

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 – 5:45 p.m.
Jennifer Putman Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Taylor, Stohr, Straub, Patterson, Lokshin, Rogers, Hanaur-Friedman,
Vanichtherrnot, Fortado, Rodriguez, Carter, Cowart

1. **Call to Order:** 5:47 pm

2. **Approval of the Agenda–**

a. Moved by Vanichtherrnot, second Hanaur-Friedman, unanimous approval.

3. **Approval of the Minutes from June 15, 2023.**

a. Moved by Vanichtherrnot, second Patterson, unanimous approval

4. **Public Participation–**

a. Clerk Ammons– Penske Trucks– the original proposal in May was \$80K for one truck. The second proposal was \$80K for 2 trucks. Now they have a proposal for two trucks for \$40K.

i. Penske asks for the same drivers for all days of rental, which is sometimes impossible. The promotion ends September 30th.

5. **Announcements/Communications–**

a. Dr. Stohr –will not be here in September for COW or CB.

b. Dr. Stohr– Concerned about utility shut-offs in our community.

c. Patterson– LiHeap is currently geared toward winter, but heat is deadly. We should think about putting any social service money we get back from ARPA - we should give it to CCRPC for utility assistance.

d. Patterson– next COW, we will have a professional photographer here to do a board photo and headshots.

6. **Review and Discussion of the Committee of the Whole Agenda**

a. **Policy Personnel & Appointments– Stohr**

i. Will propose an omnibus for all the appointments.

c. **Finance– Fortado**

ii. (VIII. A. 1) Hwy Dept. Rebuild Illinois – State wants everything spent asap.

iii. (VIII. A. 2.) Veterans Affairs received donations.

- iv. (VIII. A. 3.) Self Funded Insurance to cover financial liability–vehicle accident with multiple litigants needs to be paid.
- v. (VIII. A. 4.) CUPHD/ Public Health Fund– discrepancy in projected levy split and actual levy split.
- vi. (VIII. A. 5.) Circuit Court– Reimbursement from the state for interpreter fees.
- vii. (VIII. A. 6.) Public Defender– needs money for interpretation and transcript costs.
- viii. (VIII. A. 7.) FOP Contract Negotiations– this covers the raises.
- ix. (VIII. B. 1) Treasurer– Lots of bounced checks from property taxpayers including large landowners caused the treasurer to withhold some of the funding to other taxing bodies. This affects school funding and has caused upset.
- x. (VIII. D. 1.) Voter Registration State Grant– this is an annual renewal
- xi. (VIII. E. 1.) Circuit Court— Case Management System Consultant Contract–replacing Janos

d. Justice and Social Services– none

e. Other Business- none

6. Next Caucus Meeting: Thursday, September 2, 2023, 5:45 pm

7. Adjournment 6:27 pm