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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
January 18, 2017

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, 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 and Chairman Pietrowski. Mr. Schmarje was absent. A quorum was established with twenty-three Members present and one absent.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Ms. Askins moved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2016 and the December 5, 2016 Board Meetings. 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. 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

With a heavy heart, Chairman Pietrowski announced that Gil Morrison Jr. passed away unexpectedly on January 4th, 2017. He fell ill and was emergently admitted to the hospital on Christmas morning. He fought his hardest in ICU for the next ten days.

Gil had just turned 63 years old on December 10th. He was with Sandwich Schools for 20 some years serving as teacher, coach, director of gifted program and High School Principal before serving DeKalb County as Regional Superintendent from July 1, 2003 until retirement in June of 2012. He fathered twins (a girl and a boy) with his wife Jaye, also a retired educator. They recently found out they were going to be first-time grandparents for which they were grateful and especially excited.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been set up to help offset medical and last costs for Jaye. Anything donated above Jaye's costs will be given in honorarium of Gil.

Additionally, Jeffrey Smith, Assistant Superintendent for the DeKalb County Regional Office of Education spoke on behalf of the Morrison family.

The County Board and all in attendance dedicated a Moment of Silence to Gil Morrison.

Employee Service Awards for January

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the Employee Service Awards for the month of January 2017: Five Years – Renee Smetters: Sheriff's Department, Michael Douglas: Treatment Court, Michael Miner: Board of Review; Ten Years – Lorna Schmidt: Health Department, Michelle Cople: Circuit Clerk's Office, Cory Divine: Sheriff's Department; Fifteen Years – William Finn: Circuit Clerk's Office; Twenty Years – Dawn Cook: Sheriff's Department, Deborah Haley – County Clerk's Office.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

There were no individuals who requested time to speak.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval for the following appointments:

- a. **Board of Health:** Jill Tritt, JD, appointed to fill the unexpired term of Keith Foster, JD, until December 31, 2018. LeAnn Gruber, Celeste Latham, Mayuri Morker, and Christine Jones all reappointed for three year terms until December 31, 2019. Kevin Bunge appointed for a one year term until December 31, 2017.
- b. **DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center Operating Board:** Ferald Bryan and Veronica Casella reappointed for two year terms until December 31, 2018.
- c. **Supportive Living Facility Board:** Ferald Bryan and Veronica Casella reappointed for two year terms until December 31, 2018.
- d. **DeKalb County Convention & Visitors Bureau:** Derek Hiland appointed to fill an unexpired term until June 30, 2017.
- e. **Ad Hoc Rules Committee:** Marjorie Askins, Tim Bagby, Steve Faivre, John Frieders, Tracy Jones, Dianne Leifheit, Mark Pietrowski and Paul Stoddard all appointed immediately until November 30, 2018.

Motion

It was moved by Ms. Willis and seconded by Mr. Roman to approve all of the recommended appointments as presented.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously.

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REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Resolution R2017-01: Resolution of Support to Benefit the Economic & Citizens of Illinois through the Illinois Transportation Legislative Initiative

Motion

Mr. Frieders moved the DeKalb County Board hereby requests that the Governor, Legislators and IDOT Secretary adopts and implements the Illinois Transportation Legislative Initiative to benefit the economy and citizens of the State of Illinois and more specifically seek input to develop an Illinois Transportation Plan to immediately begin to address the needs of our Illinois Transportation System using the funding distribution of 80% Highways / 20% Transit with the Highway Funding sub split of 60% IDOT / 40% Local Roads, distributing the Local Road share through exiting MFT distribution formula; The County Board further requests for the Governor and General Assembly to adopt and ensure implementation of an Illinois Transportation Bill that requires the distribution of all highway user fees and additional transportation investment at the same funding distribution through the existing MFT distribution formula as identified above. Mr. Cribben seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for voice vote to approve the motion as presented. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Resolution R2017-02: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) Initiative

Motion

Mr. Baby moved that the DeKalb County Board does concur with the recommendations of the Economic Development Committee and hereby approves (a) the continuation of an alliance with our community partners from the previous visioning process and that said partners serve as an overall Steering Committee, (b) the agreement with Northern Illinois University's Center for Governmental Studies to guide and coordinate the process to complete a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, (c) accepts with thankfulness a \$20,000 grant from the DeKalb County Community Foundation to be used towards the formulation of this Strategy, and (d) authorizes the Board of Directors of the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation to serve as the Planning Committee that will gather input from public and private sectors throughout DeKalb County so that the completed Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is reflective of the needs and wishes of all the various stakeholders as an economic development course is charted for the future. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski requested a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, 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 and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented vote yea. Motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution R2017-03: Selecting DeKalb County Convention & Visitors Bureau as the County's Agency of Record for Tourism Promotions

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved 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 2017 Fiscal Year (January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017). Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Claims

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved to approve the payment of claims for last month, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, in the amount of \$6,419,035.35. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the December Claims. Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, 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 and Chairman Pietrowski. 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, in the amount of \$8,713,323.86. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the January Claims. Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, 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 and Chairman Pietrowski. 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 – November & December 2016
2. Public Defender’s Report – November & December 2016
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – November & December 2016
4. Pretrial Report – November & December 2016
5. Sheriff’s Jail Report – November & December 2016
6. Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Reports – Nov & Dec 2016

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

There were no old or new business items presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Luebke 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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