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Committee Chairman Dr. Luis Moreno called the Budget Committee Meeting to order at 3:32 pm

Committee members present: Dr. Luis Moreno, David Adams, Larry Burns, Kai Swanson, Johnny Woods, Dr. Simmer (arrived at 3:55pm).

Member absent: Enyo Dewith

Also present: Finance Director Ryan Berger, Derrick Hendrickx Court Services, Sheriff Darren Hart, Captain Mindy Meyers, Tammy Muerhoff, Regional Superintendent, Johnny Muerhoff, Rock Island County Regional Office of Education, County Clerk Karen Kinney, Maggie Crouch, County Clerk's Office, Tammy Weikert Circuit Clerk, County Board Chairman Richard Brunk, County Administrator Jim Grafton, Jared VanTieghem, Jim Nelson.

Dr. Moreno made three calls for public Comment.

General FY2026 Information:

Finance Director Ryan Berger thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Berger gave a recap of the Budget process.

First Step is the Offices and Departments enter numbers into our Financial Software which has been done. Then I sort through all of the budget lines to find any differences between FY25 approved budget and what their request is. If there is a difference between them I pull that forward and that is what this document here is (FY26 substantial changes). It starts with Animal Control, Auditor, Chief County Assessor, and so on. This document says what was approved in FY25 and this is what you are requesting and this is the change. I sent this to each Office and I asked them to explain what the change is for. This document is a summary of all those changes that I noticed in the system. If you go through all of it, at the far right (last column) there is a bold number and that is the overall increase for example Animal Control is \$66,050.00 more, the Auditors Office is asking for \$15,171.00 more and so on. Also, please notice what is not taken into consideration are any wage increases. That is because they have already approved the various contracts and those numbers are already approved and already in this and that is why that is already accounted for. If you get to the very bottom that list you can see we are at about a \$2M increase compared to FY25. I have done the same thing for projected revenues. I looked for where there will be an increase in revenues. You can see which will come to about \$1.9M more in revenue for FY26 over FY25. So, that will give us a rough idea of where we are at in general. These numbers could change you can approve different things or you can approve more or less based on the conversations with the offices at these meetings. But, the responses I get in sending these to the offices are put here behind your agenda. So, if there is an increase, for example if you go to the Sheriff's Office he explains what those are for. That is kind of where we are at for the discussion to start. Overall it looks like we are in a good position, that combined with the news that we heard from the Assessment Office about potential increase in the assessed value of property and the ability for us to Levy more if we need to. I am not saying we have to, but it does seem like we are in a good position for FY26. Dr. Moreno asked Ryan if he had a chance to see how much of an increase taxes we will get to offset any increase in the budget. Ryan reminded Dr. Moreno that these revenues are not considered a Levy. Ryan noted that you could argue if we leave the Levy the same however it is we have enough revenue that we are collecting and our investments, other income sources we have identified to make up for the increases here. Dr. Moreno said what we have done traditionally we have tried to offset the increases so that is what I am

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wondering if we do a tax levy, Ryan Stated that the Assessor said and increase of 6.8% that does not mean the levy will go up 6.8% , that is up to you to decide when we see those numbers, after all these discussions if you guys recommend that these numbers go forward that will give us an idea of what we have to do. CBC Brunk stated that the hope is we will be able to offset any increases in the budget through increased EAV. We have done a good job in recent years being able to offset nearly all those increases. Dr. Moreno asked if anyone had any questions about what Ryan has talked about so far.

