

## DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS County Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – 5:45 p.m.  
Meeting Room 3, Admin Services Wing  
Brookens Administrative Center  
1776 E. Washington St.  
Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Vanichtheeranont, Fortado, Ingram, Carter, Locke, Straub, Hannauer-Friedman, Patterson, Lokshin, Taylor, Stohr, Rogers

Attending: Michelle Jett, Angie Patton, Dustin Heuermann, Aaron Ammons

1. Call to Order – 5:53pm
2. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Moved by Straub, Seconded by Locke, unanimously approved
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Moved by Hannauer-Friedman, Seconded by Patterson, unanimously approved
4. Public Participation - none
5. Announcements/Communications
6. Finance
  - a. Fortado supports a study session and/or ad-hoc committee to address Gallagher study. Also wants to address mid-year raises within departments and changes to org chart so we don't take unexpected budget hits.
  - b. Fortado supports finance position as well, with a reminder that there is no backup for Tami.
  - c. Fortado reminds the board that we do a lot of budget clean-up in January and February, and the budget amendment for treasurer's fees recorded in FY17 and FY18 is part of that clean-up. This will remove a liability on our books.
  - d. Treasurer's reports stop at July, which hinders our ability to understand our revenue.
7. Policy, Personnel & Appointments
  - a. Stohr requested to move public defender's agenda item forward so that she could leave to coach a team.
  - b. Stohr spoke to approval to create a special finance position. The finance specialist position existed until 2018.
  - c. Stohr spoke to Gerald Kellems resume for animal control administrator.
  - d. Stohr spoke to appointments for Rural Transit Advisory Group
  - e. Stohr spoke to hiring practices and Gallagher Group study. Can the county support a dedicated HR person?
8. Justice and Social Services
  - a. Taylor is looking to have Misty Bell speak at an upcoming COW.
9. Other Business

- a. Clerk Ammons spoke about rental housing support, implemented in 2005. \$10 charge on items in recorders office, only \$1 is kept by county. Rest goes to grand fund, most of that grant money goes to Chicago area.
  - b. Sherriff spoke about the agenda item approving funds, because Aramark raised costs significantly.
  - c. Auditor spoke at agenda setting meeting to let the board know that Orion is leaving office, so there will likely be a delay to this year's audit. He recommends a raise for the elected officials who did not receive raises in last year's budget process, including Auditor.
10. Next Caucus Meeting – February 23 @ 5:45pm
11. Adjournment- 6:25pm