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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**April 18, 2018**

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, and Chairman Pietrowski. Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Jones were absent. A quorum was established with twenty-two Members present and two absent.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Mr. Frieders moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018 County Board Meeting. Mr. Osland 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 Mr. Porterfield and seconded by Mr. Roman to approve the agenda.

Motion to Amend

Ms. Polanco moved to remove item d., Resolution R2018-27, from under the County Highway Committee. Mr. Plote seconded the motion.

Voice Vote on Amendment

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the amendment to remove item d. under the County Highway Committee. All Members presented voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Voice Vote

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

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS**

Chairman Pietrowski shared that the Democratic and Republican Party Conventions happened earlier in the evening and he was happy to announce that two County Board Members have become new Party Chairman. Tim Bagby was elected as Republican Party Chair and Jim Luebke was elected as Democratic Party Chair. Chairman Pietrowski congratulated both gentlemen on their new roles.

The Chairman additionally shared that at the next Law & Justice Committee Meeting the Committee will be provided with a resolution for the DeKalb County Board to join other surrounding Counties in fighting the Opioid Epidemic. The Chair noted that the Illinois Department of Public Health has cautioned that the number of deaths involving opioids has quadrupled since 1999, and drug overdoses are now the leading cause of death in the United States for people under the age of 50. In 2016, approximately 1,946 people died from opioid overdoses in Illinois, an 82% increase compared to 2013. The IDPH have further found that nearly 11,000 people have died from opioid overdoses in Illinois since 2008. Chairman Pietrowski and DeKalb County State's Attorney Rick Amato further explained how Mr. Amato was looking for the County Board's support to join in litigation prosecuted by Meyers & Flowers, LLC against opioid manufacturers, distributors and others alongside Kane, DuPage, McHenry, Cook, Will, Rock Island, Champaign, Bureau, Kankakee and Macon Counties in the hopes of assisting in the State's fight against the Opioid Epidemic.

#### Veterans Honor Roll

DeKalb County Clerk & Recorder Douglas J. Johnson alongside Chairman Pietrowski honored and inducted the following Veterans into the DeKalb County Veterans Honor Roll: Darnell Smith – Army from 2002 – 2014; Gary Lemke – Army from 1968 – 1970; Ronald Leifheit – Navy from 1946 – 1953; Jerome Johnson – Navy from 1967 – 1969; and Dean Awe – Army from 1965 – 1967.

#### Employee Services Award for April

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the Employee Services Awards for the month of April 2018: Five Years: Irene Cruz – Rehab & Nursing Center, Steven Barnaby – Sheriff's Department, Pete Stefan – Finance Office, Matthew Marks – Circuit Clerk's Office; Twenty Years: Lori Bradshaw – Facilities Management Office; Thirty Years: Steve O'Bryan – Rehab & Nursing Center.

#### **PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval of the following appointments:

- a. **Regional Planning Commission**: Cheryl Aldis (Town of Cortland), Russell Kula (Village of Hinckley), Martha May (Village of Lee), Dan Nolan (Village of Shabbona), and Brian Gregory (City of Sycamore) all reappointed for three-year terms beginning April 1, 2018 and expiring March 31, 2021.
- b. **Regional Planning Commission-Alternates**: Adam Orton (City of Sycamore) reappointed for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2018 and expiring March 31, 2021.
- c. **Farmland Assessments Board**: Charles Payne reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2018 and expiring April 30, 2021.
- d. **DeKalb County Board Finance Committee**: John Frieders appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Tracy Jones until November 30, 2018.
- e. **DeKalb County Board Law & Justice Committee**: Tracy Jones appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of John Frieders until November 30, 2018.

#### Motion

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

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Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

**Ordinance O2018-07: Amending the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance Regarding Accessory Building Height**

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to replace in its entirety Article 5, Section 5.06.B, of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance as outlined in this Ordinance. Ms. Willis seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

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

**COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2018-23: Award for a New Shoulder Machine**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Bonnell Industries, Inc. of Dixon, Illinois for the provision of furnishing on new shoulder machine (HTC Model 2000) in the total amount of \$37,543.11, after trade allowance. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

**Resolution R2018-25: Award for the Replacement of a Bridge on Somonauk Road, .25 Miles South of US Route 30 Near Hinckley, Illinois**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Civil Constructors, Inc. of Freeport, Illinois for the replacement of the existing three-span slab bridge over Little Rock Creek with a new single-span concrete deck on steel beams with integral abutments in the total amount of \$993,826.37. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

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**Resolution R2018-26: Award for the Replacement of a Culvert on Somonauk Road at Gurler Road Known as Union Ditch #1**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the lowest bid meeting specification to Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, Illinois for the replacement of the existing single barrel box culvert and corrugated metal pipe with one single barrel (12' x 8') and one single barrel (9' x 8') precast concrete box culvert and approach roadway work thereto, known as Union Ditch # 1 in the total amount of \$372,623.35. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2018-28: Authorizing the Execution and Amendment of a Section 5311 Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2019**

Motion

Ms. Little moved the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes to execute and file a Section 5311 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. Hughes seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

**Resolution R2018-29: Acceptance of the Special Warranty as a Condition to Receive Section 5311 Funds for Fiscal Year 2019**

Motion

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

Roll Call Vote

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

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**Resolution R2018-30: Award of the Senior Services Tax Levy Funding**

**Motion**

Ms. Little moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee and agrees to purchase services from the agencies listed within the resolution in a total amount not exceeding \$406,000 for the period beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

Chairman Pietrowski requested a roll call vote on the motion. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, and Chairman Pietrowski. Ms. Askins abstained. The motion carried with twenty-one Members voting yea, one abstention and two absent.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Claims**

**Motion**

Mr. Cribben moved to approve the payment of claims for the month of April 2018, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, including all claims for travel, meals, and lodging, in the amount of \$6,688,209.10. Mr. Bunge seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the April Claims. Those Members voted yea were Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports of County Officials**

**Motion**

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

1. Cash & Investments in County Banks – March 2018
2. Public Defender's Report – March 2018
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – March 2018
4. Pretrial Report – March 2018
5. Sheriff's Jail Report – March 2018
6. Building Permits & Construction Reports – March 2018

Mr. Plote seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

The Chairman requested a voice vote to accept the Reports of County Officials as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2018-24: Accepting the Transfer of Herein Described Real Estate from the DeKalb County Public Building Commission to the County of DeKalb**

Motion

Vice Chairman Frieders moved that the *DeKalb County Board hereby approves the transfer of the Warranty Deed for the real estate parcels (PINs 08-10-300-034, 08-10-300-036, 08-10-300-037, 08-10-300-038, 08-10-300-039), including all buildings, facilities, rights and obligations contained within and in regard to the "DeKalb County Health Campus", from the DeKalb County Public Building Commission to the County of DeKalb.* Mr. Luebke seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the April Claims. Those Members voted yea were Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Appointments scheduled to be made in the month of May 2018:**

1. Board of Review – 1 position
2. Board of Review-Alternates – 3 positions

**Appointments schedule to be made in the month of June 2018:**

1. Community Services Block Grant Admin Board – 5 positions
2. DeKalb County Convention & Visitors Bureau Board – 2 positions
3. General Assistance Appeal Board – 6 positions
4. Stormwater Management Committee – 6 positions

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

Mr. Porterfield moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Askins seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

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Douglas J. Johnson  
DeKalb County Clerk

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Mark Pietrowski, Jr.  
DeKalb County Board Chairman

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