



# CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD

## Legislative Budget Hearings – FY2023

Monday, August 29, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

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**Shields-Carter Meeting Room**

**Brookens Administrative Center**

**1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, Illinois**

### **MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on October 11, 2022**

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**Present:** Samantha Carter, Aaron Esry, Stephanie Fortado, Jim Goss, Jenny Lokshin, Jim McGuire, Diane Michaels, Brad Passalacqua, Emily Rodriguez, Chris Stohr, Jennifer Straub, Steve Summers, Leah Taylor, Eric Thorsland, Jodi Wolken, Kyle Patterson

**Absent:** Lorraine Cowart, Stan Harper, Mary King, Jacob Paul, Beth Vanichtheeranont, Wayne Williams

**County Staff:** Darlene Kloepfel (County Executive), Tami Ogden (Director of Finance), Dalitso Sulamoyo (Chief Executive Officer, Regional Planning Commission), Elizabeth Murphy (Chief Operating Officer, Regional Planning Commission), Kari Miller (Executive Director - Children Advocacy Center), Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Lynn Canfield (Executive Director, Mental Health Board), Leann Brehob-Riley (GIS Director), Heather Soder (Animal Control Director), Cheyenne Adams (Assistant Animal Control Director), Megan Robison (Recording Secretary)

**Others Present:** Julie Pryde (CUPHD Administrator), Krista Jones (Board of Health), Cathy Emmanuel (Board of Health)

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### **Agenda Items**

#### **I. Call To Order**

County Executive, Darlene Kloepfel, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

#### **II. \*Roll Call**

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

#### **III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum**

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

#### **IV. Budget Presentations (*Breaks in presentations as needed*)**

A. Regional Planning Commission

B. Children's Advocacy Center

Ms. Kloepfel asked Ms. Ogden to come up as she would be presenting the remaining budgets on tonight's agenda. Ms. Ogden prefaced her presentation with an explanation of some new software that has been implemented and the trainings that were available.

After introducing Ms. Miller, the Executive Director, Ms. Ogden stated they received ARPA funding for building renovations, an increase in grant funding from DCFS and the Attorney General and they are estimating to receive around \$7,000 in private donations.

Mr. Stohr asked if they have had an increase in need for services. Ms. Miller explained they were only able to shut down for two weeks during Covid and they have seen a steady need for services.

C. GIS Consortium

Ms. Ogden introduced Ms. Brehob-Riley and explained that this is the County's joint-venture fund. There is an increase in the FY2023 budget for the expected payout for an employee retirement. She also explained the reason for the revenue to expenditure deficit.

D. GIS Fund

Ms. Ogden explained that revenues in this budget come from fees from documents filed in the Recorder's Office and pays the County's portion of their membership in the consortium.

E. Board of Health

Ms. Ogden introduced Ms. Pryde, Ms. Jones and Ms. Emanuel and then explained the FY2023 levy increase of 7.8% and how that is split. She also listed other items that have been budgeted in this fund.

Mr. McGuire, Ms. Lokshin and Ms. Michaels asked for details about the recruitment of dentists. Ms. Jones explained they need six dentists total, what they are doing to attract more dentists and the length of the current waiting list for services.

F. County Highway

Moving on to the County Highway budgets, Ms. Ogden introduced Mr. Blue and gave details of the different projects and major expenditures planned for each fund.

Ms. Fortado requested the Broadband Committee work closely with the Highway Department and the Forest Preserve to coordinate the projects.

G. Animal Control

Ms. Soder was introduced, and Ms. Ogden explained some of the changes to the way pass-through funds will be handled in these budgets, going forward. She also stated they have procured new software and will be implementing that soon.

H. Mental Health Board & Developmental Disabilities Boards

Ms. Canfield was introduced and explained to the Board they can go to the website for a list of current contracts with community-based providers. She also gave details of their financial management coaching that is available to agencies. Ms. Ogden went on to explain how the other funds will be used to address the unmet needs of eligible people and counteract the workforce shortage.

I. Courts Construction

The nominal fund balance is being appropriated for any necessary projects at the Courthouse.

J. Courthouse Museum

This fund is for maintaining the Abraham Lincoln Museum at the Courthouse and funding is determined by the Lincoln Legacy Committee.

K. Public Safety Sales Tax Fund

Ms. Ogden listed the programs that receive funding from here and reminded everyone this fund will be transferring money to pay for the out-of-county inmate boarding. Ms. Ogden also explained that debt service payments take up the majority of this budget and gave some details for the estimated FY2022 issuance.

L. Capital Asset Replacement Fund

Ms. Ogden explained the funding layout in this budget and why they have appropriated all of the funds for the Jail Consolidation project in FY2023.

M. IMRF

Ms. Ogden explained how the new ERP system has allowed them to make some operational changes in these next two funds. This fund will now only be responsible for paying the General County employer contributions. She also stated a payment of \$500,000 from this fund will go towards the unfunded ECO liability in FY2023.

N. Social Security

This fund just pays for the General County employer contributions.

O. Tort Immunity

The current budget reflects the measures that have been taken to counteract the negative fund balance due to the levy growth being unable to keep pace.

P. Self-Funded Insurance

Ms. Ogden explained that Administration is recommending for future billings to County funds be discounted to provide some financial relief with consideration given to the actuarial recommended fund balance.

Q. Nursing Home

The County received the final escrow holdback from closing. Appropriations have been included for recoupment obligations in case the HFS audit is completed in FY2023.

R. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Ms. Ogden pointed out the County Department ARPA requests are included in the back of their packets. Ms. Fortado listed the Democratic Caucus' thoughts on ARPA funding to get the conversations started. Ms. Kloepfel explained there will be more opportunities to discuss these items at future meetings before the budget is finalized.

**V. Adjournment**

Ms. Kloepfel adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.