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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**April 19, 2017**

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, and Chairman Pietrowski. A quorum was established with twenty-three Members present and one seat vacant.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Mr. Whelan moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2017 Board Meeting. Ms. Little 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. Luebke to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote

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

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS**

Chairman Pietrowski and the County Board congratulated and recognized Mr. Jeff Birtell of DeKalb, Illinois for his participation in the 2016 World Series Ring Ceremony thereby serving as an ambassador for all of DeKalb County to Chicago Cubs fans everywhere.

Employee Service Awards for April

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the Employee Service Awards for the month of April 2017: Five Years – Lynn Vogl: Health Department and Fifteen Years – Julie Gleason: Rehab & Nursing Center.

## PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

William Hart, Recruitment/Resource Specialist for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, addressed the Board on the areas need for more foster and adoptive parents in DeKalb County.

The top ten things you need to know if you would like to be a foster/adoptive parents is: 1.) It takes more than a bed, space, food and clothing to develop the next leader, teacher, social worker or attorney. Time, commitment and a good system are the basic things you need to foster a child. 2.) You can be single, married, or in a civil union. 3.) You must have enough space to accommodate children in your home. 4.) You can work, to go school or be a stay at home individual. 5.) You should have the support of family and friend in this endeavor. 6.) Everyone in the household must pass a background check. 7.) You will be required to attend training about the foster care system. 8.) You may become a temporary home, a long term placement, or an adoptive home. 9.) You will need to participate in foster care activities and meetings. 10.) Foster parents are one component of a Team that ensures the health, safety, and overall wellbeing of children.

Mr. Hart shared that if anyone would like more information about becoming a foster/adoptive parent to please contact him at: 760 N. Peace Rd., DeKalb, IL 60115, 815-787-5362, william.r.hart@illinois.gov.

## PROCLAMATIONS

Vice Chairman Jones read Proclamation P2017-02 proclaiming May 7-13, 2017 as National Travel and Tourism Week in DeKalb County, Illinois and urged the citizens of DeKalb County to welcome Illinois office of Tourism Director Cory Jobe on May 11th, and to participate and celebrate by visiting the diverse and significant natural, cultural and historical attractions, explore the many recreational opportunities, shop and dine at local businesses within DeKalb County.

## APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval for the following new County Board Member appointment:

- a. **County Board Member:** Tim Hughes appointed immediately to represent County Board District #2 until November 30, 2018.
- b. **Committee Assignments:** Tim Hughes appointed immediately to the DeKalb County Board's Health & Human Services Committee and the Forest Preserve Committee until November 30, 2018.

### Motion

Mr. Jones moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Tim Hughes as a new County Board Members as well as his committee assignments. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

### Voice Vote

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

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*DeKalb County Clerk & Recorder Douglas J. Johnson administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed County Board Member, Mr. Tim Hughes. Mr. Hughes then took his seat with the rest of the Board. The roll now reflects that there are 24 County Board Members present.*

Chairman Pietrowski additionally recommended approval for the following appointments:

- c. **Kirkland Community Fire District:** Marty Banks appointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2017 and expiring April 30, 2020.
- d. **Cortland Community Fire Protection District:** Dan Black appointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2017 and expiring April 30, 2020.
- e. **Genoa-Kingston Fire Protection District:** Randy Jennings reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2017 and expiring April 30, 2020.
- f. **Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District (DeKalb Sanitary District):** Carol Zar reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2017 until April 30, 2020.
- g. **Northwest Water Planning Alliance:** Misty Haji-Sheikh appointed immediately until November 30, 2018.
- h. **Farmland Assessment Board:** Nicholas Moore reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2017 and expiring April 30, 2020.
- i. **Regional Planning Commission:** Rich Gentile (City of Genoa), John “Jack” Fischer (Village of Kingston), Becky Morphey (Village of Somonauk), and Kevin Bunge (County) all appointed for three-year terms beginning April 1, 2017 and expiring March 31, 2020.
- j. **Regional Planning Commission – Alternates:** Alyssa Seguss (City of Genoa) and Misty Haji-Sheikh (County) both appointed for three-year terms beginning April 1, 2017 and expiring March 31, 2020.

