

**DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

**February 18, 2015**

**7:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge to the Flag
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Communications and Referrals
  - a. Veteran's Honor Roll
  - b. Employee Service Awards
6. Persons to be Heard from the Floor
7. Proclamations: None
8. Appointments for this Month:
  - a. **Ad Hoc Rules Committee:** Mark Pietrowski (Chairman), Tracy Jones, John Emerson, Riley Oncken, Steve Reid, John Frieders, Paul Stoddard, and Misty Haji-Sheikh all appointed for terms beginning February 1, 2015 and expiring November 30, 2016.
9. Reports from Standing Committees & Ad Hoc Committees

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

- a. **Ordinance O2015-01:** Repeal of Tipping Fee for Solid Waste Disposal. *The DeKalb County Board does hereby repeal the \$1.27 tipping fee established by Ordinance 2006-31 in acknowledgment of the Host Benefit Fee of \$4.60 per ton of waste permanently disposed of in DeKalb County per the Host Community Agreement. Committee Action: It was moved by Mr. Oncken, seconded by Mr. Jones and it was moved unanimously to forward a resolution to the full County Board recommending approval.*

**COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

- a. **Resolution R2015-06:** Award of Purchase for New Equipment. *The DeKalb County Board does hereby approve the purchase of a new Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis with options in the total amount of \$71,483.00 from JX Peterbilt of Rockford, Illinois for submitting the lowest bid meeting specifications. The DeKalb County Board also hereby approves the purchase of an AWD Motor Grader with options in the total amount of \$211,906.00 from West Side Tractor of Naperville, Illinois for submitting the lowest bid meeting specifications. Committee Action: Mr. Pietrowski moved and Vice Chair O'Barski seconded to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.*
- b. **Resolution R2015-07:** MFT for 2015 DeKalb County Seal Coat Project. *The DeKalb County Board does hereby authorize the appropriation of \$150,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax allotment to be utilized towards the County's 2015 Seal Coat Project. Committee Action: Mr. Luebke moved and Vice Chair O'Barski seconded a motion to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.*

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No Business

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

No Business

## LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

No Business

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. **Resolution R2015-08:** Abating a Portion of the Property Tax Levy for the 2014 Tax Year for the 2005 Health Facility Re-financing Bond Issue. *The DeKalb County Board does approve that a portion of the \$967,013 property tax levy for the 2014 Tax Year (payable in 2015), which was levied for the lease agreement for the retirement of the debt on the 2005 Health Facility Re-Financing Bond Issue, is hereby abated in the amount of \$342,013, and that a certified copy of this resolution should be filed with the DeKalb County Clerk within fifteen days.*  
**Committee Action: It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cribben and it was moved unanimously to forward the resolution to the full County Board for approval.**
- b. **Resolution R2015-09:** Abating the Entire Property Tax Levy for the 2014 Tax Year for the 2010 Courthouse Expansion and Jail Expansion Bond Issue. *The DeKalb County Board does approve that the \$1,187,663 property tax levy for the 2014 Tax Year (payable in 2015), which was levied for the retirement of the debt of (a) \$877,555 for the Build America Bond Issue and (b) \$310,108 for the Recovery Zone Bond Issue, is hereby abated in its entirety in the amount of \$1,187,663, and that a certified copy of this resolution should be filed with the DeKalb County Clerk within fifteen days.*  
**Committee Action: It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cribben and it was moved unanimously to forward the resolution to the full County Board for approval.**
- c. **Claims Being Paid in February 2015:** Move to approve the payment of claims incurred and not paid since the last meeting, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, in the amount of \$7,271,566.51.
- d. **Reports of County Officials:** Move to accept and place on file the following Reports of County Officials:
  1. Cash & Investments in County Banks – January 2015
  2. Public Defender’s Report – January 2015
  3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – January 2015
  4. Sheriff’s Jail Report – January 2015
  5. Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Reports - January 2015

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a. **Resolution R2015-10:** Creation and Appointment of a Jail Solution Committee. *The DeKalb County Board does approve the creation of a Jail Solution Committee and does hereby charge the Committee with presenting a report for action to the County Board on or before December 16, 2015. The membership on this Committee will consist of the following individuals: Tracy Jones (Chairman), Marjorie Askins, Kevin Bunge, Dan Cribben, John Frieders, Lt. Joyce Klein, Frank O’Barski, Riley Oncken, Steve Reid, Sheriff Roger Scott, Paul Stoddard, and Anita Turner. These appointments, and the Committee, will expire on December 31, 2015. **Committee Action: It was moved by Mr. Frieders, seconded by Mr. O’Barski and it was moved unanimously to forward the resolution to the full County Board for approval.***
  
