

Champaign County Board Democratic Caucus 8/19/2021

Present:

Stephanie Fortado, Leah Taylor, Chris Stohr, Steve Summers, Samantha Carter, Jenny Lokshin, Jen Straub, Mary King, Kyle Patterson, Lorraine Cowart

5:48 Taylor calls meeting to order. Stohr moves agenda, Summers seconds, unanimously approved

5:49: Public Comment: Darlene Kloeppe discusses concerns about appointing Wayne Williams to the vacancy on the board. Fortado says the caucus will only support the central committee's choice.

5:56: ELUC: King explains septic issues with zoning case. Fortado explains that an agenda item is to create a training facility.

6:00 Finance: Fortado explains CCSO camera item.

6:02: Patterson explains former County Nursing Home lawsuit from litigation committee. Fortado explains budget transfer into liability insurance to cover nursing home lawsuits.

6:05: Fortado explains CCSO corrections bonuses, coroner transfer for staffing issues, coroner's request for 2 additional staff members, public defender wanting 3 more attorneys, both would go through budget process.

6:18: Fortado explains new online tax revenue and the new "level the playing field" tax law and additional revenue from them. Discusses taking several Sheriff employees off of the Public Safety Sales Tax revenue, which would free up \$900,000 that could be used to house inmates out of county. Fortado would like to fund a social worker in public defender's office.

6:21: Carter believes the Sheriff asking for \$10 million in ARPA for jail is too much.

6:22: Summers discusses the potential of GOP support for spending 10% of ARPA funds on community violence.

6:26: Taylor Adjourn