

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – 5:45 p.m.
Jennifer Putman Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Straub, Lokshin, Rogers, Hanaur-Friedman, Vanichtherrnot, Fortado, Locke, Taylor, Stohr, Rodriguez, Peaugh

1. **Call to Order:** 5:52 pm
2. **Approval of the Agenda–**
 - a. Moved by Thorsland, second Locke, unanimous approval.
3. **Approval of the Minutes from September 12, 2023.**
 - a. Moved by Patterson, second Ingram unanimous approval
4. **Public Participation–**
 - a. ZBA appointments are controversial.
5. **Announcements/Communications–**
 - a. Taylor reminds us that next Tuesday is our Full Board meeting. We have a very important vote with the wind farm and we will need all votes.
6. **Review and Discussion of the Committee of the Whole Agenda**
 - a. **Finance– Fortado**
 - i. **(VII. A. 1) JAG Grant is routine**
 - ii. **(VII. !. 2) Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Adult Redeploy Illinois Grant** – disbursement of this grant has been slow, so this is moving money to get specialty courts funded until it comes in.
 - iii. **(VII. A. 3) CCMHB–** appropriating money after audits.
 - iv. **(VII.A.4) Circuit Court Professional Services–** unpaid bills \$50K
 - v. **(VII.A.5) Election Accessibility** – Clerk budgeted for temp. staff and software services. Staff was covered with Clerk’s budget, and wants to move money out of staff and pay for more software.
 - vi. **(VII.B.2-9, 10-25, 26-34) Mobile Home Certs. Of Purchase, Mobile Home Tax Sale, Deed of Conveyance**
 - vii. **(VII.D.1) Insurance Policies–** One premium went down in price.
 - viii. **(VII.D.2) Annual Tax Levy Ordinance** – Routine
 1. Discussion item.

b. Justice and Social Services–

1. **None.**

c. Policy Personnel & Appointments– Stohr

- ix. **(IX.A.2. b-c) Reappointments**
- x. **(IX.A.d-f) Replacing Incumbents on ZBA–** These positions are being replaced because incumbents voted against compliance with state law, putting Champaign County at risk of litigation.
- xi. **(IX.3.a-c) Creation of Three Positions–**funding already approved in next year's budget.

d. Other Business- none

6. **Next Caucus Meeting:** Thursday, November 21, 2023, 5:45 pm

7. **Adjournment** 6:22 pm