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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
March 16, 2016

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, 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, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, and Chairman Pietrowski. Ms. Little was absent. A quorum was established with twenty-two Members present, one absent, and one seat vacant.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 Board Meeting. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh 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 Ms. Askins 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.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS

Chairman Pietrowski acknowledged and congratulated County Clerk Doug Johnson and his staff for running a successful General Primary Election yesterday.

The Chairman also announced that DeKalb County Government, the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation, the DeKalb County Community Foundation, the DeKalb County Farm Bureau, and Northern Illinois University have all partnered together to do an economic visioning process. After holding two economic development visioning summits for public and private sector leaders last November, the project partners are continuing the process by inviting citizens to participate in developing this county-wide vision.

Therefore, he invited and encouraged everyone to complete the economic development survey that is available on-line at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCED2016>. He also requested that everyone please share this link as widely as possible with friends and family as they want to receive as much input as possible to this process.

Lastly, Chairman Pietrowski shared that after the visioning process is complete this spring, the County will begin a strategic planning initiative that will specify county-wide goals and strategic actions. All communities in DeKalb County will be invited to participate in that Summit in late May.

Employee Service Awards for March

Chairman Pietrowski also recognized the Employee Service Awards for the month of March 2016: Five Years – David Weichel: State’s Attorney’s Office, Dan Cribben: County Board Member; Fifteen Years – Kathy Osttick: Mental Health, Naomi Faivre: Sheriff’s Department; Thirty Years – Kathy Vickers: Rehab & Nursing Center.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Dewayne Brown endorsed and encouraged the County Board to unanimously approve the appointment of Ms. Suzanne Willis for County Board District 10.

Hung-Hsueh Wang, who served as an Election Judge in yesterday’s General Primary Election, expressed her concerns with voters having to choose a party ballot in order to cast their vote in a Primary Election.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended the following appointment for the Board’s vacant seat: **DeKalb County Board Member: District 10:** Suzanne Willis appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term until November 30, 2016.

Motion

It was moved by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh and seconded by Ms. Askins to approve the appointment.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously to approve the recommended Board Member appointment.

DeKalb County Clerk Douglas Johnson administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Suzanne Willis and she took her seat with the rest of the Board. *Let the roll call reflect that the Board now has twenty-three Members present and one absent.*

Chairman Pietrowski recommended the rest of the following appointments as well:

County Board Committee Assignments: Suzanne Willis appointed immediately to the Planning & Zoning Committee and the County Highway Committee until November 30, 2016.

County Highway Committee Vice-Chairman: Jim Luebke appointed immediately until November 30, 2016.

Planning & Zoning Committee Vice-Chairman: Steve Faivre appointed immediately until November 30, 2016.

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Regional Plan Commission: Elizabeth Peerboom (Village of Maple Park), Derek Hiland (City of DeKalb) both reappointed for three-year terms beginning April 1, 2016 and expiring March 31, 2019.

Regional Plan Commission – Alternates: Kathleen Curtis (Village of Maple Park) reappointed and Ellen Divita (City of DeKalb) newly appointed for three-year terms beginning April 1, 2016 and expiring March 31, 2019.

Board of Review: John Guio reappointed for a two-year term beginning May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2018.

Board of Review – Alternates: Daniel Cribben and Michael Miner both reappointed for terms beginning May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2017.

Farmland Assessments Review Board: Kent Wesson reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2019.

Fairdale Light District: Shannon Bellah-Lee reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2019.

Somonauk-Victor Drainage District: Charles Kessler appointed immediately until August 31, 2017, Wayne Nelson appointed immediately until August 31, 2018, and Barry Smith appointed immediately until August 31, 2019.

DeKalb Sanitary District: Dennis Collins reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2019.

Cortland Community Fire Protection District: Robert Coyle reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2019.

DeKalb Community Fire Protection District: Gerald Latimer reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2019.

Genoa-Kingston Fire Protection District: David Huffman reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2019.

Hinckley Community Fire Protection District: Allen Bark reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2019.

Kirkland Community Fire District: Michael Stott appointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2019.

Malta Community Fire Protection District: Gary Olsen reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2019.

Shabbona Community Fire Protection District: Robert Frazier reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2019.

Somonauk Community Fire Protection District: Mark Tuttle reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2019.

Sycamore Community Fire Protection District: John Weberpal reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2019.

Waterman Fire Protection District: Edwin Bowman reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2016 and expiring April 30, 2019.

Motion

It was moved by Mrs. Turner and seconded by Mr. Porterfield to approve all of the recommended appointments as presented.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously.

