



**Champaign County Board
Legislative Budget Hearing
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois**

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on October 24, 2019

DATE: Monday, August 27, 2019
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Lyle Shields Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E Washington, Urbana, IL 61802

Committee Members

Present: Cowart (arrived at 6:09), Esry, Fortado, Goss, Ingram, McGuire, Patterson, Stohr, Taylor, Thorsland, Vachaspati, Wolken, Young, Rosales

Absent: Eisenmann, Harper, Rector, Summers, Tinsley, Clemmons, Clifford

County Staff: Darlene Kloeppel (County Executive), Tami Ogden (Deputy Director of Finance), Natasha Rouse (Recording secretary), Dalitso Sulamoyo (Chief Executive Officer, RPC), Betty Murphy (Chief Operating Officer, RPC), Jeff Blue (Highway & Transportation), Stephanie Joos (Animal Control), Kari May (Children’s Advocacy Center), Julie Pryde (Board of Health), Leanne Brehob-Riley (GIS Consortium), Lynn Canfield (Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities Boards)

Others Present:

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I. Call to Order

County Board Executive, Darlene Kloeppel, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call

A verbal roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Mr. Vachaspati to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Goss. Upon vote, **the MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

IV. Budget Presentation

Ms. Kloeppel opened the meeting for the final presentations of the FY2020 budget.

Mr. Sulamoyo and Ms. Murphy gave their presentation on the budget for The Regional Planning Commission. Their presentation and budget packet are available in .pdf format on the County’s website.

Mr. Stohr asked about the grant, under the workforce development, that would be ending. Ms. Murphy explained that a secondary grant may be awarded in the future. Mr. Goss inquired about the \$1 million shortage in the Early Childhood Fund and asked if this was a timing issue. Ms. Murphy stated that it is partly a timing issue and she also explained that they have very few ways to grow their fund balance. Ms. Fortado mentioned the food issues in Champaign County and the grants that are received for food service.

Ms. Ogden presented a power point presentation and prefaced the presentation by explaining that there would be information about new growth revenue that has been budgeted in the property tax levy.

The power point presentation covered the following funds: Highway, Animal Control, Children Advocacy Center, Board of Health, GIS Consortium, GIS fund, Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities Boards, Courts Construction, Courthouse Museum, Public Safety Tax, Capital Asset Replacement, IMRF, Social Security, Tort Immunity and Self-funded Insurance. The presentation and the budget packet are available in .pdf format on the County's website.

County Highway

Increase is for temporary salaries/wages for special projects. 14 bridges that will need to be repaired or replaced in FY2020.

Mr. Patterson asked for clarification on the County Motor Fuel Tax. Mr. Stohr asked Mr. Blue to address the major need for road rebuilding. He pointed out that this tax is not sufficient for all of these projects.

Animal Control

Purchase of new vehicle is planned for FY2020.

Mr. Vachaspati asked Ms. Joos to speak about the communities that opted out of Animal Control Services.

Children's Advocacy Center

Will begin to receive new revenue under CTAA.

Board of Health

Increased grants in FY2020.

Mr. McGuire asked for comment on the vaping and tobacco issues. Ms. Pryde explained some of the cannabis laws and stated that they have been speaking to the cities about new ordinances for vaping. Mr. Vachaspati wanted to make sure that there will be some education regarding vaping and Ms. Fortado stated that she thought the cannabis taxes should go towards the funding for education.

GIS Consortium

Policy Committee did approve their budget at the July committee meeting.

Mr. Stohr asked about a specific type of capturing and if it was completed. Ms. Brehob-Riley explained the weather conditions were not conducive and they are waiting to try again in the fall.

GIS Fund

Membership fee increased by 2.5%

Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities Boards

Majority of expenditures are for allocations to organizations within the community.

Ms. Fortado asked about the percentage of requests that are funded. Ms. Canfield said she does not calculate the specific percentages but explained that the county is struggling to keep professionals in this field.

Courts Construction

Surveillance system to be replaced in FY2020.

Mr. Vachaspati asked if this money had restrictions on where it could be spent. Ms. Ogden thought it may have restrictions. Ms. Fortado wanted to know if money would need to be pulled from somewhere else to fund the surveillance system and Ms. Ogden stated they would not know until the RFP was issued.

Courthouse Museum

Inactive fund – no specific expenditures planned for FY2020.

Public Safety Tax

47% of revenue is budgeted for debt service programs. This also covers many of the technology and equipment costs throughout the County.

Mr. Vachaspati wanted to clarify if the body camera replacement costs come fully from this fund. Ms. Ogden explained that this fund would only cover a partial amount of the costs.

Capital Asset Replacement

This includes the money for the Capital Facilities Plan and is the biggest reason for the increase to expenditures.

IMRF

Experiencing rate increases for FY2020. The Nursing Home Fund does still owe money to this fund.

Social Security

Wage increases and RPC expansions account for the increase in expenditures. The Nursing Home fund does still owe money to this fund.

Tort Immunity

The Nursing Home Levy will be transferred to Self-funded Insurance Fund.

Self-funded Insurance

The Nursing Home Fund still owes \$1.4 million and this does not include current claims or attorney costs.

Mr. Goss inquired about the status of current claims.

Ms. Ogden ended the presentation by explaining that the Nursing Home Fund information will be forthcoming as some information was not currently available.

V. Adjournment

Ms. Kloeppele adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.