

# JURY COMMISSION

## Fund 080-032



Jury Commission positions: 2.17 FTE

The positions and duties of the jury commissioners are statutorily defined in the Jury Commission Act (705 ILCS 310/).

### MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Jury Commission is to carry out the constitutional and statutory responsibilities vested in the Jury Commission.*

### BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The only costs associated with this budget are for personnel. Changes from one year to the next are primarily driven by the terms of the Circuit Court AFSCME collective bargaining agreement.

Starting in 2018, the Circuit Clerk is moving all Jury related expenses from General Revenue (080-030) to the Jury Commission (080-032). We believe that this will better align the purchases with the goals set forth by the Champaign County Auditor and the external Auditors. These expenses include the printing of summons, questionnaire postcards, parking passes, juror badges, and all meal items for the jurors.

### FINANCIAL

Fund 080 Dept 032			2016 Actual	2017 Original	2017 Projected	2018 Budget
511	2	APPOINTED OFFICIAL SALARY	\$4,340	\$4,341	\$4,341	\$4,341
511	4	REG. PART-TIME EMPLOYEES	\$28,473	\$26,065	\$26,065	\$26,687
511	5	TEMP. SALARIES & WAGES	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
		PERSONNEL	\$32,813	\$32,406	\$30,406	\$33,028
522	1	STATIONERY & PRINTING	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,000

Fund 080 Dept 032			2016	2017	2017	2018
			Actual	Original	Projected	Budget
522	2	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
		COMMODITIES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000
533	7	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500
533	29	COMPUTER/INF TCH SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75
533	42	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,500
533	62	JUROR MEALS	\$466	\$1,000	\$850	\$1,000
533	84	BUSINESS MEALS/EXPENSES	\$53	\$0	\$150	\$150
		SERVICES	\$519	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$11,225
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTALS</b>			<b>\$33,332</b>	<b>\$33,406</b>	<b>\$31,406</b>	<b>\$52,253</b>

***EXPENSE PER CAPITA and FULL TIME EMPLOYEE HISTORY*** information is included in the General Corporate Fund Budget Summary.

### ***DESCRIPTION***

The Champaign County Jury Commission and jury personnel are responsible for the summoning of jurors for trial, reviewing requests for excusal or deferment, and providing orientation and guidance during jurors' service. The jury commission is comprised of three members appointed by the Circuit Judges for three year terms. The Courts and the Circuit Clerk work together to provide optimal juror pools for trials in Champaign County. With the advent of our new jury system, which allows for jurors to complete questionnaires via web, phone, or text, we have significantly increased initial juror response rate. This transition is also saving the County an average of \$6,000 annually in postage expenses. The new juror reporting notification program continues to be very popular with jurors, and the positive feedback we are receiving indicates that we have made great strides in improving the overall juror experience. The 2015 legislation increasing juror pay was found unconstitutional by the Illinois Supreme Court, so our juror pay expenditures have reverted back to pre-2015 numbers. The Circuit Court reduced the number of jury weeks for 2017 and has continued this practice for 2018, which allows for more efficient use of the qualified juror pool.

### ***OBJECTIVES***

1. To provide a sufficient number of jurors for trials in the Champaign County Circuit Court
2. To ensure that jurors receive thorough information and support during their jury service
3. To provide a jury pool that is a representative cross-section of the community
4. To provide an understanding forum for individuals to request excusal or deferment of their jury service

### ***ALIGNMENT to STRATEGIC PLAN***

*County Board Goal 1 – Champaign County is committed to being a high performing, open and transparent local government organization*

- The members of the jury commission and the jury personnel are working to make the juror processes easier to navigate through upgrades to the current jury system.

**PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>FY2016 Actual</b>	<b>FY2017 Projected</b>	<b>FY2018 Budgeted</b>
Number of questionnaires sent	20,748	20,000	20,000
Number of unreturned questionnaires	16,108	7,680	5,000
Number of jury trials	69	71	70
Number of jurors summoned	6750	9,950	8,000
Number of jurors excused	900	1,104	1,000
Number of jurors deferred	1,141	2,044	1,500