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REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Ordinance O2016-02: Granting a Special Use Permit to Allow an In-Home Daycare

Motion

Mr. Emerson moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves, with conditions as outlined in the Ordinance, to grant a Special Use Permit to allow an in-home Daycare on property located at 28152 Brickville Road in Sycamore Township. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Mr. Gudmunson noted that he would like to consolidate the seven resolutions before them into three separate motions. There were no objections.

Resolution R2016-19 & R2016-20:

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves two MFT Resolutions, R2016-19 and R2016-20, in the amount of \$118,388 for the Perry Road at Afton Cemetery Project and for the 2016 Countywide Striping Projects. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, 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, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented voted yea. The motion to approve the two MFT Resolutions carried unanimously.

Resolution R2016-21, R2016-22, R2016-23 & R2016-24:

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the award of the County's Seal Coat Project to Civil Constructors for \$748,521.70; four Hot-Mix Resurface Projects to Curran Contracting for \$520,084.65; four Hot-Mix Resurface Projects to Peter Baker & Son Company for \$906,176.39; Crack Routing and Fill Project to Complete Asphalt Service Company for \$18,344.45; and for the 2016 Rejuvenator Project for \$61,425.54 as specified in Resolutions R2016-21, R2016-22, R2016-23, and R2016-24. Mr. Metzger seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, 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, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented voted yea. The motion to approve four resolutions carried unanimously.

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Resolution R2016-25: Award for Snow Plow, Frame, Hydraulic System, Dump Body, Wing, Spreader and Pre-Wet Tank System

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves an award of specified equipment for the Highway Department to Monroe Truck Sales in the amount of \$103,697.00 as specified in the resolution. Mr. Jones seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, 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, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously with all Members present voting yea.

County Highway Presentation:

DeKalb County Engineer, Nathan F. Schwartz, P.E. presented his annual County Highway PowerPoint presentation to the full County Board which outlined the 2015 projects that the Department was involved with throughout the County.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Resolution R2016-26: Recognizing the DeKalb Arts, Cultural, and Entertainment (A.C.E.) Corridor

Motion

Mr. Brown moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby recognizes the DeKalb Arts, Cultural, and Entertainment Corridor as an effort to promote arts within the City of DeKalb and its surrounding areas. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Motion to Amend

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved to amend the motion by adding the map that is found on the <http://dekalbareaartscouncil.org/dekalb-ace-corridor/> website to the back of the resolution in order to help depict where the corridor is being located within the City of DeKalb. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote on Amendment

The Board unanimously approved the amendment by voice vote.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote to approve the motion to approve the resolution as amended. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Alex Nerad, Board of Director's President for the DeKalb Area Arts Council thanked the County Board for their support and recognition of the DeKalb Arts, Cultural, and Entertainment (A.C.E.) Corridor.

Resolution R2016-27: Exploring a Framework Design for the Seven County NW Illinois Regional Plan Commission

Motion

Mr. Brown moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes and encourages the County Board Chairman to meet with the Chairmen of the Counties of Boone, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago during the Spring of 2016 with the intention of creating a framework for a seven county alliance for the purpose of economic development, shared technical services, and legislative advocacy. This framework will be developed without cost to DeKalb County and the final documents will be brought back to the DeKalb County Board for consideration of approval. Ms. Askins seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

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

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh read a letter from DeKalb County's Veterans Assistance Commission's Superintendent Tammy Anderson. A portion of the letter outlined that the Department has processed 209 applications for VA Disability, 103 applications for VA Pension, 189 applications for VA Healthcare and 55 applications for VA Education benefits. We have also processed over 963 claims, which is almost 3 times the amount from last year, for benefits such as: Burial, Death Insurance, Headstones, VA Waivers of Debt, VA Audits, etc.

Due to the amount of claims filed with the VA, the time frame of a claim from start to finish has been taking approximately 8-10 months. Of the 426 claims we filed last year, 88 have been adjudicated. Ms. Anderson was extremely proud to report that these 88 claims have brought retroactive compensation of \$1,163,596.46 and continued monthly payments of \$110,894.30 to DeKalb County Veterans. These numbers are only for the calendar year of 2015. In 2016, the department will start from scratch again and hope they can be as productive as last year. She was also very proud to report that this is their third year in a row where the Retroactive Pay was over \$1,000,000.00.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2016-28: FY 2015 Year-End Budget Transfers

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the emergency appropriations and budget transfers as set forth on Attachment A in the Board Packet for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2015. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski requested a voice vote on the motion as presented. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

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Claims Being Paid in March 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 \$5,404,834.18. 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 Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, 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, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Bagby 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. 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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