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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
February 17, 2016

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, 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, and Chairman Pietrowski. Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger were absent. A last roll call was announced out of honor and respect for the recently deceased Mr. Frank O'Barski. A quorum was established with twenty-one Members present.

Chairman Pietrowski asking Ms. Polanco to please lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 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. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

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

Voice Vote

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS

Chairman Pietrowski and the DeKalb County Board Members took the time to reflect and remember their fellow Board Members, the late Mr. Frank O'Barski. The Chairman, Mr. Gudmunson, and Mrs. Haji-Sheikh spoke out in kind words and memories they had of Mr. O'Barski.

Chairman Pietrowski presented Mr. O'Barski's wife, Sue, with a plaque that read: *"In memory and appreciation of Forest Preserve Commissioner and County Board Member, Frank F. O'Barski, who worked to preserve land forever for all the people of DeKalb County. A memorial bench along with a Sycamore Tree will be placed at the new Sycamore Forest Preserve in his Honor."*

Declaration of Vacancy

Chairman Pietrowski officially declared the County Board, Democratic, District 10 Seat vacant.

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Faivre and seconded by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously to declare the District 10 Seat vacant.

Employee Service Awards for February

Chairman Pietrowski also recognized the Employee Service Awards for the month of February 2016: Five Years – Debra Phillips: Rehab & Nursing Center; Ten Years – Crystal Harrolle: Public Defender's Office, Annette Brooks: Rehab & Nursing Center, Min Zhang: Rehab & Nursing Center, David Aranda: Sheriff's Department; Fifteen Years – Rick Wild: Information Management Office; Thirty-Five Years – Maureen Josh: Circuit Clerk's Office.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

Peter Dordal, President of DeKalb County Taxpayers Against the Casino, shared that The Prairie Band has told the County Board that their casino "would create 400 new jobs, with a \$17 million annual payroll". But he noted that a 2003 study of the Prairie Band's Kansas casino states that in 2002, "937 employees received wages and benefits totaling \$17.4 million". By proportion, that would put the Shabbona payroll + benefits under \$9 million, adjusting for inflation, with take-home under \$8 million.

Eric Sterling of DeKalb, Illinois introduced himself to the County Board. Mr. Sterling is a current write-in candidate for Precinct Committeeman as well as a Delegate to the National Nominating Convention in the 16th Congressional District for Bernie Sanders.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended the following appointment:

Community Mental Health Board: Sue Plote appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Thomas Kirts until December 31, 2017.

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Whelan to approve the appointment as presented.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously to approve the recommended appointment.

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REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Ordinance O2016-01: Denial of a Special Use Permit

Motion

Mr. Emerson moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby denies a Special Use Permit to allow firearms training classes on two acres of a 45-acre property located on the west side of Anderland Road, south of Keslinger Road, in Milan Township. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

After several County Board Members shared their views on the motion, Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote. Those voting yea to deny the Special Use Permit were Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, and Chairman Pietrowski. Those voting nay were Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, and Mr. Bunge. The motion to deny the Special Use Permit was approved with eighteen Members for and three Members against the motion.

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Resolution R2016-06: Glidden Road Resurface Project

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved the DeKalb County Board does hereby authorize the appropriation of \$305,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax allotment for the maintenance and resurfacing of 2.4 miles of Glidden Road during the 2016 construction season. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, 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, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2016-07: County Seal Coat Project

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved that the DeKalb County board does hereby authorize the appropriation of \$118,002.50 from the Motor Fuel Tax allotment to be utilized toward the County's 2016 Seal Coat Project. Mr. Cribben seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, 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, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution R2016-08: Stone Quarry Road Resurfacing Project

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved the DeKalb County Board does hereby authorize the appropriation of \$51,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax allotment to be utilized towards the resurfacing of .4 miles of Stone Quarry Road. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, 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, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2016-09: One 2016 Utility Tractor

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves an award to the lowest bid meeting specifications to Johnson Tractor, Inc. from Rochelle, Illinois for the provision of a new 2016 Utility Tractor for a total net cost of \$35,600.00 after trade-in allowance. Mr. Emerson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, 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, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2016-10: 2016 General County Letting

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved that the DeKalb County Board does award the 2016 General Letting for aggregate, patching material, hot-mix, and liquid calcium chloride to the following companies who submitted the lowest bids: Curran Contracting, Peter Baker, Macklin Inc. of Rochelle, Illinois, Vulcan Materials of Sycamore/DeKalb, Illinois, Wagner Aggregate, Inc. of DeKalb, Illinois, and Sicalco, LTD of Hinsdale, Illinois. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, 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, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2016-11: 2016 Road District Aggregate Projects

