

November 27, 2023

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

St. Clair County Budget Caucus



MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF
A BUDGET CAUCUS – November 27, 2023

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order
3. Roll Call by Tom Holbrook, County Clerk; Present - 26; Absent 2 – Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Tieman. (The Chairman noted that Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Tieman are excused.)
4. 2024 Budget Caucus

This is the 2024 Budget Caucus Meeting.

Chairman Kern stated at the beginning of the month we had a public hearing and a second finance committee meeting last week.

Chairman Kern called for questions or comments from the public on budget issues.

Chairman Kern called for questions or comments from the County Board members on any budget issues.

Mr. Cockrell said the Transportation Committee will be recommending seasonal load limits in the next month or so, but we don't enforce this. Mr. Cockrell asked if we could put a scale in the budget and enforcement officers to enforce the load limits on the road since they are in such tough conditions. Mr. Cockrell also asked if there was anywhere in the budget that shows we could have the funds for more road deputies patrolling in unincorporated areas of the county. Mr. Cockrell said it would be nice to have more than two deputies available.

Mr. Reeb said he drives by the Boeing/Gulf Stream facility often and hopes that those jobs will help us going forward with bringing revenue in. Mr. Reeb said that the Economic Development team is doing a great job. Chairman Kern said there is a significant amount of revenue that is generated and potential from additional acreage near it.

Mr. Henning said he would like to echo Mr. Cockrell's concerns about the road deputies patrolling the southern part of the county. Mr. Henning said this would

help some of the smaller towns that can't afford to have a police department. Mr. Henning said he would like to see service calls for theft or break-in in this area get the same attention as theft at a retail outlet.

5. Adjournment.

Motion to Close the Budget Caucus and Adjourn

R. Mosley, Jr. – made

CJ Baricevic - seconded

M/C RC - Unanimous

THOMAS HOLBROOK, COUNTY CLERK AND
EX-OFICIO CLERK OF THE COUNTY BOARD

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE