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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Economic Development Committee Minutes  
April 11, 2017**

The DeKalb County Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in the Administrative Building's Conference Room East in Sycamore, Illinois. Chairman Bagby called the meeting to order. Those Members present were Mr. Brown, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Osland, and Chairman Bagby. Mrs. Emmer and Mr. Faivre were absent. A quorum was established.

Others present were Robin Brunshon, Derek Hiland, and two student guests.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**It was moved by Mr. Osland, seconded by Mr. Brown, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2017 meeting.**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**It was moved by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, seconded by Mr. Brown, and it was carried unanimously to approve the meeting agenda.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**CHIEF COUNTY ASSESSMENT OFFICE'S 2016 ANNUAL REPORT – ([Full Report](#))**

Robin Brunshon, CIAO-I, DeKalb County's Chief County Assessment Officer joined the Committee to provide her 2016 Annual Report. Ms. Brunshon presented that there was a slight decrease in the County's 2016 parcel count from the 2015 year from 42,562 to 42,550. The 2016 EAV (Estimated Equalized Assessed Value) increased from last year by 140,283,618. In 2016 all townships had a positive multiplier causing most assessments to go up. Along with a higher tax rate, Ms. Brunshon noted she is anticipating a higher influx of phone calls.

She reiterated that there were a total of 42,550 parcels in the 2016 year. The breakdown of percent of value according to use included: 69% of the parcels are considered Residential, 18% Commercial, 9% Farm, 4% Industrial, and 1,395 parcels were exempt (3.0% of total parcels), up from 2015 by almost 7%.

Ms. Brunshon shared that there were 72% of their Certificates of Errors were Homestead Exemptions which included: Homestead Exemption, Senior Homestead Exemption, Senior Freeze Exemption, Disabled Exemption, and Disabled Veteran Exemption.

Additional statistics that were shared included new construction numbers which outlined \$15,021,113 for 2015 and \$19,857,614 in 2016 which was an increase of 32.20%. In 2015, there were 1,819 sales of 2,211 parcels and in 2016 there were 2,048 sales of 2,193 parcels.

Disabled Exemptions (Persons with Disabilities and Disabled Veterans) increased due to new legislation increasing the amount of exemptions for Disabled Veterans. In 2015, there were 471 exemptions for an amount of \$5,766,075 and in 2016 there were 525 for an amount of \$7,450,774.

For the Senior Assessment Freeze (SCAFE) showed Frozen Value in 2015 to be 3,955,418 and the Frozen Value in 2016 to be 7,196,864. The increase in Frozen Value was 3,241,446.

Ms. Brunschon and the Committee additionally reviewed the processing of deeds from start to finish and touched on the roles of the Township Assessors. The Committee thanked Ms. Brunschon for joining them and presenting her Annual Report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

Planning & Zoning Director Derek Hiland informed the Committee that he interviewed five candidates for the Economic Development Coordinator position and hopes the position will be filled by early next week. He additionally mentioned that they are down to four tenants in the Business Incubator but the remaining four seem very happy.

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh suggested that a future agenda item could be a presentation from the Northwest Water Planning Alliance to discuss area water issues.

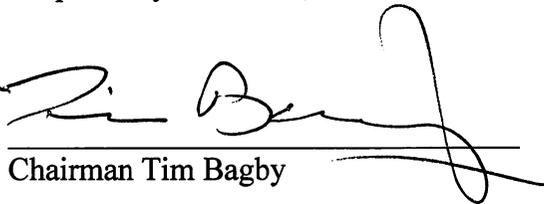
#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no additional Committee Members comments provided.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Mr. Osland, seconded by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chairman Tim Bagby

  
Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary