

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS County Board Meeting

Thursday, January 19th – 5:45 p.m.
Jennifer Putman Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Thorsland, Taylor, Fortado, Stohr, Locke, Straub, Ingram, Hanauer-Friedman, Lokshin, Rogers, Vanichtheeranont, Patterson

1. **Call to Order:** 5:50 pm

2. **Approval of the Agenda–**

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

3. **Public Participation–** none

4. **Announcements/Communications–**

a. Straub and Hanauer-Friedman, will not be at the March COW, Fortado will not be at the July Full Board Meeting, Lokshin won't be at October Facilities

b. Study Session January 24 at 6pm. No Caucus before.

5. **Review and Discussion of Full Board Agenda**

a. **New Business–**

i. **Finance-** Payment of claims is standard

1. Purchases not following purchasing order– Platinum Tech will just continue to show up on this agenda item until it's all paid.

2. Hickory River– both times have been paid back.

3. Treasurer's Office– over by \$150.

4. Judge Dyer asking for a significant raise in pay for jurors. Tami Ogden says trials over three weeks are extremely rare, and estimates that the budget can accommodate the big trials already scheduled for this year. However, there may be space and equipment rental for jurors for a long trial. However, raising the juror pay across the board would be something that would have to go through the budget process.

ii. **Labor–** 5 FOP contracts and two have been settled at a pretty high rate. The other three are not settled at this point. Mediation would be the last/final step in this process.

iii. **ARPA Updates–** both items were discussed at the COW. The Assessor needs some software that's approximately \$25K, and will be asking for it next year.

1. Urbana Park District: Asked for funds from us. Was told that we won't support it unless the City of Urbana was also funding.

6. **Next Caucus Meeting:** February 14, 2023

7. **Adjournment** 6:15 pm