

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, 08/13/2024 – 5:45 p.m.
Jennifer Putman Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Carter, Cowart, Greer, Hanauer-Friedmann **(5:50)**, Locke, Lokshin, Peugh, Rodriguez **(5:52)**, Stohr, Straub, Taylor, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont

Absent: Fortado, Owen, Rogers

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

2. **Approval of the Agenda–**

a. Moved by Vanichtheeranont, second by Lokshin
unanimous approval.

3. **Approval of the Minutes from June 11, 2024.**

a. Moved by Thorsland, second by Locke
unanimous approval

4. **Public Participation–**

a. None

5. **Announcements/Communications–**

- a. Member Stohr will leave the meeting early to speak about the Mahomet Aquifer in Springfield with fellow electeds.
- b. Chair Carter– Announced that her tail light was cracked during last month's County Board meeting. Member Straub asked for clarification if she was accusing the members of the caucus of vandalizing her car. Carter said she didn't know. She noticed the damage Saturday, after a Thursday meeting
- c. Vice-Chair Locke– Reentry Resource Fair is 8/29 from 1-4 on the 4th floor of the Illinois Terminal
- d. Member Hanauer-Friedmann– got the safe firearms storage grant and hired someone.
- e. Member Taylor– It is fine to be angry about what other departments are doing,

but it is not fine to threaten budgets.

6. Review and Discussion of the COW Agenda

a. Finance–

- i. (VIII. A. 1.) Statutory Fees for Coroner – we are moving money over to fund a new vehicle
- ii. (VIII. B.1.) Monthly and Second Quarter Reports
- iii. (VIII. C. 2.) Amending Schedule of Authorized Positions in the Treasurer’s Office
 1. The office has been understaffed for years. Staff has to stay long after office hours. There are many year’s of corrections (like drainage districts). CJ wants us to be able to focus on the strategic vision rather than the day-to-day.
- iv. (IX. A.1.a & b.) Employee Recognition
 1. We want to move this permanently to earlier in the meeting.
- v. (IX. A. 3. a-s.) So many appointments
- vi. (VII.) Justice and Social Services has three presentations
 1. Coroner
 2. County Clerk
 3. Sheriff
- vii. (IX. B. 1.) County Clerk Reports
- viii. (IX. C. 1. a) County Board Rules and Policies– changing the order of business
- ix. (IX. D. 1.) ROE Superintendent Retiring

6. Next Caucus Meeting: August 22, 2024 @5:45pm

7. Adjournment 6:05 pm