

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 5:45 p.m.
Jennifer Putman Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Straub, Lokshin, Rogers, Hanaur-Friedman, Vanichtherrnot, Fortado, Locke, Taylor, Stohr, Rodriguez

1. **Call to Order:** 5:52 pm

2. **Approval of the Agenda–**

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

3. **Approval of the Minutes from September 12, 2023.**

a. Moved by Lokshin, second Rogers, unanimous approval

i. Locke said they were beautiful.

4. **Public Participation–**

a. Al Klein passed away this week.

5. **Announcements/Communications–**

a. **Chris Stohr–** Residential Electronic sign-up still has openings this weekend.

b. Taylor may not be here next week.

c. Locke and Straub will not be here next week.

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

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

i. (VIII.A.2. a-f) **Many appointments.** Dr. Stohr is grateful for the folks stepping up to these positions. We have many other open appointments.

ii. Many job openings as well.

iii. (VIII. A.3.a) **Approval of Senior Secretary in Circuit Clerk’s Office–** a downgrade and will save money.

iv. (VIII. A.3.b) **Approval of Case Manager Position in Circuit Clerk’s Office–**grant funded.

c. **Finance– Fortado**

v. **(IX. A. 1) Public Defender Grant-** The Public Defender will be here to discuss the spending of this grant.

- vi. **(IX. A.2) Circuit Clerk Wage Adjustment**– Someone retired, and this request will deal with compression– but this request (though approved by AFSCME) is outside of the budget process and we haven't done this with other electeds.
- vii. **(IX. B. 2-6) Cancel Cert. of Purchase on mobile homes** because taxes have been paid.
- viii. **(IX. D) Indoor Climate Research and Training** grant for \$12 million instead of \$5 million.
- ix. **(IX E. 1) Budget –**
 - 1. will be placed on file. In November we will come back and vote on it.
 - 2. Treasurer needs help. Asking for \$20K for overtime and part-time pay.
 - 3. Budget deficit for the General Fund has been recalculated with a deficit of \$559,521 which is almost half what we thought it would be last month.
- x. **(IX. E. 2) VAC Funding Requests**
 - 1. This may see some change this month after the CB representative reports back this month.
- xi. **IX. E. 3) Increased Revenue Options**
 - 1. Discussion item.

d. Justice and Social Services–

- 1. None.

e. Other Business- none

6. **Next Caucus Meeting:** Thursday, November 14, 2023, 5:45 pm

7. **Adjournment** 6:14 pm