

BUDGET CAUCUS MEETING OF THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD
DECEMBER 21, 2015

After the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark A. Kern. Mr. Thomas Holbrook, County Clerk, called roll and determined a quorum was present.

Chairman Kern stated this was the 2016 Budget Caucus Meeting and that although this was a Public Hearing, no action could be taken or debated. This meeting was for information and discussion only on the Budget.

Chairman Kern called for questions from the public on any Budget issues and there were none.

Chairman Kern called for questions from the County Board Members on any Budget issues.

At this time, discussion ensued with questions and responses from the following individuals:

Mr. Craig Hubbard inquired as to there being two (2) Supervisors of Airport of Airport Maintenance positions at MidAmerica Airport with Chairman Kern advising some positions are listed but are not filled.

Mr. Edwin Cockrell regarding a "Note" stating that Election Funds cannot be transferred without the prior approval of the County Board Chairman with Chairman Kern responding as to the transfer of funds in the General Fund.

Mr. Edwin Cockrell regarding Lease Payable Fund inquiring as to why Lease Payment Airport expenditure would not be with the Airport expenditures with Ms. Sue Schmidt, Financial Analyst, responding that this is a special revenue fund.

Mr. Edwin Cockrell regarding the Metro-East Park & Recreation Fund and St. Clair County Park Grants Commission. Chairman Kern advised that the County Board approves all grants awarded by the St. Clair County Parks Grants Commission.

Mr. Edwin Cockrell regarding Emergency Telephone System Fund 253 principal and interest payments on debt certificates with Ms. Sue Schmidt, Financial Analyst, responding.

Mr. Edwin Cockrell regarding Emergency Telephone System Cost Center 63720, Repair & Maintenance-Machines/Equipment responded to by Chairman Kern.

Mr. Edwin Cockrell regarding Court Document Storage Fund 261 and transfer between General Fund Circuit Clerk and Court Document Storage for payroll purposes with Dr. Debra Moore, Director of Administration, responding.

Mr. Edwin Cockrell regarding MidAmerica St. Louis Airport Fund 500 operating budget with Chairman Kern responding.

Mr. Edwin Cockrell regarding County Payroll positions by Department, General Fund EMA with Mr. Herbert Simmons, Director of EMA, and Chairman Kern responding.

Mr. Edwin Cockrell regarding County Payroll positions by Department, General Fund Assessor as to Chief Deputy Assessor and Chief Deputy - Board of Review being the same person with Chairman Kern responding.

Mr. Edwin Cockrell regarding County Payroll positions by Department, General Fund, Regional Superintendent of Schools Comptroller position with Chairman Kern responding.

Mr. Edwin Cockrell regarding County Payroll positions by Department, Tort Liability and Employee Medical Trust & Agency with Dr. Debra Moore and Mrs. Jackie Krummrich, Chief Deputy Auditor, responding as to Mr. Frank Bergman's, Director of Human Resources, salary.

Mr. Edwin Cockrell regarding County Payroll positions by Department, MidAmerica Airport as to employee cuts at MidAmerica Airport with Chairman Kern and Dr. Debra Moore responding.

Mr. Edwin Cockrell regarding County Payroll positions by Department, Emergency Telephone System as to approval of pay requisitions to be discussed at a later County Board Meeting.

Mr. Edwin Cockrell regarding any bonuses or subsidies or line items not in this Budget with Chairman Kern responding.

Mr. Edwin Cockrell regarding a cut for the East St. Louis Board of Elections with Chairman Kern responding.

Mr. C. Richard Vernier regarding Emergency Telephone System Fund line items for Principal and Interest with Ms. Sue Schmidt, Financial Analyst, responding.

Mr. Frank Heiligenstein regarding layoffs with Chairman Kern responding.

Mr. Frank Heiligenstein regarding the Landfill Fund with Chairman Kern responding.

Mr. Frank Heiligenstein further commented regarding assessment, TIF, and airport loss of revenues. Mr. Heiligenstein also recommended consolidation of precincts with Chairman Kern responding.

Mr. C. David Tiedemann regarding Probation funding with Chairman Kern and Dr. Debra Moore responding.

Mr. Larry Stammer regarding Correction Officers' contract with FOP as to payment of back pay with Mrs. Jackie Krummrich, Chief Deputy Auditor, responding.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE