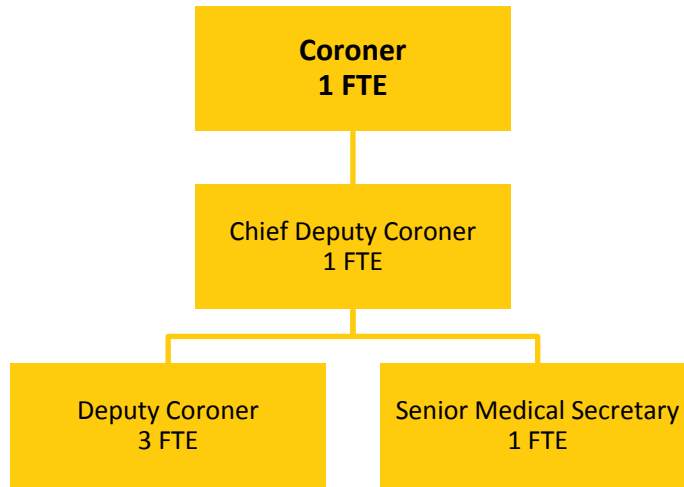


**CORONER**  
**Fund 080-042**



The position and duties of the Coroner are statutorily defined in the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/3-3).

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*To investigate the cause and manner of death of anyone who falls under the jurisdiction of the Coroner as prescribed by law. The Coroner’s Office sustains teamwork in medico-legal death investigations, delivered with compassion and respect, for the health and well-being of the people of Champaign County.*

**BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The Coroner’s Office has experienced a continual increase in the number of deaths resulting from illicit and/or synthetic drug overdoses in the first half of fiscal year 2017. New synthetic drugs are being manufactured and mixed with other illicit drugs in alarming frequency. This has resulted in substantial increases in costs for laboratory testing and places additional strain on the coroner’s budget. As of June 30, 2017, the Champaign County Coroner has investigated 22 deaths resulting from drug overdoses compared to a total of 26 deaths resulting from drug overdose for the entire fiscal year 2016.

Revenue from statutory fees and morgue use fees is projected to be lower than fiscal year 2016. This is believed to be due to multiple factors including, a decrease in the number of autopsies being performed for other counties, less requests by attorneys, insurance companies, and/or families for copies of reports, and less need for other services provided by the coroner to entities such as the University of Illinois medical school.

The Coroner’s Office utilized grant funds totaling \$4737 administered by the Illinois Department of Public Health to purchase an electronic medication counting machine in fiscal year 2017. The machine is utilized to assist with inventorying medications collected by coroner investigators during death investigations. This machine greatly improves the efficiency and accuracy of the medication inventorying process.

The Coroner’s Office began utilizing the Illinois State Treasurer’s online E-Pay system for processing cremation permit payments in fiscal year 2017. This has greatly reduced personnel time and expenses associated with record keeping, monthly billing, and collections for cremation permits issued.

