

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS  
Full Board Meeting  
Thursday, 3/21/24 – 5:45 p.m.  
Jennifer Putman Meeting Room  
Brookens Administrative Center  
1776 E. Washington St.  
Urbana, IL 61801

**Present:** Fortado, Lokshin, Straub, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Greer, Stohr, Hanauer-Friedman, Taylor, Owen, Peugh (5:49), Cowart (6:02), Carter (6:02)

**Absent:** Locke, Rodriguez, Rogers

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

2. **Approval of the Agenda–**

a. Moved by Lokshin second Thorsland,  
unanimous approval.

3. **Approval of the Minutes from December February 22, 2023.**

a. Moved by Owen, second Vanichtheeranont  
unanimous approval

4. **Public Participation–**

a. none

5. **Announcements/Communications–**

a. Member Stohr asked about lifting the restriction on the county nursing home property. It has not yet been voted on.

b. Member Hanauer-Friedman shared that she and several board members are working with Ms. Jett on a grant to get funding for safe firearm storage.

c. Member Taylor reminded us that we got an email about eclipse sunglasses being handed out to staff members on April 5. The eclipse is on April 8.

d. Member Fortado explained that the director of VAC asked the VAC board to give him a promotion and hire another person to fill his current position and also to raise taxes on the agenda tonight– which is not how agendas work.

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

a. (XIII. A.) Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-64 Authorizing Payment of Claims  
i. reasonable and normal

b. (XIII. B.) Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-65 Approving Purchases Not Following Purchasing Policy

i. Travel isn't on here, but may be on next month's agenda

- c. (XIII. C.) Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-66 Authorizing the Champaign County Engineer to Enter into Contracts Including Joint Participation Agreements with the State of Illinois
  - i. State is requiring these to purchase salt.
- d. (XIII. D. 1.) Regional Planning Commission– Emergency Rental Assistance Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-67 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, Champaign County, Illinois, and Housing Authority of Champaign County
  - i. This is right off of Main St.
  - ii. This is for the purchase and renovation of this property.
- e. (XIII. D. 2.) RPC– Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-68 Approving Budget Amendment BUA Fund 2075 Regional Planning Commission / Dept Regional Planning Commission Increased Appropriations: \$700,000 Increased Revenue: \$0 Reason: The RPC wished to enter into an agreement with the Housing Authority to purchase a property that is suitable for very low-income individuals who were formerly homeless.
- f. (XIII. E.) Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-69 Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement to Participate in a Minimum Guarantee Fund for the University of Illinois – Willard Airport
  - i. Actual moving of the money.
- g. (XIV. A. 1.) American Rescue Plan Act – Update from the ARPA Project Manager
  - i. Let’s move ARPA stuff to the beginning of the agenda. It has to be an amendment every time per board rules.
- h. (XIV. A. 2.) Asylum Seeker Emergency Fund (discussion only – to be distributed)
  - i. \$25K request for ARPA in the event that asylum seekers on the way to Chicago get dropped off here along the way.
    - 1. These are reimbursement based and the money would have to be quickly reallocated afterward.
- i. (XIV. A. 3.) New County Seal (discussion only)
  - i. Michelle has color photos.
- j. (XIV. B.) Decennial Committee Reports to the County Board

**6. Next Caucus Meeting:** April 9, 2024

**7. Adjournment** 6:10 pm