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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
January 20, 2016

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, January 20, 2016. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mr. O'Barski, 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, Mr. Luebke, and Chairman Pietrowski. Mr. Metzger was absent. A quorum was established with twenty-three Members present and one absent.

Chairman Pietrowski asked all those in attendance to share in a Moment of Silence to honor The Honorable Judge Kurt P. Klein who passed away on Friday, January 15, 2016.

Chairman Pietrowski followed by asking Mr. O'Barski to please lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2015 Board Meeting. Mr. O'Barski 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. Haji-Sheikh and seconded by Mr. Whelan 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 invited Sheriff Roger Scott to come forward and help present an Employee Service Award Plaque to Deputy Alice Pahnke who is celebrating thirty years of service with the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department.

Employee Service Awards for January

Chairman Pietrowski also recognized the Employee Service Awards for the month of January 2016: Five Years – Connie McCauley: Health Department, Benjamin Meier: Circuit Clerk, Janet Ott: Health Department, and Russell Stokes: Court Security; Ten Years – Rachel McIntyre: State’s Attorney’s Office, Audra Pauleo: Court Services; Fifteen Years – Stephanie Klein: State’s Attorney’s Office; Twenty Years – Karen Grum: Sheriff’s Department; Twenty-Five Years – Sean Johnson: Sheriff’s Department.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

Peter Dordal, President of DeKalb County Taxpayers Against the Casino, informed the County Board he has recently learned that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is perusing an off-reservation Land Into Trust process through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He additionally voiced his concerns regarding the possible building of a Bingo Hall/Casino in rural Shabbona and the potential dangers that come with them being on sovereign land.

Barry Schrader strongly suggested to the County Board that they call for a grand jury investigation to look into the matter of how the community lost their hospitals, a \$340 million asset, to a corporation from Chicago (the KishHealth/Northwestern merger).

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended the following appointment:

Community Services Administrative Board: Les Bellah appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Monica O’Leary until June 30, 2018.

Motion

It was moved by Mrs. Tobias and seconded by Mr. Faivre to approve the appointment as presented.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously to approve the recommended appointment.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Resolution R2016-01: New Tandem Cab & Cassis

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves an award to the lowest bid meeting specifications to JX Peterbilt of Rockford, Illinois for the provision of a new 2017 Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis with warranty options for the total cost of \$67,793.25 after trade allowance. Mr. Frieders seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Mr. O’Barski, 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, Mr. Luebke, and Chairman Pietrowski. Motion carried unanimously.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Resolution R2016-02: Selecting DeKalb County Convention & Visitors Bureau as the County's Agency of Record for Tourism Promotions

Motion

Mr. Brown moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby selects the DeKalb County Convention and Visitors Bureau as DeKalb County's Agency of Record for Tourism Promotions for the Illinois Office of Tourism for the 2016 Fiscal Year (January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016). Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chairman called for a voice vote on the motion as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2016-03: Amendment to Sycamore's Intergovernmental Agreement for Property Tax Abatements for Industrial Development

Motion

Mr. Brown moved the DeKalb County Board does concur in the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee and does hereby direct the County Board Chairman to execute the amended Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Sycamore for Property Tax Abatements for Industrial Development and further directs the Committee to review and recommend individual projects to the full County Board as they arise based on the appropriateness of the specific project and the level of participation of other public and private partners. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

The Chairman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Claims Being Paid in January 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 \$8,872,354.68. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the January claims. Those voting yea were Mr. O'Barski, 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, Mr. Luebke, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented moved yea. Motion carried unanimously.

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Reports of County Officials

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

1. Cash & Investments in County Banks – December 2015
2. Public Defender’s Report – December 2015
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – December 2015
4. Pretrial Report – December 2015
5. Sheriff’s Jail Report – December 2015
6. Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Reports - December 2015
7. Circuit Clerk’s Six Month Report – Ending December 31, 2015
8. County Clerk & Recorder’s Six Month Report – Ending December 31, 2015

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.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2016-04: Adoption of State Legislative Agenda

Motion

Mr. Jones moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby endorse and adopt the State Legislative Agenda as recommended by the DeKalb County Executive Committee and does direct the County Administrator to provide copies of the attached State Legislative Agenda to all State Senators and State Representatives serving the citizens of DeKalb County. Mr. O’Barski seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

A voice vote was taken on the motion. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2016-05: Approval of Filing a Lawsuit to Obtain Delinquent State Reimbursements

Motion

Mr. Jones moved the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the State’s Attorney of DeKalb County to commence and prosecute a legal action against the appropriate agencies and departments of the State of Illinois, as are now withholding portions of salaries of the Chief Assessment Officer, the Public Defender, and the State’s Attorney which are statutorily due to the County of DeKalb, for the purpose of recovering sums now due, and ensuring the future payment of said reimbursement. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

After further explanation of the resolution given by State’s Attorney Richard Schmack, Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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JAIL SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Final Report

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Mr. Jones moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby receives and accepts the Final Report of the Jail Solutions Committee. Ms. Askins seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

No old or new business items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Mrs. Turner moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Haji-Sheikh 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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