

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS  
Committee of the Whole  
Tuesday, 05/14/2024 – 5:45 p.m.  
Jennifer Putman Meeting Room  
Brookens Administrative Center  
1776 E. Washington St.  
Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Greer, Hanauer-Friedman, Locke, Lokshin, Owen, Stohr, Straub, Taylor, Thorsland, Fortado, Rodriguez

Tardy: Peugh (5:49), Rogers (5:55)

Absent: Cowart, Fortado, Vanichtheeranont

1. **Call to Order:** 5:45 pm

2. **Approval of the Agenda–**

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

3. **Approval of the Minutes from April 9, 2024.**

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

4. **Public Participation–**

- a. None

5. **Announcements/Communications–**

- a. Lokshin visited the Coroner's Office with Owen and Locke and highly recommended it.
- b. Thorsland had a department head ask for concise meetings.
- c. Stohr-
  - i. IL Junior Academy of Sciences is returning to town May, 2025 after years away and will be a boon for tourism in our County.
  - ii. He also doesn't want to discuss a seal, but a logo for the county.
  - iii. Visited drug court and is very impressed and proud of the work they do and the county board's part in that. Wants mental health court and

- worries about funding.
- iv. There are contaminants in the environment– over 15k polymers (Teflon, Scotchgard, etc). 98% of the population has measurable amounts.
- v. Hydraulic Engineers Meeting– Joliet, IL has nearly depleted their aquifer. It will be depleted in 2030. It will cost \$750 billion to drive a pipeline to Lake Michigan.

## 6. Review and Discussion of the COW Agenda

### a. Finance–

- i. (IX. A. 1.) Sheriff grant for training
- ii. (IX. A. 2.) Grant for EMA
- iii. (IX. A. 3.) Grant for Firearm storage
- iv. (IX. B. 1.) RPC Needs money for helping folks with summer utility bills
- v. (IX. C. 1.) Auditor wants a raise. We can do
  - 1. Nothing
  - 2. Revise the current resolution
  - 3. Revise the suggested resolution to make it legal
    - a. We will have to do something by the end of the month.
    - b. You can only set these every 4 years.
- vi. (IX.D.1) IGA to oppose water rate increase
- vii. (IX.D.2) Supporting HB4512
- viii. (IX. D. 3.) Financial Policies
- ix. (IX.D.4.) Resolution establishing budget process for FY 2025
- x. (IX. E. 1.) Approving Member Peugh going to NACo Conference
- xi. (IX. F. 1.) The Public Defender needs more revenue for more staffing.
- xii. (IX. G. 1.) Member Fortado explains fund balances and bonds

## 7. Policy Personnel and Appointments

- a. Lots of reappointments
- b. (VIII. A. 2. g.) Chair Carter is being appointed to the Region 8 Human Service Transportation Plan Policy Committee
- c. IT needs raises

## 8. Justice and Social Services

- a. Presentation of Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless
- b. Veterans; Assistance Commission Annual Update

9. Other Business:

- a. The Labor Committee has an approved draft of the Censure of Auditor Danos that they will vote on this month.
  - i. This could be voted on by the full board next month.
- b. Kate, the new grant coordinator, will be here tonight.
- c. FF will be here at the full board to present
- d. Farm Board, Vision to Succeed, and Dream will present next month.

6. **Next Caucus Meeting:** May 23, 2024 @5:45pm

7. **Adjournment** 6:25 pm