

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS County Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 20th – 5:45 p.m.
Putman Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Lokshin, Taylor, Vanichtheeranont, Carter, Ingram, Fortado, Rodriguez, Patterson, Thorsland, Locke, Rogers, Stohr, Cowart, Peugh

1. Call to Order – 5:47 pm
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Moved by Locke, Seconded by Ingram, unanimously approved
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Moved by Carter, Seconded by Thorsland, unanimously approved
4. Public Participation – Lisa Tweedy present, lemon cake is “great”
5. Announcements/Communications
 - a. Patterson spoke to Nursing Home announcement/situation, there is a litigation committee meeting on May 3rd. Outside counsel (possibly those who put together the sale contract) will be present and will discuss next steps. Refer any media questions to Kyle or Steve Summers.
 - b. Peugh mentioned residential electronics collection on May 20th.
 - c. Fortado mentioned Workers Memorial Day ceremony is this Friday, at the wall at Dodds Park in Parkland. Dedicated to workers who died on the job or because of their job.
 - d. Rodriguez said BD is going to present a series of demands in writing about conditions at the jail.
 - e. Thorsland won't be at CB or COW next month, but wanted to mention ELUC has a case coming up next month about solar near Homer. This would be overturning what ZBA recommended, so a super majority would be needed.
6. Review and Discussion of Full Board Agenda
 - a. Finance
 - i. Fortado spoke to treasurer about the defaulted mobile home item on the agenda. It will be held until the title is found, the issue was due to a missing title on the property.
 - ii. New business, authorizing payment of claims: Mental Health Board funds are part of the agenda
 - b. Proclamations for police week, correction officer week – can we note gendered language for future proclamations?
 - c. Program on XIII D is moving from U of Illinois to RPC, this is money to transition the program from the University to RPC.

- d. ARPA updates, any requests? Amending the land bank agreement, IGA needed because they are a governmental agency.
 - e. Sheriff Dustin has a request because he had funding for a mobile command post but the radios they have won't communicate with that updated post.
 - f. Apparently former executive promised the Champaign Park District funding to match anything we gave UPD. This is where Skelton Park transformation comes in. Park District will maintain but would like money (in Visit Champaign County memo).
 - g. Garden Hills proposal, funding may be available through funds earmarked for water issues because that is pretty well covered by the city at this point and more money won't make the project happen faster.
 - h. Illinois Broadband Lab: Thorsland filled us in on the listening session about broadband discrepancies in the state of Illinois. The group is figuring out what we need to access federal funds. Biggest problems will be sign-ups, easement access and (according to Eric's conversation with Sen. Faraci) and people who fight us on that access. This is a public utility and we have the right to put it through. Eric talks about rural electrification, and how that is a good blueprint for how to get broadband across the county.
 - i. A reminder that there will be closed session minutes to review in tonight's meeting.
7. Next Caucus Meeting – May 18 @ 5:45pm in Putman Meeting Room
 8. Adjournment- 6:23pm