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby awards the following lowest bids meeting specifications to Macklin, Inc. from Rochelle, Illinois for 5,000 tons of aggregate surface course spread on road (SOR) to be placed in Afton Road District in the amount of \$48,950.00, for 3,000 tons of aggregate surface course SOR to be placed in Paw Paw Road District in the amount of \$33,120.00, for 3,500 tons of aggregate surface course SOR to be placed in Squaw Grove Road District in the amount of \$43,155.00, and to Wagner Aggregate, Inc. from DeKalb, Illinois for 7,100 tons of aggregate surface course SOR to be placed in South Grove Road District in the amount of \$58,859.00. Mr. Frieders seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, 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, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2016-12: 2016 Drainage Pipe

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves an award to the lowest bid meeting specifications to Contech Engineering Solutions, LLC of Metamora, Illinois for the delivery of drainage pipe culverts and bands as specified to various locations within DeKalb County in the total amount of \$17,472.00. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, 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, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Resolution R2016-13: Approving the Addition of a Juvenile Justice Coordinator to the Community Action Department

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby approve, retroactive to February 1, 2016, the addition of the DeKalb County Juvenile Justice Council Coordinator position to the DeKalb County Community Action Department for a total of 40 hours per week, with an hourly wage range of \$17.07 - \$26.64, with full benefits, and said position be entirely grant funded with no monies from the County General Fund. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the motion as presented. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution R2016-14: Approving a Classification & Hour Change for the Family Support Specialist in the Community Action Department

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved the DeKalb County Board does hereby approve an upgrade in the job classification for the two Family Support Specialists positions in the Community Action Department from a CT8 to a CT7A level and an increase in the authorized work week hours from 37.5 hours to 40 hours, with said changes being effective February 22, 2016, but implementation is contingent on the award of Federal Funding and no County General Fund dollars are to be utilized for these changes. Ms. Little seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

A voice vote was taken on the motion as presented and it was carried unanimously.

LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2016-15: Expansion & Formalization of the Allocation Method for Communication Center Costs

Motion

Mr. Frieders moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves that the rural portion of the costs for the Sheriff's Dispatch Center should be allocated proportionately to both rural Fire and Police Departments based on total rural CAD Events, beginning with the July 1, 2016 contract year, and that the County Administrator, working in conjunction with the County Sheriff, should work with each impacted entity, via a general meeting that includes Fire District Trustees, Fire Chiefs, and Police Chiefs to formulate a contract that stipulates financial and operational considerations and that said contracts should be brought back to the Law & Justice Committee for review before being forwarded to the County Board for action. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chairman called for a voice vote. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2016-16: Abating a Portion of the Property Tax Levy for the 2015 Tax Year for the 2005 Health Facility Re-Financing Bond Issue

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves that a portion of the \$969,656 property tax levy for the 2015 Tax Year (payable in 2016), which was levied for the lease agreement for the retirement of the debt on the 2005 Health Facility Re-Financing Bond Issue, is hereby abated in the amount of \$319,656, and that a certified copy of this resolution should be filed with the DeKalb County Clerk within fifteen days. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

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Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, 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, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2016-17: Abating the Entire Property Tax Levy for the 2015 Tax Year for the 2010 Courthouse Expansion & Jail Expansion Bond Issue

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves that the \$1,209,265 property tax levy for the 2015 Tax Year (payable in 2016), which was levied for the retirement of the debt of (a) \$899,157 for the Build America Bond Issue and (b) \$310,108 for the Recovery Zone Bond Issue, is hereby abated in its entirety in the amount of \$1,209,265, and that a certified copy of this resolution should be filed with the DeKalb County Clerk within fifteen days. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, 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, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2016-18: Amendments to the Fixed Assets Capitalization Policy

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved the DeKalb County Board hereby adopts the Capital Asset Policy and replaces the existing Fixed Assets Capitalization Policy in its entirety, and that all financial statements, beginning with those issued for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015, should be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Capital Asset Policy. Mr. Reid seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Claims Being Paid in February 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 \$5,462,640.01. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the February claims. Those Members that voted yea were Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, 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, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

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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 – January 2016
2. Public Defender’s Report – January 2016
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – January 2016
4. Pretrial Report – January 2016
5. Sheriff’s Jail Report – January 2016
6. Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Reports – January 2016

Mrs. 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. Turner moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Porterfield 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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