

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS  
Full Board Meeting  
Thursday, 09/21/2023 – 5:45 p.m.  
Jennifer Putman Meeting Room  
Brookens Administrative Center  
1776 E. Washington St.  
Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Carter, Hanauer-Friedman, Ingram, Locke, Lokshin, Patterson, Peugh, Rodriguez, Rogers, Straub, Taylor, Thorsland, Fortado

1. **Call to Order:** 5:50 pm

2. **Approval of the Agenda–**

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

3. **Approval of the Minutes from August 24, 2023.**

- a. Moved by Thorsland, second Ingram,  
unanimous approval

4. **Public Participation–**

- a. None present

5. **Announcements/Communications–**

- a. Member Peugh announced that Pride Fest starts this Saturday, and the parade will take place at 2:30pm in Urbana next weekend. There is still a glitter ban in effect.
- b. Member Lokshin announced that we are in the midst of the Jewish high holy days, so wish your Jewish friends a meaningful fast.

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

- a. (X) We will have a presentation on the Mahomet Aquifer mapping project.
- b. (XIII A) There will be a vote on the \$3 fee for notary services at the Clerk's office. We're split on the decision. Member Ingram would like to know if we can postpone and ask if it is possible to offer a fee waiver for those who request it. Member Fortado thinks that it's not worth the time of the staff to make decisions about waiving, and doesn't think we'll make enough money from the fee to make a significant impact. Other members asked questions about how many documents are typically notarized, and how many people may be affected. Member Taylor suggested that constituents are already paying via taxes to have a notary available, so we are double dipping by charging cash on site. Several board members would like this to be postponed to the October full

board meeting to see if the Clerk and Recorder's office can suggest another plan to protect those less able to pay.

- c. (XIV A) Payment of claims is due to a non-itemized receipt, which makes it impossible to prove whether tax was paid. This makes it tough to do accurate paperwork.
- d. (XIV C) There are no issues with the AFSCME agreement.
- e. (XIV D) Chair Patterson indicated that Member Farney will be appointed to these vacancies.
- f. (XV B) Property Tax Levy Projections - information only, we have to say where we're putting the money. It's based on what funds need money, normally the Finance Director (Tami) would handle.
- g. (XV D) Budget talks are discussion only. Finance Chair Fortado won't require everyone to speak this time, but recommends that anyone who wants to advocate for any spending do so today.
- h. (XV E) Update of Cunningham Township IGA is because they are for a governmental agency. Cunningham Township got a grant for purchasing housing, and would like to shift ARPA grant dollars to upgrades/rehab of housing. There needs to be indication in the agreement that board members employed by the Township office will not receive any salary dollars from the ARPA funding.
- i. (XV E) We need to either decide or remove the items from the agenda to purchase the County Clerk truck or Animal Control spay/neuter program. The Circuit Clerk's request has already been moved to the 2024 ARPA requests.
- j. Update on jail phone call RFP, that is not done until October. We had a discussion about biodata, and other factors brought up in discussions about the RFP.

**6. Next Caucus Meeting:** October 10, 2023

**7. Adjournment** 6:29 pm