Regional Office of Education Superintendent Tammy Muerhoff noted that the first item request is for a vehicle at a cost of \$25,000. So, in the past we have not requested this in the past as it has not been a distinctive need in the past we actually have one vehicle that we use unrestricted funds to purchase that vehicle. What we are finding is that our team, including myself and my assistant we are out and about so to speak we have within our schools so frequently that the one vehicle we have is being used every day. If we are not using that vehicle we are using our personal vehicles and paying mileage for the use of the vehicle for their travels to the school districts. Many ROE's are beginning to have vehicles on hand for their staff to utilize attend functions throughout the districts to provide support directly within the schools rather than the personnel coming to our office for professional training and providing support directly to the teachers within their classrooms instructional professional coaching and professional learning. That is the first request and the second request is an increase from \$13,793.00 to \$70,000.00 for rent. Many of you may be aware that we were asked to vacate the premises at Coolidge as the School District was going to use that for displaced students from Lincoln Irving and Willard while making renovations for Lincoln Irving. That was to be for 3rd to 5th Grade. Then K-2 would meet at Willard until those renovations were complete. It has since been decided that the Coolidge building will not be used for those purposes. In the interim we have moved out of that location and signed a three-year lease and the rent will be such that our grant funds will not sustain the cost for fees and the utilities. So, our grant will cover approximately \$60,000 of the cost of Rent and utilities. And then employee reimbursement, we have one grant in-particular that is on a three-year cycle and that covers our insurance fees, operational educational grants and that provides funding for our truancy officers, a mandated service that we are to provide, interesting it is mandated but we did not get our grant approved. So, we have to find a way to provide the funds for our truancy Officers. Because my notification was just received recently we had already committed to our current team that we were going to have another fiscal year. So the grant that was not awarded would have provided for a portion of the individuals salary and benefits. So, my request is for \$51,529.00 which would include a .45 FTE and salary and benefits. My other request is for a .5 FTE for school safety consultant and coordinator with that total cost to be \$47,625.00 which would include salary and benefits. This person would provide support for school districts in our overall community to provide training. This person would provide support and overall training for the school district and threat assessments. Many ROE's across the state are implementing this position to lend support as school districts are reaching out to talking measures at this level for security and that they are well trained to recognize the security needs. My total request is \$182,029.00 Those three items specifically are the significant increase from the FY25 budget. Board member Swanson said he certainly understands the quandary with the rent and asked how long a term you are in the lease. Tammy answered three years. Tammy explained the lease is from January 1st to December 31st of this year. So, this increase is for this budget year. The \$70,000 is the difference in the grant revenue. That is for this next fiscal year. CBC Brunk asked Tammy if she had the numbers of what they are being charged per square foot. Board Member Swanson said the reason he asked his question is that

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we might be able to find you a partner like Moline had been. There are so many school buildings that are under capacity right now. Board Member Dave Adams asked on the vehicle if we are able to recycle vehicles. CBC Brunk said this is something that has not been discussed. Chairman Brunk explained to Superintendent Muerhoff about the Fleet Center servicing vehicles and the possibility that a vehicle that still is useful could be given to them. We are hoping to get to the point where that department manages the Counties fleet of vehicles. Dr. Moreno asked if anyone had any more questions for Tammy.

Court Services Director Derrick Hendrickx: Derrick explained that his longer excel spread sheet is his and he was not sure if you wanted him to go through this line by line. Derrick explained that the biggest change is going to be on the spread sheet 13 through 22 not including 14. Back in February the State came out with a new standard for how we spend probation services and with that it basically created three buckets. They consider client services, operating expenses and a "Not allowed". There are certain expenses that we have been using in probation service fees for that are no longer allowed. That is what items 13 thru 22 not including 14 cover. When looking at the numbers the total amount removed from Probation service fees is \$108,265.50 that will switch from Fund 144 (Probation service fees) General Fund 1. I did eliminate \$21,000.00 of that which was cost allocation. So, the total amount of money that will switch from Probation Service Fees to General Fund will be \$87,008.50. Overall budget request increased by \$195,000 and that is almost solely for increase in salaries. In revenues increase in reimbursements from the State in the amount of \$209,018.00 that will be an extra \$200,000 coming from the State to cover our salaries. Derrick told the committee he would answer any questions or explain any further. Derrick noted that with the Probation service fees we have to come into full compliance by February of 2028. The next steps to that are once we eliminate the stuff that is not allowed in future years we have to a 70/30 split meaning 70% of our probationary fees are spent on client services and 30% are spent on operating expenses. In the future we will have to massage those numbers but by just eliminating the not allowed expenses we are well on that path.

