-051/052	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$341,610	$317,550
Expenditure Total	$489,000	$487,550
Fund Balance	$2,357,473	$2,187,473

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Chief Judge authorizes expenditures from these funds in accordance with Supreme Court guidelines. Funds are used for cognitive treatment groups and supplies, GPS monitoring, interpreter services, scholarships for Partner Abuse Intervention Program classes. This fund is a significant contributor to Drug Court.
- New Probation Services Fee Standards were released by AOIC and the Supreme Court effective February 2025. Funds can be split between client services (70%) and operating expenses (30%). No funds can be spent out of 2618-052 on capital assets, equipment, vehicles, computers.
- This fund has historically been used to offset the General Fund impact of AOIC funding reductions for salary reimbursement on years when the state does not provide full funding.
- Revenues in this fund have decreased since the Criminal Traffic Assessment Act and the SAFE-T Act.

Public Defender
Elisabeth Pollock
FTE 25 – 20 General Fund, 5 Grant-Funded

Fund 1080-036	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$134,449	$134,449
Expenditure Total	$1,953,526	$1,951,736

HIGHLIGHTS

- Performance
  - 25 of 25 positions filled
  - Five employees are currently grant-funded (Paralegal, Two Attorneys, Two Mitigation Specialists) - $250,000 in salary plus benefits
- Budget Requests
  - None
  - BUT – will need funds to pay for sanity evaluations (formerly paid by Circuit Court)
  - Estimated at $50-$60,000 annually

Public Defender
Elisabeth Pollock
FTE 4

Fund 2634	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$325,425	$380,425
Expenditure Total	$298,212	$323,063
Fund Balance	$123,755	$181,117

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Public Defender's Office currently receives several major grants
- ICJIA - $100,000 for expert witnesses – re-applying for FY27
- ARI - $40,000 for drug court attorney salary
- PFJ – $166,800 for mitigation specialist salary, fringe, training, equipment – through FY27
- AOIC - $190,000 for attorney salary, paralegal salary, Westlaw, training, conflict counsel

State's Attorney's Office
Julia R. Rietz
FTE 40.5

Fund 1080-041	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$569,487	$569,487
Expenditure Total	$3,199,836	$3,200,291

Highlights

MISSION STATEMENT

To serve the community's need for public safety and welfare by vigorously and justly prosecuting juvenile and adult criminal offenders in Champaign County; to provide for the welfare of children by adjudicating cases of neglected, dependent, or abused minors; to provide assistance to crime victims by treating them with respect and assisting them to become effective participants in the criminal justice process; to provide offenders with opportunities for rehabilitation in accordance with the principles of balanced and restorative justice; and to serve the citizens' interest in county government by providing access to legal counsel to county departments and initiating and defending actions on behalf of Champaign County government.

State's Attorney's Office
Julia R. Rietz
FTE 40.5

Highlights

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

In FY2027, the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) will continue to work within the financial limits of our budget and rely on the dedication of our staff to continue to provide necessary services to constituents and crime victims. The SAO works to utilize local resources and free and low-cost alternatives for services and training whenever available. The SAO continues to support and promote increased office and interagency efficiency through the use of technology; we are cognizant of the investment Champaign County has made into providing technology to the court system and are committed to fully utilizing all available resources. In FY2027, the SAO intends to apply for grants from State agencies, such as the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, if and when it becomes available.

State's Attorney's Office
Julia R. Rietz
FTE 40.5

Highlights

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

In 2026, we implemented *Prosecutor by Karpel* software for case management. The new software will facilitate collaboration between departments, reduce redundant data entry, and improve case tracking, document management, and reporting capabilities. It should also move us closer to being a paperless environment.

State's Attorney's Office
Julia R. Rietz
Child Support Enforcement
FTE 5

Fund 1080-141	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$337,942	$337,942
Expenditure Total	$433,869	$429,237

Highlights

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide services to custodial parents and guardians and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) through a partnership with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS) in the establishment of paternity, establishment of child support orders, modification of child support, enrollment and enforcement of Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) and administrative support orders, and enforcement of existing child support orders.

State's Attorney's Office
Julia R. Rietz
Drug Asset Forfeiture
FTE 0

Fund 2621	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$25,250	$25,250
Expenditure Total	$35,850	$0
Fund Balance	$118,369	$143,619

Highlights

The Drug Asset Forfeitures Fund has been established in accordance with 720 ILCS 570/505, as amended by Public Act 86-1382, effective September 1990. As the intent of this legislation was to enhance drug enforcement, these funds must increase and not supplant any appropriated operating budget. Any interest earned on these funds also must be used for drug enforcement purposes.

For FY2027, the SAO plans to use forfeitures funds to purchase equipment for staff responsible for drug possession & delivery cases; to pay for staff training; and to update technology in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies.

State's Attorney's Office
Julia R. Rietz
Automation Fund
FTE 0

Fund 2633	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$4,150	$4,150
Expenditure Total	$0	$5,000
Fund Balance	$18,700	$17,850

Highlights

MISSION STATEMENT

The State's Attorney Automation Fund was established in accordance with 55 ILCS 5/4-2002, as amended by Public Act 97-0673 effective June 1, 2012. In keeping with the intent of this legislation, funds deposited into the State's Attorney Automation Fund will be used to discharge the expenses of the State's Attorney for establishing and maintaining automated record keeping systems including but not limited to expenditures for hardware, software, research and development costs, and personnel related thereto.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Expenditures from this fund will be made in accordance with the enabling legislation with a focus on special projects.

Department of Administrative Services – Opioid Settlement Fund
Kaitlyn Kuzio, Grant Coordinator
FTE 0

Fund 2680	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget
Revenue Total	$229,420	$160,000
Expenditure Total	$500,000	$0
Fund Balance	$312,359	$312,359

HIGHLIGHTS

- Received anticipated revenue of $54,436.80 in settlement funding through July 8th in FY2026.
- Total approved abatement expenditures for 2026 as of August 24th: $162,727.86.
  - Funded first responder medical equipment for 12 fire protection districts in Champaign County
- Developed an application process for organizations and departments seeking Opioid Settlement funding.
- Created an internal review process for applications prior to consideration by the Opioid Task Force including State's Attorney's review.
- Transparent and accountable allocation of Opioid Settlement funds and completed quarterly reporting to the State.