

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS County Board Meeting

Thursday, March 23, 2023 – 5:45 p.m.

Meeting Room 3

Brookens Administrative Center

1776 E. Washington St.

Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Thorsland, Taylor, Fortado, Stohr, Locke, Straub, Ingram, Rodriguez, Lokshin, Patterson, Lokshin, Patterson, Hanuar-Friedman, Rogers

1. **Call to Order:** 5:47 pm

2. **Approval of the Agenda–**

a. Moved by Thorsland, second by Locke, unanimous approval.

3. **Approval of the Minutes from February 23, 2023.**

a. Lokshin and Hanuar-Friedman, unanimous approval

4. **Public Participation–** none

5. **Announcements/Communications–**

a. Taylor– Brett Peugh is here, and will be appointed to the board this evening

b. Thorsland– Last week Friday RPC had a Zoom meeting and announced that many people (about 40) will either be reassigned or lose their jobs.

c. Lokshin— Kankakee is charging \$20 for \$20 visit for inmates. In CC it's \$10/25 min.

d. Stephanie thinks we need a separate meeting to discuss phone charges at the jail. Her research indicates that it seems like this is the most used company in the state and charge about \$6 for 20 min. She thinks that if we want to lower the cost, our most effective way may be subsidizing.

e. Stohr– Wind and Solar ordinance thing in Springfield next week.

f. Rodriguez– The Nest Postpartum will be presenting at public comment tonight. They submitted a request for ARPA money.

g. Ingram– County Clerk needs election judges.

6. **Review and Discussion of the Full Board Agenda**

a. **Consent Agenda**

i. (XIII.A.1.) Facilities— this isn't on the consent agenda because the Republicans wanted a default clause, but the penalties are in the Prompt Payment Act. Lokshin recommends we vote yes.

b. New Business

- i. (XV. B.) –This is out of line with our rules. Sherrif says that no alcohol was purchased with County money. The Auditor says that this would have been allowed under the last rules before January 1. The meals were all under the per diem per meal.
- ii. (XV. C.) Grants for transportation—there are many
- iii. (XVI. A.) Contracts with Sergeants—This allows us to start addressing the retention issues.

iii. ARPA Updates–

- 1. (XVI. B. 2.) Urbana Park District: Urbana –we approved the \$500k at the February board meeting. Today we vote.
- 2. (XVI B. 3.) Children’s Advocacy Center– this money would not be ARPA funds.
- 3. (XVI.B.4) Software and hardware for PD.

- 4. (XVI.B.5) Central Illinois Land Bank– They have a full time director says participating agencies need to pay money. They have recently received another grant for \$300K in addition to the \$500K we gave them. They are now asking us for \$60K for this year.

6. Next Caucus Meeting: April 11, 2023

7. Adjournment 6:22 pm