



AGENDA
Special Budget Committee
Tuesday, June 16, 2020
@ 3:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Suspension of Rules

3. Resolution

- Additional appropriation to the County Election Commission, Peoria County Sheriff, and Peoria County States Attorney budgets for funding full and fair elections and support of special purpose law enforcement programs

4. Miscellaneous

5. Adjournment

AGENDA BRIEFING

COMMITTEE: County Budget Committee
MEETING DATE: June 16, 2020

LINE ITEM: Multiple
AMOUNT: \$853,500

ISSUE:

For RESOLUTION: Funding for Full and Fair Elections, Support of Special Purpose Law Enforcement Programs.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Elections:

Senate Bill 1863, which the Governor is expected to sign into law significantly expands vote-by-mail opportunities starting with the November 3, 2020 General Election. The bill requires local election authorities like the Peoria County Election Commission to first provide voters with a questionnaire seeking information about each voters' intent or desire to vote-by-mail in the election. Those that respond in the affirmative will then be provided a vote-by-mail ballot. Both processes are required to be done through traditional US Postal Service mail and have postage costs associated with it. Additionally, the Election Commission will then have to receive and tally the ballots received by mail on election day. Currently, elections in Peoria County are conducted using e-Slate, which is a direct recording electronic voting system. Vote-by-mail will be paper based and require the use of optical scanners to first confirm the voter identity with voter registration data and then the scan the ballot to tally the ballots votes. This will require equipment the Election Commission currently does not possess. The Commission's Executive Director estimates as many as 60,000 voters in Peoria County could chose the vote-by-mail option.

Special Purpose Law Enforcement Programs:

In wake of the unjust death of George Floyd in Minneapolis both peaceful protests and rioting and looting occurred in many communities, including Peoria. On June 1, Governor Pritzker signed a state disaster declaration that included Peoria County. On June 3, Chairman Rand made a local declaration that was then ratified by the Peoria County Board on June 11, 2020. The County, led by Chairman Rand, Sheriff Asbell, and States Attorney Hoos, has committed itself to be a leader in our community's conversation and subsequent actions to end social injustices and institutionalized racism. Initial actions by the County Board in this conversation is to amend both the Sherriff and States Attorney budget.

In the Sheriff's budget, the figures in Exhibit A attached to the Resolution provide funding to expand staff support for the Sheriff's re-entry programming; ensuring there are adequate behavioral health resources by the Sheriff's contracted Jail medical services vendor; and new staffing and programming efforts to move towards a more equitable criminal justice system. In the States Attorney budget, the figures in Exhibit A attached to the Resolution provide funding for a counselor and an attorney dedicated to community engagement and deterrence.

COUNTY BOARD GOALS:



FINANCIAL STABILITY



EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY



HEALTHY VIBRANT COMMUNITIES



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



COLLABORATION

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVAL

COMMITTEE ACTION:

PREPARED BY: Scott A. Sorrel, County Administrator

DEPARTMENT: Peoria County Administration

DATE: June 12, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD)
)
COUNTY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS)

Your Budget Committee does hereby recommend passage of the following Resolution.

Re: Funding for Full and Fair Elections, Support of Special Purpose Law Enforcement Programs.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, George Floyd, an African American man unjustly died while in the custody of the Minneapolis Minnesota police department and;

WHEREAS, four officers of the Minneapolis police department involved in that arrest have been charged with criminal offenses related to Mr. Floyd’s death and;

WHEREAS, the national, state, and local outrage over the circumstances surrounding Mr. Floyd’s death has created a groundswell of expectation and support to reform the criminal justice system and to have local governments participate in and lead sustainable reforms that will help end social injustice and institutionalized racism and;

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020 citing authority provided in the Illinois Emergency Management Act (20 ILCS 3305/11), Andrew A. Rand, Peoria County Board Chairperson, upon consultation with the Peoria County Sheriff and the Peoria County States Attorney proclaimed that an emergency exists in Peoria County beginning on or about May 27th, 2020 due to the reasons stated in the attached emergency declaration, and;

WHEREAS, this County Board is on record as denouncing, in the strongest possible terms, the actions and inactions of the Minneapolis, Minnesota police officers that resulted in Mr. Floyd’s death, and;

WHEREAS, the County Board is dedicated to supporting and participating in the local social injustice conversation, and;

WHEREAS, part of the conversation of social injustice and reform centers on voting rights, and;

WHEREAS, the Governor of Illinois is expected to sign into law Senate Bill 1863 that creates a mandate for local election officials to increase vote-by-mail opportunities for the November 3, 2020 General Election, and;

WHEREAS, the Peoria County Board will ensure sufficient financial resources are available to election authorities such that every voter can access election day facilities, or vote-by-mail options as provided for in SB 1863, and;

WHEREAS, the County Board has determined that the additional expenditure as requested by Andrew A. Rand, Peoria County Board Chairperson, is an essential step to support our Election Commission, and our Elected Officials as they immediately work towards remedying the social injustices in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the County Board of Peoria County, that the FY2020 Budget , and the spending authority tied to it for the Peoria County Election Commission, Peoria County Sheriff, and Peoria County States Attorney, is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A, attached, to account for the expenditures necessary to conduct elections in November and to move toward a more equitable criminal justice system for the citizens of Peoria County.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BUDGET COMMITTEE
AND COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN, ANDREW A. RAND

Budget Amendment - Exhibit A

		Pre-COVID	Post-COVID	Increase	Revised	1st Subtotal of Increased Appropriation						
Fund / Dept #	Fund Name	Appropriation	Appropriation	Amount	Appropriation	Pers.	Comm.	Cont.	Cap.	Debt	Trnfs. Out	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND		21,525,955	19,274,091	853,500	20,127,591	424,000	7,500	365,000	57,000	-	-	853,500
001	General Fund	21,525,955	19,274,091	853,500	20,127,591	424,000	7,500	365,000	57,000	-	-	853,500
001-006	States Attorney	3,925,135	3,514,520	104,000	3,618,520	94,500	2,500	7,000	-	-	-	104,000
001-012	County Sheriff	16,745,442	14,993,675	449,500	15,443,175	329,500	5,000	115,000	-	-	-	449,500
001-027	County Election Commission	855,378	765,896	300,000	1,065,896	-	-	243,000	57,000	-	-	300,000
TOTAL OF AMENDMENTS - ALL FUNDS		21,525,955	19,274,091	853,500	20,127,591	424,000	7,500	365,000	57,000	-	-	853,500