

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
Full Board Meeting
Thursday, 08/22/24 – 5:45 p.m.
Jennifer Putman Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Carter (5:47), Cowart (6:05), Fortado, Greer (5:46), Hanauer-Friedman (6:25), Locke, Lokshin, Peugh, Rodriguez (5:48), Rogers (5:49), Stohr, Straub, Taylor, Vanichtheeranont (5:53)

Absent: Owen, Thorsland

1. **Call to Order:** 5:46 pm

2. **Approval of the Agenda–**

- a. Moved by Locke second Lokshin
unanimous approval.

3. **Approval of the Minutes from July 18, 2024.**

- a. Moved by Greer, second Locke

- 1. Member Stohr said he's been asked to offer an amendment to the minutes that Member Peugh wrote.

- a. Chair Carter stated that she was very disappointed. Discussed that she questioned Member Rodriguez's residency not citizenship. It was clarified that we were talking about caucus minutes, not board minutes.
 - b. Caucus Chair Taylor said she didn't see any substantive changes.
 - c. Vice Chair Locke suggested that the amendment simply add, "doesn't want option A at this time."
 - d. Member Lokshin said she is looking at the suggested amendment asking for improved communication given the previous actions of other board members.
 - e. Member Rodriguez asked if there was any apology in any of the proposed changes.
 - f. Member Rogers doesn't want the notes to say that Chair Carter spoke in the third person. That the tone was personal and petty.
 - g. Member Peugh said there were tones and insinuations.
 - h. Chair Carter said she has no one on her Facebook page because she is simply making people aware of what's happening in the community and didn't like the tone of the minutes.
 - i. Member Peugh asked what Executive Summers thought of his

amendment. Member Straub pointed out that Executive Summers has no say in this.

- j. Member Fortado said she couldn't care less and would also like to get to substantive issues.

2. Amended minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Public Participation–

- a. None

5. Announcements/Communications–

- a. Member Stohr is very concerned about CO2 sequestration. It is a controversial matter. There is a zoning ordinance regarding this that will go to ZBA on September 5, 2024. There is already movement on an informational campaign regarding this issue. This would be in opposition to SB 1289. This is being pushed by oil companies with great financial incentives surrounding it.
- b. Vice-Chair Locke may need to leave early but asks that we please vote yes on the Opioid Task Force Settlement Resolution.
- c. Member Fortado points out that the Auditor's report that was published had a \$1.6 million error. She is concerned that it wasn't even read by the auditor before it was published. It is concerning that \$1.6 million was overreported while that office is claiming we don't need additional revenue.
- d. Member Stohr will be absent for the next three meetings.
- e. Chair Carter offered hugs to everyone in the caucus. No one accepted said offer at the time of this writing..
- f. Chair Taylor offered that AFL CIO agreed to support PSST and City of Champaign Township taxes and have offered to fund some of the education on those ballot measures.

6. Review and Discussion of the Full Board Agenda

- a. (XI. A.) Presentation from Experience Champaign Urbana- Good information on resources coming in.
- b. (XII. C. 1.) HWY– Letter of Intent for terms of replacing the bridge over 74 in St. Joseph TWP.-- Jeff Blue will be here to speak on this.
- c. (XIII. A. 1.) Est. of Organization Duties, Rules, Policies, and Procedures of the Champaign County Board - The order of the meeting was changed to put Employee Recognition at the beginning of the full board meetings.
- d. (XIII. A. 2.) Amending the Schedule of Authorized Positions in the Treasurer's Office–
 - i. Treasurer Johnson has been needing this position for three years. It's needed more immediately because reconciliations are not being done and haven't been since January since the Auditor is now short staffed.

Right now these are being done on spreadsheets instead of in Munis like they should be.

- e. (XII. B. 1.) Budget Amendment to add Additional Clerk in the Treasurer's Office
 - i. See above– Member Fortado says this should be one of only two new positions in the budget for the next cycle
- f. (XIV. B.) Purchases not Following Purchasing Policy
 - i. More 2023 expenditures coming to us in 2024 than usual. We have asked the Auditor to add onto the accounts receivable when the PO is, but that hasn't solved it. It is suggested that we make a policy change.
 - ii. The \$13K item is for body cam footage storage. This should have happened earlier, and it mistakenly didn't.
- g. (XIV. C.) Approving Grant Money for Redeploy IL Grant
 - i. This is an annual event–the first step to expanding drug court
- h. (XIV. D.) IGA with UIUC for C-Carts
 - i. This costs the county nothing
- i. (XIV. E.) Approving Contract Amendment with builders for County Plaza
 - i. Simple change order
- j. (XIV. F.) Approving Contract Amendment with the builders for County Jail
 - i. Simple change order
 - ii. This should help with communications and technology in the jail
- k. (XIV. G.) Awarding Contract for Courthouse BoilerProject
 - i. Bid was just awarded, it had to go out to bid twice because it didn't have enough bids the first time.
- l. (XV. A. 1.) Awarding Opioid Settlement Money to CU at Home
 - i. For the purchase, renovation, and opening of a mid-barrier campus
- m. (XV. B.) ARPA
 - i. Broadband– Nextlink didn't get their grant and are no longer part of this effort. This is all Volo now. Pavlov has offered to join in the effort if there's not enough manpower.
 - ii. \$161K for software and \$18K for staff implementation of Munis program– We need the functions to do collections and drainage, they are currently on the AS400.

7. Next Caucus Meeting: September 10, 2024

8. Adjournment 6: 25 pm