



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

MINUTES – Approved 11/12/2017

DATE: Tuesday, August 29, 2017
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Lyle Shields Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E Washington, Urbana, IL 61802

Committee Members

Present: Alix, Anderson, Clemmons, Cowart, Crews, Esry, Fortado, Goss, Harper, Hartke, McGuire, Mitchell, Patterson, Petrie, Rector, Summers, Weibel

Absent: King, Marsh, Michaels, Rosales, Tinsley

County Staff: Rick Snider (County Administrator), Tami Ogden (Deputy County Administrator of Finance), Tammy Asplund (Recording secretary), Stephanie Joos (Animal Control), Kari May (Children’s Advocacy Center), Dr. John Peterson (Board of Health), Lynne Canfield (Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Board), Leanne Brehob-Riley (GIS Consortium), Jeff Blue (Highway), Dalitso Sulamoyo and Elizabeth Murphy (Regional Planning Commission)

Others Present:

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I. Call to Order

County Board Chair Pius Weibel 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 Ms. Cowart to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Mr. Harper. Upon vote, **the MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Mr. Alix entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Mr. Snider asked to defer the Nursing Home Budget (Item IV Q) until Finance Committee of the Whole in September.

IV. Budget Presentation

Mr. Alix asked all to keep questions on point, with regard to the budget and encouraged the board to contact Mr. Snider or the Department Head with questions regarding daily operations of the department.

Mr. Snider stated he and Ms. Ogden would present the budgets that are not General Fund, and that department heads would be available to answer questions from the County Board members. He

introduced Stephanie Joos, Kari May, Dr. John Peterson, Lynne Canfield, Leanne Brehob-Riley and Jeff Blue.

Mr. Snider and Ms. Ogden reviewed a slide presentation for the following areas: Animal Control, Children's Advocacy Center, Board of Health, Mental Health Board, Developmental Disabilities Board, GIS Consortium, GIS Fund, Highway, Solid Waste Management, Courts Construction, Debt Management, Public Safety Sales Tax, IMRF & Social Security Funds, and Torte Immunity & Self-Funded Insurance Funds.

Animal Control

Ms. Petrie asked about the reduction in municipalities contracting services with Animal Control. According to Ms. Joos, several opted out due to the change in the fee structure. Ms. Joos stated she would like to renew contracts with these municipalities for the sake of continuity throughout the County. She encouraged the Board to look at other fee structure models to facilitate this.

Children's Advocacy Center

Mr. Snider noted Ford County has entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Children's Advocacy Center for services.

County Board of Health

Mr. McGuire asked if the additional Tobacco Free grant dollars will be applied to County programs; or the cities. Dr. Peterson responded that this money will be applied County-wide.

Mr. Alix stated Champaign County should expect the same level of service from CUPHD, with regard to inspections, as the City of Champaign gets. Dr. Peterson responded there is a delay in this service to County properties and the board is working to address it.

Mental Health Board & Developmental Disabilities Board

Mr. Snider noted that CILA stands for Community Integrated Living Arrangements. Ms. Ogden explained the budgets on the website were updated with new property tax levy numbers, so the information on the slides presented tonight do not match those numbers.

Ms. Canfield explained the concept behind CILA. She stated the biggest difficulty is staffing these homes.

In response to a question from Mr. Alix, Ms. Canfield stated Rosecrance and Prairie Center expect to complete the merger in January 2018.

Highway

Mr. Snider stated the State of Illinois had not changed the amount of motor fuel tax since the 1990's.

Ms. Petrie asked why training is listed under multiple budgets. According to Mr. Blue, the Motor Fuel Tax funds can only be expended to cover items in the Motor Fuel Tax Law.

In response to a question from Mr. Harper, Mr. Blue explained all bridges are being re-rated by the State. These bridges were not built to stand 100,000-pound vehicles. He anticipates several in the next few years will need to be load posted.

RPC

Mr. Sulamoyo and Ms. Murphy reviewed a slide presentation for RPC.

Mr. Sulamoyo noted that the total administrative cost is less than eight percent of the total agency budget. According to Mr. Sulamoyo, the federal administrative threshold is fifteen percent, and the State of Illinois is nearly twenty percent.

Public Safety Sales Tax

Ms. Petrie requested qualitative data regarding program outcomes, to assist the board in making budget decisions.

Self-Funded Insurance

Mr. Snider noted the County's Worker's Compensation expenditure seem high, in comparison to the State's numbers. He suggested there is an opportunity for savings by addressing employee safety training.

V. Adjournment

Mr. Alix adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.