  - b. **Resolution R2015-11:** Land Acquisition for Sober Living Home. *The DeKalb County Board does concur in the findings and recommendations of the Executive Committee and does hereby authorize the acquisition of the property located at 491 East State Street in Sycamore, Illinois (PIN 06-33-301-009) for a price of \$145,000.00 contingent on the County obtaining a Special Use Permit from the City of Sycamore to operate a “Sober Living Home” for the DUI/Drug Court Program. **Committee Action: It was moved by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Mr. O’Barski and it was moved unanimously to forward a resolution to the full County Board recommending approval.***
  
  - c. **Resolution R2015-12:** Adoption of State Legislative Agenda. *The DeKalb County Board does hereby endorse and adopt the State Legislative Agenda prepared, refined and recommended by the DeKalb County Executive Committee and does direct the County Administrator to provide copies of the attached State Legislative Agenda to all State Senators and State Representatives serving the citizens of DeKalb County. **Committee Action: It was moved by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, seconded by Mr. O’Barski and it was moved unanimously to forward the resolution to the full County Board for approval.***
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10. Old Business
  11. New Business
    - a. **Appointments Scheduled to be made in the Month of March 2015**
      1. Regional Plan Commission – 7 positions
      2. Regional Plan Commission Alternates – 5 positions
      3. All Fire Protection Districts – 12 positions total
      4. Fairdale Light District – 1 position
  
  12. Adjournment

# EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

*February*

**2015**

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***35 YEARS OF SERVICE***

None

***30 YEARS OF SERVICE***

None

***25 YEARS OF SERVICE***

None

***20 YEARS OF SERVICE***

Tracy Jeffries

02/07/1995

Rehab & Nursing Center

***15 YEARS OF SERVICE***

Cristie Wooden

02/14/2000

Finance

***10 YEARS OF SERVICE***

Mary Kay Elliott

02/17/2005

Circuit Clerk

Bruce Hamilton

02/22/2005

IMO

Denise Pope

02/28/2005

Court Services

***5 YEARS OF SERVICE***

Jose Ramirez Valdivia

02/25/2010

Rehab & Nursing Center

For questions or corrections, please contact Lisa in the Administration Office at 815-895-1639

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
  )SS  
COUNTY OF DEKALB     )

**ORDINANCE 2015-01**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HOST BENEFIT FEE FOR  
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board did, on March 15, 1995, pass Resolution 95-15 adopting the County Solid Waste Management Plan, which Plan has been updated every five years since its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Resolution 95-15 did, pursuant to the authority found in 415 ILCS Section 5/22.15 (j)(1), impose a fee of \$1.10 per ton on all solid waste permanently disposed of in DeKalb County from July 1, 1995 through November 30, 2000; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2000 the DeKalb County Board did, through passage of Ordinance 2000-26, renew the \$1.10 per ton tipping fee for an indefinite period beginning on December 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of 415 ILCS 5/22.15(j)(1) authorize a tipping fee of up to \$1.27 per ton of solid waste permanently disposed of, and the County Board of DeKalb County did, on November 15, 2006, pass Ordinance 2006-31, which increased the tipping fee from \$1.10 to \$1.27 effective December 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board did, on March 18, 2009, pass Resolution R2009-11, approving a Host Community Agreement with Waste Management, Inc. which, among other things, established a Host Benefit Fee in lieu of a tipping fee; and

WHEREAS, Section 19.b of said Agreement requires the County Board to pass an ordinance repealing the tipping fees imposed under 415 ILCS 5/22.15 et. seq. at the time of implementation of said Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the Host Community Agreement were fully implemented effective January 1, 2015;

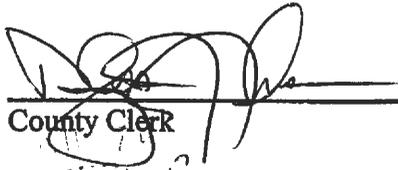
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the DeKalb County Board does hereby repeal the \$1.27 tipping fee established by Ordinance 2006-31 in acknowledgment of the Host Benefit Fee of \$4.60 per ton of waste permanently disposed of in DeKalb County per the Host Community Agreement.

