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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
January 17, 2018

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, 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, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, and Chairman Pietrowski. Those Members absent were Mr. Porterfield and Mr. Stoddard. A quorum was established with twenty-two Members present and two absent.

Chairman Pietrowski requested Ms. Little to lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. Roman moved to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2017 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. Whelan and seconded by Mr. Faivre 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 shared that Ms. Leah Bartelt, Assistant Attorney General for the Illinois Attorney General's Office of Public Access Bureau came to DeKalb County on January 11th to do an in-person training on Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Open Meetings Act (OMA). The Chairman shared that it was a well-attended event despite the unstable weather and there is hope to do more of these trainings in the future for the public and all DeKalb County Local Units of Government.

ELECTION OF COUNTY BOARD VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Nominations

Chairman Pietrowski asked for nominations of a County Board Vice-Chairperson.

Motion

Mr. Cribben moved to nominate Mr. John Frieders as Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Chairman Pietrowski asked three times if there were any other nominations for a Vice-Chairperson.

Close Nominations

Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Bagby moved to close nominations and Mr. Faivre seconded the motion.

Vote to Close Nominations

The motion carried unanimously to close nominations for Vice-Chairman by voice vote.

Roll Call Vote to Nominate Vice-Chairperson

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call to nominate Mr. John Frieders as County Board Vice-Chairperson. Those voting year were Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, 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, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, and Chairman Pietrowski. All twenty-two Members presented voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Pietrowski shared some kind words for previous Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Tracy Jones, regarding their partnership on the Board for the past four-plus years. Mr. Jones additionally spoke of his time as Vice-Chair and the expanded role Chairman Pietrowski and he created for the Vice-Chairperson position.

Employee Services Award for January

Chairman Pietrowski additionally recognized the Employee Services Awards for the month of January 2018: Five Years: Katie Woolsey – Rehab & Nursing Center; Ten Years: Frank Beierlotzer – Highway Department, Ashley Carlson – Sheriff’s Department; Fifteen Years: Irene Sanchez – Health Department; Twenty Years: Melody Smith – Rehab & Nursing Center; Twenty-Five Years: Debra Killham – Health Department.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

No individuals asked to address the Board.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation P2018-01: Recognizing 2018 as the Year of Kishwaukee College

Vice-Chairman Frieders read allow the Proclamation which proclaimed 2018 to be the year of Kishwaukee College as they are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval of the following appointments:

- a. **Emergency Telephone Systems Board (E911)**: Roy Plote appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Tracy Jones until November 30, 2018.
- b. **DeKalb County Sheriff’s Merit Commission**: Anita Turner appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Kim Green until November 30, 2020.

Motion

It was moved by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh and seconded by Mrs. Emmer to approve all of the recommended appointments as presented.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously.

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REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Resolution R2018-01: Selecting the DeKalb County Convention & Visitors Bureau as the County's Agency of Record for Tourism Promotions

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved that 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 2018 Fiscal Year (January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018). Mrs. Haji-Sheikh 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.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Resolution R2018-02: Authorizing the Execution and Amendment of the Federal 5311 Grant

Agreement

Motion

Ms. Little moved DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes and directs the County Administrator to execute and file on behalf of DeKalb County a Section 5311 Grant Agreement for fiscal year 2018 for the purpose of off-setting certain operating deficits and administrative expenses for the Public Transportation Program providing public transit service in non-urbanized areas. Ms. Askins seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Claims

Motion

Mr. Cribben moved to approve the payment of claims for the month of January 2018, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, including all claims for travel, meals, and lodging, in the amount of \$8,349,376.55. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the January Claims. Those Members voting yea were Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, 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, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

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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 – December 2017
2. Public Defender’s Report – December 2017
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – December 2017
4. Pretrial Report – December 2017
5. Sheriff’s Jail Report – December 2017
6. Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Reports – December 2017

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.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Mr. Faivre 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.

Douglas J. Johnson
DeKalb County Clerk

Mark Pietrowski, Jr.
DeKalb County Board Chairman