



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

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**DATE:** Tuesday, August 25, 2020  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Via Zoom and in the  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room  
Brookens Administrative Center  
1776 E Washington, Urbana, IL 61802

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**Committee Members**

**Present:** Clemmons, Cowart (arrived at 6:05), Dillard-Myers, Esry, Fears (arrived at 6:06), Fortado, Goss, Ingram, McGuire, Michaels, Patterson (arrived at 6:08), Stohr, Summers, Taylor, Thorsland, Tinsley, Wolken, Young, Rosales

**Absent:** Eisenmann, Harper, Rector

**County Staff:** Darlene Kloeppel (County Executive), Tami Ogden (Deputy Director of Finance), Isak Griffiths (Deputy Director of Administration), Rita Kincheloe (Executive Assistant), Mary Ward (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), Dr. John Peterson (Board of Health), Krista Jones (Board of Health), Leanne Brehob-Riley (GIS Consortium), Lynn Canfield (Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities Boards)

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**I. Call to Order**

County Board Executive, Darlene Kloeppel, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

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

**III. Approval of Agenda**

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

**IV. Budget Presentation**

Executive Kloeppel opened the meeting for the final presentations of the FY2021 budget.

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

Mr. Stohr asked about the USDA Loan Fund to clarify that there would be \$700,000 from this fund available for loans. Mr. Sulamoyo said that is correct. It is funded by USDA and we can apply at any time for Intermediary

Revolving Loan Program funds, we just need to exhaust the funds we have on hand. It is restricted to rural areas with population less than 25,000 and there has to be private match.

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

#### Animal Control

Increases in registration fees will generate additional revenue which will be used for future software and capital needs. One of capital needs in the future will be the cages, they will need to either be improved or replaced in the next few years. A new van was purchased in FY2020. There were no questions for Animal Control.

#### Children's Advocacy Center

This fund will receive an increase in grant funding in FY2021. They also receive funding from the Mental Health Board and private donations. The funding will be allocated for increased professional services appropriation to pay for counseling for abuse victims as well as personnel cost increases. There were no questions for CAC.

#### County Highway

There is an appropriation for heavy equipment in FY2021 along with a transfer to the Highway Building Capital Budget. There are 6 major bridge projects scheduled for FY2021.

Mr. Stohr asked if the pavement analysis was done annually or every few years. Mr. Blue said they are done every other year; they take the vehicles out and actually do the pavement analysis. On the off years they make prediction models to predict the deterioration.

#### Mental Health Board/Developmental Disabilities Board

Mental Health First Aid trainings expand to include the new Teen module. There were no questions for MHB/DDB.

#### Board of Health

In FY2020 there is a significant amount of grant funding for Covid-19 and there is a grant for contact tracing in FY2020 and FY2021. There is a \$5,000 increase in the Smile Health contract. The BOH has approved a 25% reduction in food establishment health permit fees and that will impact revenue by \$21,375.

Dr. Peterson spoke as to the fact this was a more complicated budget this year due to the Carle ruling and the amount of grants received in relation to Covid-19. They have not needed to dip into the carryover funds granted them several months ago due to the grant funds that came in.

Ms. Fortado asked about the carryover from the fund balance and if that isn't used if it would be returned. Ms. Ogden said that it hasn't been taken from the fund balance, it's just appropriated and has not been drawn upon.

#### GIS Consortium

Due to the economic hardships of the pandemic, an effort was made to lower the requested membership increase yet meet financial obligations. The 1.5% membership increase will help cover personnel expenses and the ERP system contribution.

Mr. Stohr had a few operational questions for GIS regarding aero photography, Lidar and an update on maps that rely on vertical control with the 2022 data that is anticipated.

### GIS Fund

There is a FY2021 membership fee increase of 1.5%. Will be drawing on the fund in FY2021 to pay for software and redistricting assistance. There were no questions for GIS Fund.

### Courts Construction

This fund was created in 1998 as a capital project fund. Once funds are depleted, the fund will be closed. This is planned for FY2021. There were no questions.

### Courthouse Museum

This fund was created to maintain a museum area, with a focus on Abraham Lincoln, in the courthouse. Mr. Thorsland stated there are some changes this year to the by-laws. There are plans to do things, but those have been put on hold due to Covid-19. They plan to start meeting again in 2021.

### Public Safety Sales Tax

FY2021 is conservatively budgeted due to the unknown ongoing impact of Covid-19.

Ms. Fortado stated that she would like to keep the Youth Assessment Center whole and would prefer to see the difference brought forward now, rather than later. Mr. McGuire agreed with Ms. Fortado and would like to keep the YAC whole with the budget.

### Capital Asset Replacement Fund

Except for interest, revenue for this fund is from Interfund Transfers.

Mr. Goss asked about a specific line, 533.29, at \$1.45 million for software. Ms. Ogden clarified that this is cloud-based software. There is still some software that is paid from a different line, but very minimal software.

Mr. Stohr inquired if any money is being set aside for replacement of the JANO software. There is not. The intent was for reserve funding to be set aside year after year so when items were scheduled for replacement or purchase, there would be full funding for that item. At some point, the county revenues were not able to sustain full funding. So current only funding was put into place. For the most part, we are funding most things with current revenue within the fiscal year.

Ms. Fortado discussed the budget projection from when the State of the County was presented. It seems like it's not as steep as what was projected and it's looking better now than when the State of the County was presented. It is a better picture. We originally thought we would need to see a 4% cut from all departments. Cuts are not as steep as originally thought. She would like to see an update and discussion on the 10-year plan to see where we are and to make adjustments.

Mr. Stohr had looked at the 10-year plan and there are some very large items coming up, like the demolition of the old nursing home and closure and likely demolition of the downtown jail. Agrees with Ms. Fortado and would like to see further discussion to devise plans to meet these obligations.

### IMRF

IMRF rates decrease slightly in FY2021. The Nursing Home Fund owes the IMRF fund \$182,643.

Mr. Goss asked if we can go back capture that from the Nursing Home Fund at some point in the future. That can be done through continued reallocation of the levy.

### Social Security

FICA rate remains stable. The Nursing Home Fund also owes this fund.

Tort Immunity

This is where the General Fund Worker's Compensation and Unemployment Insurance expenditures as well as the General Fund's share of premiums and claims to Self-Funded Insurance Funds are paid. It has a negative fund balance.

Self-Funded Insurance

The Tort Immunity Tax is in a combined account with Self-Funded Insurance; that's why we're able to operate the account. There will be a Budget Amendment to cover costs for hailstorm damage to county vehicles and buildings. There were approximately 30 vehicles and 12 buildings that suffered hail damage.

Nursing Home Fund

The \$1 million loan is budgeted to be written off in FY2021. Refunds are still be processed but are planned to be completed by the end of 2020 and could total up to \$400,000.

There were no further questions or business.

**V. Adjournment**

Ms. Kloepfel adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.