**FINANCIAL**

<b>Fund 080 Dept 042</b>			<b>2016 Actual</b>	<b>2017 Original</b>	<b>2017 Projected</b>	<b>2018 Budget</b>
334	42	IL DP PUB HLTH-GEN RV GRT	\$9,737	\$4,625	\$4,454	\$4,800
335	71	STATE REV-SALARY STIPENDS	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
		FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL SHARED REVENUE	\$16,237	\$11,125	\$10,954	\$11,300
341	41	CORONER STATUTORY FEES	\$52,922	\$41,000	\$50,000	\$51,000
341	42	REIMB OF CORONER COSTS FEES AND FINES	\$74,365 \$127,287	\$60,000 \$101,000	\$54,661 \$104,661	\$55,000 \$106,000
<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>			<b>\$143,524</b>	<b>\$112,125</b>	<b>\$115,615</b>	<b>\$117,300</b>
511	1	ELECTED OFFICIAL SALARY	\$86,596	\$89,954	\$89,954	\$91,612
511	3	REG. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES	\$204,814	\$208,496	\$208,496	\$214,223
511	5	TEMP. SALARIES & WAGES	\$28,360	\$33,963	\$33,963	\$33,963
511	9	OVERTIME	\$9,970	\$6,450	\$6,450	\$6,450
511	40	STATE-PAID SALARY STIPEND	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
513	21	EMPLOYEE PHYSICALS/LAB PERSONNEL	\$626 \$336,866	\$1,200 \$346,563	\$1,200 \$346,563	\$1,200 \$353,948
522	1	STATIONERY & PRINTING	\$0	\$200	\$234	\$200
522	2	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$1,162	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
522	3	BOOKS,PERIODICALS & MAN.	\$422	\$600	\$543	\$600
522	6	POSTAGE, UPS, FED EXPRESS	\$775	\$500	\$500	\$500
522	15	GASOLINE & OIL	\$4,227	\$5,535	\$5,535	\$5,535
522	19	UNIFORMS	\$178	\$120	\$120	\$120
522	44	EQUIPMENT LESS THAN \$5000	\$7,928	\$4,625	\$5,567	\$4,700
522	45	VEH EQUIP LESS THAN \$5000	\$0	\$0	\$473	\$0
522	90	ARSENAL & POLICE SUPPLIES	\$11	\$500	\$500	\$500
522	93	OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES COMMODITIES	\$8,930 \$23,633	\$13,000 \$26,280	\$13,000 \$27,672	\$13,000 \$26,355
533	6	MEDICAL/DENTAL/MENTL HLTH	\$134,843	\$123,200	\$123,200	\$123,200
533	22	LABORATORY FEES	\$45,086	\$34,600	\$43,400	\$45,000
533	29	COMPUTER/INF TCH SERVICES	\$1,752	\$1,450	\$1,780	\$1,780
533	33	TELEPHONE SERVICE	\$4,139	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
533	36	WASTE DISPOSAL & RECYCLNG	\$4,858	\$4,732	\$4,732	\$4,732
533	40	AUTOMOBILE MAINTENANCE	\$1,057	\$975	\$975	\$975
533	42	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$1,285	\$1,113	\$2,313	\$1,213
533	51	EQUIPMENT RENTALS	\$60	\$120	\$0	\$0
533	52	OTHER SERVICE BY CONTRACT	\$2,939	\$2,928	\$2,928	\$2,928
533	93	DUES AND LICENSES	\$846	\$775	\$675	\$775
533	94	INVESTIGATION EXPENSE	\$80	\$0	\$0	\$0
533	95	CONFERENCES & TRAINING	\$4,062	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
534	37	FINANCE CHARGES,BANK FEES	\$84	\$200	\$200	\$200
534	63	INDIGENT BURIAL SERVICES	\$839 \$201,930	\$1,500 \$180,093	\$1,500 \$189,203	\$1,500 \$190,803

**EXPENDITURE TOTALS****\$562,429****\$552,936****\$563,438****\$571,106**

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

**ALIGNMENT to STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

- The coroner’s office will strive to provide complete and full transparency of all coroner operations subject only to state and federal statutory restrictions.

*County Board Goal 2 – Champaign County maintains high quality public facilities and highways and provides a safe rural transportation system and infrastructure*

- The coroner’s office will continue to be recognized as a premier morgue facility in Illinois for conducting post mortem examinations required by state statute.

*County Board Goal 3 –Champaign County promotes a safe, just and healthy community*

- The coroner’s office will continue to be involved in disaster planning/response with county and state agencies.

**DESCRIPTION**

The coroner investigates and determines the cause and manner of death for every person in his county whose death is suspected of being: a sudden or violent death; a death where the circumstances are suspicious, obscure, mysterious or otherwise unexplained; a death where addiction to alcohol or any drug may have been a contributing factor; and deaths unattended by a licensed physician. The coroner may conduct inquests into deaths falling under his jurisdiction. The role of the coroner in a mass fatality incident is expanded to include recovery and identification of remains

**OBJECTIVES**

1. To provide comprehensive investigations into deaths falling under the coroner’s authority
2. To conduct inquests on unnatural and questionable deaths when necessary
3. To act in the public interest whenever death occurs
4. To review and investigate all deaths prior to issuing cremation permits
5. To issue temporary and permanent death certificates in a timely manner
6. To assist the public with information relating to organ and tissue donation; SIDS; Do Not Resuscitate Orders (DNR’s); and Health Care Power of Attorney (HCPOA)
7. To continuously update training, education, and preparedness for mass fatality incidents

**PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>FY2016 Actual</b>	<b>FY2017 Projected</b>	<b>FY2018 Budgeted</b>
Unnatural/questionable deaths investigated	199	264	244
Natural deaths investigated and/or reviewed	1,594	1,641	1,650
Deaths requiring autopsy	149	148	150
Deaths requiring toxicology testing	218	244	225

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>FY2016 Actual</b>	<b>FY2017 Projected</b>	<b>FY2018 Budgeted</b>
Cremation permits issued	952	992	1002
Hours spent on emergency preparedness	14	10	12