County Clerk Karen Kinney: Clerk Kinney said everyone should be happy they have a nice place to vote. We have some increases office supplies for some books. We had to purchase the big binders. Professional services our notary has changed they now have to have some schooling that was up \$50 we would like to add two new notaries to the Office. Insurance went from \$116.00 to \$250.00. Election Office supplies we need to purchase vote by mail envelopes we have no way of knowing how many people are going to vote by mail it has increased as it has become more popular. I am thinking there will be even more this time around because it is the Governor Race. Maggie Crouch noted that this time around they had to purchase 100,000 of each size of envelope and we ordered three different sizes. Board member Kai Swanson thanked Karen for a great summary of needs for the Clerk's Office. Kai stated that one of the most important things we do is to insure elections that we can all stand behind and this is a great way to do it. Professional Services was \$95,000 for FY26 and it was \$65,000 in FY25 budget. That is the cost of operating the new equipment. Election rentals was \$2,800 going up to \$6,400. Clerk Kinney talked to Ron from Fleet Services and Jim Grafton about possibly purchasing a truck to haul more equipment. Karen noted that the problem is with our vans the machinery we haul and drop off at Cordova we can only haul two machines so they have to make like 6 trips just to get Cordova all ready to go. Dr. Simmer asked which U-Haul they deal with. Clerk Kinney said they went out to the one at the old K-Mart on Blackhawk RD. Clerk Kinney hoped that if the Clerk's Office could get one more vehicle it would help.

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Sheriffs Office Sheriff Darren Hart: Sheriff Hart noted that this is his third budget as Sheriff, although he did do several with the previous Sheriff. Sheriff Hart said I think what is important here is expenses but we also need to talk about generated revenue for the County as well. Some of the budget discussion you will see on our budget summary also lists a very conservative figure for an increase in budgets in the sense of revenue. We see some of the things that we have done so we have tried to clean up a lot of contracts since I have been Sheriff. Trying to get some leverage in getting good return on a service that we provide, especially with the Villages and so forth. So, you can see the annual percentage increase that we are charging our communities. We also have some contracts we entered into with when we took over the village of Hampton. We also took over the Mississippi Rapids and Scenic overlook from IDOT, Fisherman's Corner and N&S Hampton. Those are some additional revenues that we brought in as you can see one is a five-year agreement and one is a three-year agreement. Last year we ended up bringing in more revenue than expenses. Sheriff Bustos always wanted to be around 102% to 104% for revenue and about 98% for expenditures. We have exceeded that every year since I have ever done the budget. Last year it was over a million last year it was almost a million dollars over what we had anticipated although we did have a couple of liability payouts back to the County for some issues with a couple of vendor contracts, but we were still almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million dollars than what we had anticipated. The concern I have is that, we have to be conservative because two of our major drivers of revenue would be the housing of Scott County inmates and our federal prisoner room and board. As you can see we were able to successfully raise those rates from \$55 per day to \$105 per day. Thank you to the board they allocated almost \$40,000 to hire an outside legal firm to help us negotiate with the federal government and now our rate for housing federal inmates on criminal detainees not ICE detainees. We anticipate that is going to generate somewhere in excess of \$200,000 to \$300,000 extra this year. With Scott County we have allocated about \$300,000 for housing this year although last year we did \$520,000. I think we just need to be careful with those we have tried to look at our budget and make sure that through a conservative lens, because any of these could pull these prisoners. Right now, we are housing about 23 Scott County prisoners about 14 federal inmates and we are very conservative on those numbers. From a Sheriff's standpoint we have leveraged every additional dollar that we can and we have one contract coming up next year with MetroLINK. That is the discussions on the revenues and we feel good where we are at and we will easily make revenue again this year. What is allocated will be well over what our expenses will be. For expenditures I am just going to hit the highlights some of the increases are very minor, if any of these expenses stand out and you would like us to talk about them I would defiantly do that. 10.524.00 I can tell you in some issues that we have had following the Officer involved shooting here in Rock Island we came across some issues with some cameras in our parking lots with clarity, age electronics and things like that. Some of the cost increases you see in 10.524.00 is to get some better cameras for the parking lots for employee safety. Under 10.631.00 increase is due to digitizing our booking records, fingerprints and stored in a secure database. We have thousands of fingerprints in the actual basement of the Rock Island County Jail. We have had issues with water, we have had issues with storage. Those records have to be kept until and individual is deceased. So, if you get somebody at 17 years of age and you start a fingerprint file with them those files could be with you for 80 or 90 years. And so, we have tens of thousands of those records in the basement from years and years that need to be digitized. That is a \$230,000.00 project over three years and what we have proposed in our budget is to take this in parts and that is what the \$75,000.00 is for as you can see. Another increase is 10.638 is for camera repairs in FY24 we did almost \$14,000.00 in camera repairs

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when we had only budgeted about \$1,000.00. This year it is substantially less than that, but I think it is important that we have some funds available for that. We have over 200 cameras in the Jail/Court complex combined. Any time you call in any of our vendors it is \$100 plus per hour. 10.764.00 is for computers, things out at the EMA office, velocity server for our key fob access for all the buildings. 18.522.00 Maintenance is a big expense for us general operating supplies. That could be anything from toilet paper, Windex to soap. 18.644.00 is for outside contractual I do not have a lot of ability to manage that as those are fire systems as well as vendor contracts for service. These cover our fire systems as well as vendor contracts. 18.766.00 is for remodels that we do. The Sheriffs Office is in charge of 5 buildings well over 150,000 almost 200,000 sqft. of office space. We are in charge of all the cleaning maintenance, plowing anything to do with those buildings. The entire Court Complex, Juvenile Justice and the EMA facility. We have proposed two capital improvement projects that definitely need to be addressed. One we have already signed a contract with replacing the swing door locks, there is well over 140 of those and they are about \$10,000 a piece that contract is almost a million-dollar contract. We are including that as a cost estimate. We have a lot of plumbing issues a lot of this is just aging building. We definitely don't want to get into a problem like we had before with one of our buildings. We to make sure we take care of those buildings and there is money to maintain them. What we are trying to do is be good stewards of our taxpayer's money and take care of the buildings we have. We have actually lowered that line this year by almost a half million dollars. Financer Director Ryan Berger noted we are still doing the projects that the Sheriff is proposing but in prior years when we set the levy some of those projects that were discussed some of them happened and were paid for by another funding source after we levied for them (ARPA). So, we have money in our fund balance already to complete those projects. The discussion we had with the Sheriff was let's just use the fund balance and not levy again for those same projects. So, that basically will allow them to decrease the amount that they need for on this line compared to last year. Sheriff Hart said he will continue to work with Jim Grafton and Ryan and not levy for things that have already been levied for and the money is already available to complete the project. We are very confident we can get these projects done. We have a capital improvement fund and what we have allocated and we will work with Ryan on additional funding balances that we have moved forward. We run into these issues with a lot of our projects due to the fact that they take months to complete. The Jail cell locking door system that we are talking about. We ordered the locks 8 months ago and they take a year to get. So, you have the money in one year's fiscal budget to start the three-year capital improvement project. The problem is you can do none of that project during that period of time. So, the issue is that money goes into the next year and then the next year and so on. What we do not want to do is to keep compounding that. I think Ryan and Jim came up with a way to keep that from happening. Let's take a break and use the money that has already been levied and let's finish these projects. Law enforcement 20.631.00 some of these are kind of minor in the since of professional services some of that is mental health care, specialized mental health care for Public Safety, we divided that up between law enforcement and corrections. We actually contract with a company out of Chicago for that. Line 20.642.00 reflects rising costs for membership and dues there is not a lot we can do about this. That can be anything from SRO membership, K-9 membership through the State, I have memberships through the Illinois Sheriff's Association, things like that. 20.764.00 is about an \$11,000.00 increase a lot of that is to actually supply our emergency response team, Quad City Mobile team force with the equipment they need in the event of any civil unrest issues that we have here. I have seven individuals that take part in the Quad City Mobile team. These people can go to any

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municipality and can assist with any type of a situation involving an uprising along those lines. 20.768.00 is about a \$50,000.00 increase from last year. I have seven squad cars that are 125,000 miles and up we have one vehicle with 195,000 miles and will need to be replaced. Last year we dis eight cars but we are finding the prices are increasing. Board member David Adams asked how many total vehicles are in the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Hart answered that every person from him down has a vehicle, so there are 70 allocated positions. There are we actually have over 100 vehicles when you consider ATV's, UTV's, Command Busses, bomb squad vehicle, the bearcat. Board member Larry Burns asked how does Fleet Service come into play here? Sheriff Hart answered that they are working with Fleet Services on this. Sheriff Hart said that the conversations he has had with Jim and Ron. Fleet services take care of all of our vehicles and like any new facility we are all going through a few growing pains. Just understanding what needs to be done. They are starting with a blank slate on a lot of the cars and building their database they are doing a lot of work for us right now I can see squads over there every day. Actually, what is nice they are able to do some projects that would have to go out for such as the electronic citation program. We are hoping to get that up and running here in a couple of months. They are installing printers in all the squad cars. There is definitely value to that it is very nice that we can work with dedicated mechanics that are assigned to the County. We are working through some of the hurdles that we have. I am very supportive of it. Board Member Burns asked if Fleet management was supposed to be involved the rotation of the vehicles in the replacement of the squad cars. Sheriff Hart answered that he did not think we were at that point yet. He said he has talked very openly about this to bring somebody in from a dealership that has never dealt with buying and installing law enforcement equipment, computers, camera system lighting controls there is a lot to do with that. That is a lot of electrical work and things like that and I do not know if our staff is specialized in that. We would love for that to happen right now we are taking cars down to Meta Miller they come right here from Chicago a state dealer they are outfitted and then brought to us. I do not know if we are at that point yet. Sheriff Hart said a squad car can take two to three weeks to build. That will take mechanics away from doing any maintenance work at all. I definitely think that Sheriff's in the future will be able to work with fleet to have a better understanding and Moline does that and that is something that needs to be in progress. They will have to go to some of the specialized schooling as well. Ford schooling what I don't want to happen is what we had at Reynolds a while back where East Moline had a squad car that was lost from a vehicle fire from an electrical fire and you would lose a \$70,000 to \$80,000-dollar vehicle. I think we need to go into that very gingerly and cautiously and we can definitely get to that point. We are working with Ron and he is great. We are just working through the nuances of a new fleet management department.

23.644.00 outside contractual services both ACHR our medical provider and Aramark contract is up so we will be deciding on a potential for a new food vendor I do not know if it is going to change. Typically, what we have seen in the last few years is a 5% increase. ACHR did hit us for a much higher cost increase of 7% but, we were able to absorb some of that in our budget. That contract is not due until April or May and we were able to make it through this year and we will take a hit here of about 7% increase in April. A lot of this is medical prescriptions. I can tell you the 708 Board gives us an allocation of about \$30,000 per year for mental health prescriptions. That actually comes back to the County as revenue. I think the issue that we ran into and what we are seeing right now is that we decreased our line for that item which is under 23.644.00 by about \$30,000. To \$40,000 last year. The issue is that then became a revenue and we haven't asked for that to be transferred back in. We budgeted for all of our internet services for CAD which is our magnum one system, jail management, records management (27.644.00)

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it is also going to help support our E-Citation program so, that \$8,000 increase is actually a pass through from ETSB to the Sheriff's Office. The last one Emergency Management Agency EM.524 is to purchase small tools that we need for emergency events. The Sheriff noted earlier that the Office is taxed with overseeing 5 buildings. We would like to add an employee. We do all the cleaning of all the offices, we do all the maintenance, we have taken on Courthouse Square for mowing and upkeep, parking lots we plow, general service worker 3 is a little bit more of a management worker who can oversee employees where a general service worker 2 which are our lower end facility individuals cannot. This individual will help support the 12 maintenance employees at the Sheriff's Office for as long as I can remember and we continue to take on more and more. We find it more and more difficult to service both Juvenile and EMA with cleaning because our staff is very busy here at the Court Complex. That is the one position we have tentatively asked for consideration. Committee Chair Dr. Luis Moreno asked if this would be a crossover position. Mr. Grafton answered we did not want to get into the security part of it and there are two shift operations. Board Member Adams asked about the general service worker 3 are they able to do work or are they just a supervisor. Sheriff Hart answered they can do anything from cleaning floors and toilets all the way up to doing light electrical, drywall, the problem we have is our maintenance mechanics are right below our maintenance however what is unique our general service worker 3 can actually give direction to employees we have one general service worker 3 and he is on 2nd shift.

Assisting and support for day shift as well right now our staff is 8 on days 4 on afternoons until 10:30 11:00 at night because it takes that long. Tammy and other people can tell you floors need to be buffed and other maintenance issues that we just don't have time for. The other issue we have is because it is a secure facility is when we bring a vendor in to do a job our maintenance staff is basically tied to them unless we put them in an empty cell block. Right now, we are having work done on our fire suppression system. Our maintenance staff has to walk around with them. We may have five vendors in the building at a time. Elevators, fire suppression, IT work. We don't have a lot of hours during the day that our staff can work. Dr. Moreno asked if this would be a brand-new position. The Sheriff answered yes. The Sheriff stated that right now the Sheriff's Office has one Deputy position open, 3 correctional officers and one maintenance position. The new contract was good for retention. Board Member Kai Swanson thanked the Sheriff for anticipating the question about the maintenance position and that makes perfect sense. Mr. Swanson said he was grateful to see the investment in Mental Health I hope you are all apprized about the staff liaison from FOP at our Health Care planning meetings. We just made a major change where the mental health coverage for employees and their dependents waves all copay. Mr. Swanson wanted to make sure all of our colleagues know that. Sheriff Hart said he thought this was unique in that this is directed towards Public Safety this is also Chaplain services, therapy animals. Mr. Swanson also let the Sheriff know he does appreciate the fact that he does take a conservative approach. Any possibility that our federal inmate revenue when the Courthouse comes fully online and they are doing things here that they used to do in Davenport or Peoria will the number of federal inmates increase. Sheriff Hart said we have the ability to take in more. We do have the ability to generate more money through detainees. Those detainees are typically easier for us to handle because they as so serious charges that they mind themselves better in the correctional facility. What is nice about Scott County if we have any type of an issue with them they can get them out within a couple of hours. We do so much transporting between Scott County and us after looking at a contract that had not been looked at for over 20 years we had the lowest rate in the State of Illinois for federal housing of detainees. Dr. Simmer asked how long we keep these federal prisoners. We have people charged with murder that are local charges that

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have been in Rock Island County Jail for 6 years. We have 13 individuals in jail on murder charges right now. The federal could be incarcerated for years at the County. Right now, we are sitting on between 12 to 15. Right now, we had 4 deputies take individuals to Peoria yesterday for court. When the new Federal Courthouse opens up we won't have to do that anymore. It will be very quick in and out. DR. Simmer noted that to be careful of what you wish for because when the new prison opened up north you get families. The Sheriff noted that with the new communications contract we are looking at now we are looking at the ability to have remote visitation. Right now, we have to open the Courthouse on the weekend and bring staff in for on sight visitations. We are looking at more of a convenience for the families. No matter where they are from we will be able to arrange for video visitation. We really haven't had much concern with federal inmates with their visitation. We have had some very high-profile inmates that have come here from Chicago and we have been able to handle that.

Board Member comments: Board member Swanson expressed some concerns about animal control the continues to be a challenge we know that revenue continues to be a challenge for animal control. To see a \$66,000 increase. Ryan noted that animal control will be at the next budget meeting. Ryan said he had a reasoning for all of these increases that Sam will give to you at the next budget meeting. Dr. Moreno noted that the big problem they have now is they quit getting free food from Purina. CBC Brunk noted that are in a email that we had received what we discovered through all of that some of the officials from PAWS there were a lot of expenses that basically not aware of. There are needs out there the ask automatically was going to QC Paws instead OF County Administration. I believe the conversation took place in what are the actual needs out there what do we need to make sure is funded out there. Dr. Moreno said this is all for catch-up. Dr. Simmer stated that half the problems out there are overcrowding. Over 400 cats right now. Mr. Grafton said closer to 500. Dr. Simmer said our association with PAWS they do not want us to put anything down, we can't continue to getting more and more and more. Sam has done a great job but she is going the wrong direction, she needs a heck of a lot more money to do what she does to avoid problems for food. If she has the money available where she doesn't have to put them down I don't think she has the heart to do that. Dr. Moreno said just for your information yes, she is putting animals down. Dr. Simmer said if you haven't been out there you should because she has animals stacked in the hallways. Dr. Simmer said they take the best care of them that they can. They have crates stacked in the hallways it is terrible we have allowed this. We need to make sure she has enough to take care of business. Dr. Moreno thanked the members for taking the time to listen and thanked Finance Director Ryan Berger for all his work on the budget. Kai Swanson agreed and complimented Ryan on his work. Kai Swanson said this is just a sea of change, as we have said before we have someone whose sole job is to look at the budget. What I would like to say is to feel free to let us know your insights because you watch this more than anybody and if you are not getting the entire responses you want from people we need to hear that. If you see people working really hard we need to hear that. I think one of the smartest things this board has done is to hire a Finance Director and we really rely on you. The process five or six years ago was everybody come in and sit down on Santa's lap. Ryan said there are some more improvements coming as CBC Brunk has been working with Evergreen Consultants to position us better as we walk through the fiscal year. This process is down everyone knows what to expect. Motion to adjourn: Dave Adams

Second by Kai Swanson meeting adjourned at 4:40pm

Respectfully submitted by Jim Nelson, Rock Island County Administration