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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
April 20, 2016

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Babgy, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield and Chairman Pietrowski. Mrs. Tobias, Mr. Luebke and Mr. Metzger were absent. A quorum was established with twenty-one Members present and three absent.

Chairman Pietrowski requested Mr. Reid to please lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2016 Board Meeting. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a voice vote on the approval of the minutes. All Members voted yea and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

It was moved by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh and seconded by Mr. Faivre to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Luebke arrived at 7:35 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS

Chairman Pietrowski acknowledged and welcomed the AFSCME representatives in attendance.

Chairman Pietrowski mentioned that Sycamore mayor, Ken Mundy had sent him a copy of the minutes from a 1996 Sycamore Council meeting in which Mark Pietrowski was listed as a junior council member. Chairman Pietrowski recalled that the junior council member program was a good program that encouraged young students to get involved in local government.

Chairman Pietrowski reviewed that April 9th marked the one-year anniversary of the Fairdale tornado disaster. He noted that a tremendous amount of progress has been made and several new houses have been built. Chairman Pietrowski mentioned that Habitat for Humanity was present for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and that the Governor of Illinois was in attendance along with other state and local officials. Chairman Pietrowski thanked first-responders, county staff and other individuals in both government and the private sector for their efforts to work together to assist the community.

Employee Service Awards for March

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the following Employee Service Awards for the month of April 2016:

Five Years – Vincent Leonforte (Health Department), Chris Hanson (Treasurer's Office), Jade Frohling (Rehab and Nursing), Andrea McCoy (Rehab and Nursing), Madilynn Cook (Rehab and Nursing)

Ten Years – Alyson Shipley (Circuit Clerk), Angela Souka (Sheriff's Office), Jennifer Eisman (Health Department)

Twenty Years – Jess Collins (Health Department)

Twenty-Five Years – Scott Summers (Highway)

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

Marla Cradduck who represents AFSCME and works at the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center stated that the union contract negotiations with the county are in progress. She expressed concern with the county's proposed changes to the health insurance cap on premiums and outlined the potential negative impact to affected employees, their families and to the businesses in the county.

Dave Romke shared his concern with the regular burning and the height and size of fires close to his personal residence. Mr. Paul Miller, Planning & Zoning Director mentioned that his department has addressed yard-waste burning. Mr. Miller stated that the burning that Mr. Romke described warrants further investigation and requested the Mr. Romke contact the Planning & Zoning office in the morning.

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Pietrowski introduced Proclamation P2016-01 – “Money Smart Week”:

Whereas, the economic progress of our Country is dependent upon the financial well-being of its citizens, and

Whereas, citizens have many choices on how to manage their financial affairs, making it important to become educated about the best options available, and

Whereas, educational institutions, financial institutions, government entities and community-based organizations can work together to help consumers make informed choices about their personal finances, and

Whereas, improved financial literacy results in a higher standard of living for individuals and greater community stability.

Therefore, the DeKalb County Board hereby proclaims April 23-30, 2016 as “Money Smart Week” in DeKalb County, Illinois and encourages all citizens to increase financial literacy.

Jackie DiNatale from the Kishwaukee United Way was present to accept the proclamation.

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Chairman Pietrowski introduced Proclamation P2016-02 – “Comcast Cares Day”:

Whereas, Comcast remains an active, committed and engaged member of the DeKalb County Community and supports the core American value of volunteerism through partnerships, grants, and volunteer activities that empower individuals and organized communities, and;

Whereas, Comcast Cares Day is a celebration of service, and has become the nation’s largest single-day corporate volunteer effort that brings employees, families, friends, and community partners together for a common purpose and mission, and;

Whereas, Comcast celebrating its 15th National Comcast Cares Day, has reached an important milestone of 4 million volunteer hours and more than 700,000 volunteers since Comcast Cares Day started in 2001, and;

Whereas, Comcast Cares Day promotes a spirit of corporate responsibility thanks to the hard work, dedication and service of volunteers who will be sprucing up, cleaning and landscaping at the TAILS Humane Society on April 30, and;

Whereas, TAILS provides a service to DeKalb County as a safe haven for local animals who are strays or have owners who can no longer care for them;

Now, therefore, the DeKalb County Board hereby proclaims April 30, 2016 as “Comcast Cares Day” in DeKalb County, Illinois.

A representative from Comcast was present to accept the proclamation.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski called for approval of this month’s appointments:

Board of Health - *Ms. Derryl Block* to be appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Marilyn Stromborg until December 31, 2018.

South Grove Cemetery Association - *Mr. Jason Yakey* to be appointed to fill the unexpired term of David Yakey until August 31, 2018.

South Grove Cemetery Association - *Ms. Barbara Koehnke* to be appointed to fill an open appointment until August 31, 2021.

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Faivre and seconded by Mr. Frieders to approve the appointments.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously to approve the recommended appointments.

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REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Resolution R2016-29: *2016 Pavement Marking Project and Perry Road at Afton Cemetery Hot-Mix Project*

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved that the DeKalb County Board award the lowest bids meeting specifications to America's Parking Remarketing of St. Louis, Missouri for the center line and edge line marks on all County Roads and various Road Districts in the amount of \$240,692.60 and further award Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. of LaSalle, Illinois for the hot-mix resurfacing of 650 feet of Perry Road and .11 miles west of Perry Road at the Afton Cemetery in the amount of \$25,406.50. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea.

Resolution R2016-30: *Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the Melms Road Bridge*

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved that the DeKalb County Board authorize the Chairman to execute a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois for the replacement of a bridge on Melms Road in Genoa Township at an estimated cost of \$800,000 with the local share to be estimated at \$160,000. Mr. Emerson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea.

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Resolution R2016-31: Award of the Senior Services Tax Levy Funding

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved that the DeKalb County Board approve the recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee and agree to purchase services from the agencies listed within the resolution in amounts not exceeding \$424,331 for the period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017. Ms. Askins seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea.

Resolution R2016-32: Authorizing to Execute and File a Section 5311 Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved that the DeKalb County Board authorize to execute and file a Section 5311 Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement for funding the County's rural transportation services such as TransVac and MedVac. When funds are approved they are passed through the County to the Voluntary Action Center along with all responsibilities and liability. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote to approve Resolution R2016-32 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2016-33: Acceptance of the Special Warranty as a Condition to Receive Section 5311 Funds.

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved that the DeKalb County Board agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Special Warranty for receiving Section 5311 Funds regarding fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interests of employees affected by such assistance. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote to approve Resolution R2016-33 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution R2016-34: Authorizing the Execution and Submittal for the Application for a Public Transportation Capital Assistance Grant.

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved that the DeKalb County Board authorize and direct the County Administrator to sign and submit an application to the Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, for a financial assistance grant for the purpose of off-setting eligible public transportation capital costs of DeKalb County. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote to approve Resolution R2016-34 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2016-35: Supporting Applications for the 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program and FY16 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program.

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved that the DeKalb County Board declare its support for the submittal of the 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Application and FY16 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program for funding and construction of the DeKalb County Public Transportation Facility Project. Mr. Reid seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote to approve Resolution R2016-35 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Claims to be Paid in April 2016

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved to approve the payment of claims for this month and the off-cycle claims paid during the previous month, in the amount of \$6,963,548.95. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the March claims. Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea.

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Reports of County Officials

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved to accept and place on file the following Reports of County Officials:

1. Cash & Investments in County Banks – March 2016
2. Public Defender’s Report – March 2016
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – March 2016
4. Pretrial Report – March 2016
5. Sheriff’s Jail Report – March 2016
6. Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Reports – March 2016

Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chairman requested a voice vote to accept the Reports of County Officials as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

No old or new business items were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the adjournment. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

DeKalb County Board Chairman

DeKalb County Clerk

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