

November 25, 2024

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

St. Clair County Budget Caucus



MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF
A BUDGET CAUCUS – November 25, 2024

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order
3. Roll Call by Tom Holbrook, County Clerk; Present - 26; Absent 2 – Mr. Dinges and Mr. Meile. (The Chairman noted that Mr. Dinges and Mr. Meile are excused.)
4. 2025 Budget Caucus

This is the 2025 Budget Caucus Meeting.

Chairman Kern said the budget has been on file since November 1.

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. Reeb said he thinks it's great that we are doing those transportation projects for Green Mount Road and going through to Scott. Mr. Reeb said the area is so congested and much needed. Chairman Kern said Frank Scott has been along time.

Mr. Cockrell said what is the expected subsidies by the General Fund that we giving to MidAmerica Airport and its operating loss for the coming year. Chairman Kern referred to Jackie Krummrich who referred to Monica McMurphy. Ms. McMurphy said \$3.3 million. Mr. Cockrell asked for this year or next year. Ms. McMurphy said both. Chairman Kern said we have added two new flights at Allegiant, and we expect ridership to be up 15% this coming year. Chairman Kern said we continue to have record years and next year will be the same and may even be a little better than that.

Mr. Henning said he appreciates the funding in the budget for the southeast county law enforcement police patrols. Mr. Henning said it is going to be a complex project to run without a chief of police and other villages not having a police department at all. Mr. Henning said the money is going to go pretty fast

unless it is well organized. Mr. Henning said we need to think about how we are going to cover these areas including how many officers there are per shift. Mr. Henning said this is a concern for him but likes the idea and is a good start. Chairman Kern said I look forward to working with you and other County Board members to make this happen. Chairman Kern said we are hoping that the municipalities participation makes this money go farther.

5. **Adjournment.**
Motion to Close the Budget Caucus and Adjourn
CJ Baricevic – made
S. Tieman - seconded

M/C RC - Unanimous

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

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE