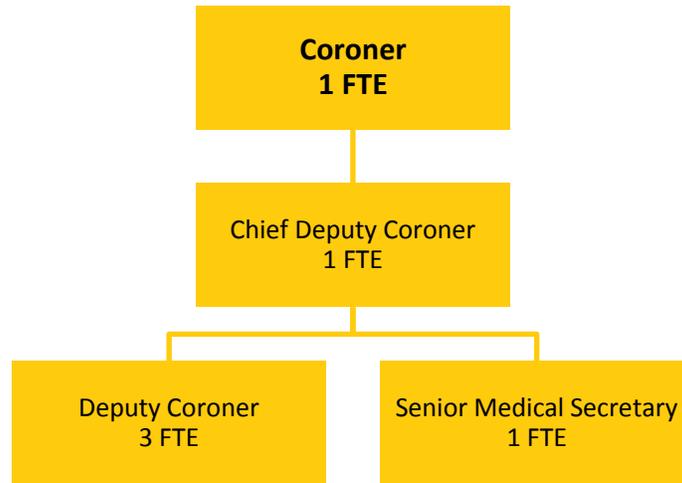


**CORONER**  
**Fund 080-042**



Coroner positions: 6 FTE

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**

New volunteer Deputy Coroner Harlow Mae joined the coroner’s office in September 2019. Harlow is a 3-year-old Golden Retriever who passed her training as an AKC Canine Good Citizen and her Alliance of Therapy Dogs training certification as a comfort/therapy dog. Harlow accompanies her owner, Coroner Northrup, to the office 4 or 5 days per week to provide comfort to grieving family members and the general public when they come to the office.

Facing uncertain times with the emergence of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic in January and February of 2020, the coroner’s office enacted several disaster plans and response protocols to prepare for a surge of fatalities related to the pandemic. The coroner’s office obtained a refrigerated storage trailer through our county EMA and IEMA agencies to assist with management and temporary storage in the event of mass fatalities. Coroner staff met with representatives from the University of Illinois to survey the ice arena for use as a temporary morgue facility if other resources were exceeded. Thankfully, fatalities from the COVID-19 pandemic did not rise to levels requiring the use of these resources however; we did assist one area hospital with temporary storage needs for reasons unrelated to the pandemic.

**FINANCIAL**

Fund 080 Dept 042	2019 Actual	2020 Original	2020 Projected	2021 Budget
FY2021 Budget Champaign County, Illinois	254			Coroner General Fund 080-042

334	42	IL DP PUB HLTH-GEN RV GRT	\$4,412	\$4,800	\$4,336	\$4,800
335	71	STATE REV-SALARY STIPENDS	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
		FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL SHARED REVENUE	\$10,912	\$11,300	\$10,836	\$11,300
341	41	CORONER STATUTORY FEES	\$60,726	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$0
341	42	REIMB OF CORONER COSTS	\$53,537	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$54,000
		FEES AND FINES	\$114,263	\$104,000	\$106,000	\$54,000
363	60	PRIVATE GRANTS	\$13,506	\$0	\$0	\$0
369	90	OTHER MISC. REVENUE	\$232	\$0	\$0	\$0
		MISCELLANEOUS	\$13,738	\$0	\$0	\$0
		<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$138,913</b>	<b>\$115,300</b>	<b>\$116,836</b>	<b>\$65,300</b>
511	1	ELECTED OFFICIAL SALARY	\$91,612	\$91,631	\$91,631	\$91,983
511	3	REG. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES	\$207,035	\$228,846	\$228,846	\$234,998
511	5	TEMP. SALARIES & WAGES	\$34,135	\$33,963	\$33,963	\$33,963
511	9	OVERTIME	\$18,720	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
511	40	STATE-PAID SALARY STIPEND	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
513	21	EMPLOYEE PHYSICALS/LAB	\$2,342	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
		PERSONNEL	\$360,344	\$372,140	\$372,140	\$378,644
522	1	STATIONERY & PRINTING	\$96	\$200	\$200	\$0
522	2	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$908	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$600
522	3	BOOKS,PERIODICALS & MAN.	\$604	\$600	\$634	\$0
522	6	POSTAGE, UPS, FED EXPRESS	\$460	\$500	\$700	\$500
522	15	GASOLINE & OIL	\$4,645	\$5,535	\$4,700	\$1,151
522	19	UNIFORMS	\$150	\$120	\$120	\$0
522	44	EQUIPMENT LESS THAN \$5000	\$3,790	\$4,800	\$9,094	\$4,800
522	45	VEH EQUIP LESS THAN \$5000	\$106	\$0	\$0	\$0
522	90	ARSENAL & POLICE SUPPLIES	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0
522	93	OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES	\$12,566	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
		COMMODITIES	\$23,325	\$26,455	\$30,148	\$20,051
533	6	MEDICAL/DENTAL/MENTL HLTH	\$142,155	\$129,202	\$134,600	\$135,000
533	22	LABORATORY FEES	\$52,873	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
533	29	COMPUTER/INF TCH SERVICES	\$1,771	\$1,780	\$1,780	\$0
533	33	TELEPHONE SERVICE	\$3,742	\$4,500	\$3,500	\$0
533	36	WASTE DISPOSAL & RECYCLNG	\$3,373	\$4,732	\$3,402	\$3,600
533	40	AUTOMOBILE MAINTENANCE	\$2,431	\$975	\$975	\$0
533	42	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$1,763	\$1,573	\$5,680	\$1,663
533	51	EQUIPMENT RENTALS	\$0	\$0	\$129	\$0
533	52	OTHER SERVICE BY CONTRACT	\$2,973	\$2,988	\$2,988	\$0
533	93	DUES AND LICENSES	\$720	\$775	\$675	\$0
533	94	INVESTIGATION EXPENSE	\$712	\$900	\$900	\$0
533	95	CONFERENCES & TRAINING	\$1,613	\$4,000	\$1,600	\$2,000
534	63	INDIGENT BURIAL	\$1,261	\$2,000	\$3,400	\$2,000
		SERVICES	\$215,387	\$198,425	\$204,629	\$189,263
		<b>EXPENDITURE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$599,056</b>	<b>\$597,020</b>	<b>\$606,917</b>	<b>\$587,958</b>

**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 postmortem 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>FY2019 Actual</b>	<b>FY2020 Projected</b>	<b>FY2021 Budgeted</b>
Unnatural/questionable deaths investigated	221	201	205
Natural deaths investigated and/or reviewed	1,635	1,700	1,710
Deaths requiring autopsy	155	153	155
Deaths requiring toxicology testing	252	246	250
Cremation permits issued	1013	1100	1010
Hours spent on emergency preparedness	21	80	24