

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
County Board
Thursday, 02/22/2024 – 5:45 p.m.
Jennifer Putman Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Carter, Locke, Lokshin, Peugh, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Greer, Owen, Hanauer-Friedmann, Stohr, Straub, Rogers, Cowart (6:08), Rodriguez (6:12)

Absent: Fortado

1. **Call to Order:** 5:47 pm

2. **Approval of the Agenda–**

- a. Moved by Locke, second by Lokshin
unanimous approval.

3. **Approval of the Minutes from January 18, 2024 and February 10, 2024.**

- a. Moved by Thorsland, second by Hanauer-Friedman
unanimous approval

4. **Public Participation–**

- a. Executive Summers: Mike Davis \$245,928 check cut for CILBA to help cover roof and additional administrative costs. CILBA has four projects that were started last fall and one has been completed. Davis drastically reduced his board size, has minimal documentation with financials, and no budget. Steve has concerns regarding unfinished projects. He suggests we pause on his funding and do some reallocating.

5. **Announcements/Communications–**

- a. Taylor– Special meeting Tuesday for the nursing home, and we are electing board chair and vice chair tonight.

6. **Review and Discussion of the Full Board Agenda**

- a. **Standing Committees**

- i. ELUC– Bondville– protested due to the map amendment, so we need 17 votes to pass. Our caucus has 16. We need some republicans and are hoping the Republicans come to bat for this.
- ii. “The Rooster Ordinance”- only within 1000 ft of a home rule municipality. Need 12 votes with a roll call.

b. New Business

- i. Opposing Proposed Changes to USPS in Champaign County– calling on them to hold a public forum.
 - ii. Budget Amendment – SA Office is getting rid of an unreliable vehicle and this will free up funds to buy a new used vehicle. This is a vehicle that was driven by the dealership and they are holding it for us. Simple majority vote.
- c. Other Business
- i. American Rescue Plan Act– lets’ move to put this after approval of minutes– A and B

6. Next Caucus Meeting: March 12, 2024 @5:45pm

7. Adjournment 6:27 pm