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Bagby and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve all of the remaining recommended appointments as presented.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2017-73: Approval of a Request to Rename a Platted Road Known as Rea Drive to Louise Lane in Sycamore Road District**

Motion

Mr. Frieders moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves that effective April 20, 2017, the platted Road known as Rae Drive located within the Northeast ¼ Section of Section 30, Township 41 North, Range 5 East of the Third Principal Meridian of DeKalb County, Illinois, be renamed Louise Lane. Mr. Stoddard seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

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**Resolution R2017-74: Replacement of Somonauk Road Bridge 0.5 miles South of Chicago Road in Sandwich Road District**

Motion

Mr. Frieders moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Martin & Company Excavating from Oregon, Illinois for the replacement of the existing two-span deck beam bridge over Somonauk Creek with a new single-span concrete deck on steel beams with integral abutments bridge in the total amount of \$608,918.78. Ms. Willis seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chairman called for a roll call vote. Those voting yea were Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2017-75: Authorizing to Execute and File a Section 5311 Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement**

Motion

Ms. Little presented and read aloud and Mr. Whelan moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes 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. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

**Resolution R2017-76: Acceptance of the Special Warranty as a Condition to Receive Section 5311 Funds**

Motion

Ms. Little presented and read aloud and Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved the DeKalb County Board does 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. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

The Chairman called for a voice vote on the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all Members voting yea.

**Resolution R2017-77: Authorizing the Execution and Submittal for the Application for a Public Transportation Capital Assistance Grant**

Motion

Ms. Little moved the DeKalb County Board does hereby 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. Luebke seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

**Resolution R2017-78: Authorizing the Purchase of a Transit Bus**

Motion

Ms. Little moved that the The DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the purchase of a 30' Heavy Duty Low-Floor Diesel Transit Bus for use in the TransVac program in the amount of \$331,048, using 100% Federal Grant Funding. Mr. Plote seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

After the Assistance Executive Director of the Voluntary Action Center, Mr. Paul LaLonde, provided the Board Members with some additional information regarding the Federal Grant, Chairman Pietrowski requested a roll call vote to approve the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2017-79: Award of the Senior Service Tax Levy Funding**

Motion

Ms. Little moved that the DeKalb County Board does approve the recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee and agrees to purchase services from the agencies listed within the resolution in amounts not exceeding \$423,000 for the period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski requested a roll call vote to approve the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2017-80: Oversight of the Rehab & Nursing Center Expansion Project**

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved DeKalb County Board approves to hereby grant full authority to the DeKalb County Public Building Commission to manage the Rehab & Nursing Center Expansion Project, anticipated to happen in the years 2017 - 2019, except that the issuance of debt is expressly reserved for action by the DeKalb County Board. Mr. Cribben seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Resolution R2017-81: Resolution Certifying IMRF Participation for Qualified Elected Officials**

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved that the DeKalb County Board, in compliance with the mandate of the Board of Trustees of IMRF, hereby approve that the elected offices of Circuit Clerk, Coroner, County Clerk & Recorder, Sheriff, State's Attorney, and Treasurer continue to be qualified, as they have been since 1945, for the IMRF pension program, based purely on the reasonable assumption that 1,000 hours per year, or more, would be needed to fulfill the responsibilities of those offices as set forth by the State of Illinois. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

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

**Ordinance O2017-04: Cable Television Franchise Fees**

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to collect service provider fees from Mediacom Illinois LLC in an amount equal to 5% of annual gross revenues derived from the provision of cable or video service to households located within unincorporated parts of DeKalb County. Mr. Cribben seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

**Claims**

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved to approve the payment of claims for this month, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, including all claims for travel, meals, and lodging, in the amount of \$6,550,356.24. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the Claims. Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr.

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Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, 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 – March 2017
2. Public Defender’s Report – March 2017
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – March 2017
4. Pretrial Report – March 2017
5. Sheriff’s Jail Report – March 2017
6. Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Reports – March 2017

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh 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**

#### **Appointments Scheduled to be made in the Month of May 2017**

1. Building Board of Appeals – 1 position

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **Motion**

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

#### **Voice Vote**

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the adjournment. Motion carried unanimously.

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DeKalb County Board Chairman

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DeKalb County Clerk

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