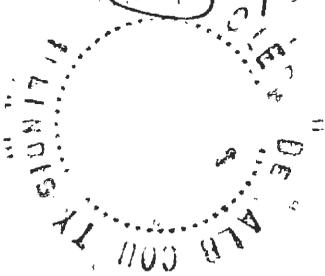
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the DeKalb County Board does direct the County Clerk to provide a certified copy of this Ordinance to Waste Management Incorporated the owner-operator of the DeKalb County Landfill.

PASSED BY THE COUNTY BOARD THIS 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015, A.D.

  
Chairman, DeKalb County Board

ATTEST:

  
County Clerk





DeKalb County  
Planning/Zoning/Building Department  
110 East Sycamore Street  
Sycamore, IL 60178  
(815) 895-7188  
Fax: (815) 895-1669

### STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Planning and Zoning Committee

**FROM:** Paul R. Miller, AICP  
*PRM*  
DeKalb County Planning Director

**DATE:** January 14, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Landfill Tipping Fee

Pursuant to State law, DeKalb County has been charging the maximum permitted tipping fee for refuse deposited at the DeKalb County Landfill. The \$1.27-per-ton fee authorized by law was adopted by County Board Ordinance 2006-31. In 2009, the County entered into a Host Fee Agreement with Waste Management to accommodate an expansion of the landfill. The terms of the Host Fee Agreement require the County Board to pass an ordinance repealing the tipping fees imposed under 415 ILCS 5/22.15 et. seq. at the time of implementation of said Agreement. The Agreement went into full effect on January 1, 2015.

The Planning and Zoning Committee is requested to consider the attached draft ordinance repealing the \$1.27/ton tipping fee and replacing it with the \$4.60/ton fee set forth in the Host Fee Agreement, and forward a recommendation of approval to the full County Board.

cc: Gary Hanson, DeKalb County Administrator

PRM:prm

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**R E S O L U T I O N #R2015-06**

**WHEREAS**, bids have been invited by the County of DeKalb for provision of pieces of equipment as specified, and

**WHEREAS**, JX Peterbilt of Rockford, Illinois and West Side Tractor of Naperville, Illinois have submitted the low bids meeting specifications, for the provision of said items;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the DeKalb County Board that it does approve an award in the low bid submitted meeting specifications by the aforementioned dealers for the provision of the specified pieces of equipment in the amount as provided below.

**JX PETERBILT:**

- A) Provision of a new Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis as specified in the amount of Ninety-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Zero Cents (\$97,599.00); and
- B) Trade Allowance for one 2004 Sterling LT8513 with snow removal equipment of Thirty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$30,000.00); and
- C) Option provisions of heated windshield (\$675.00); transmission warranty (\$459.00); and engine warranty 60 months or 100,000 miles (\$2,750.00).

**Total cost of cab and chassis with options - \$71,483.00**

**WEST SIDE TRACTOR:**

- A) Provision of one All-Wheel Drive Motor Grader as specified in the amount of Two Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars and Zero cents (\$244,800.00); and
- B) Trade Allowance for one 1995 John Deere 772BH motor grader with 12' Viking snow wing of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero cents (\$55,000.00);

C) Option provisions of one 12' Henke Snow Wing with disconnect valves (\$16,136.00);  
RH Moldboard Extension 2' (\$1,050.00); Factory Installed Rear Fenders (\$1,600.00);  
and Matching spare tire and three (3) piece rim combo (\$3,320.00)

**Total cost of AWD Motor Grader with options - \$211,906.00**

**PASSED AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015 A.D.**

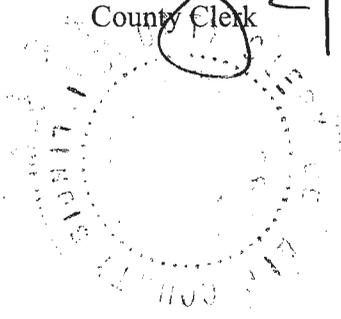


Chairman, DeKalb County Board

ATTEST:



County Clerk



BOARD INFORMATION FROM FEBRUARY 3rd BID LETTING:

**New Tandem Cab and Chassis**

<b>CIT Group, Loves Park</b>	\$ 105,798.12
With trade value of	\$ (25,498.00)
With Options	\$ 3,695.00
Total	<u>\$ 83,995.12</u>

<b>JX Peterbilt, Rockford</b>	\$ 97,599.00
With trade value of	\$ (30,000.00)
With Options	\$ 3,884.00
Total	<u>\$ 71,483.00</u>

**New AWD Motor Grader**

<b>Miller Bradford, Rockford</b>	\$ 255,500.00
With Trade value of	\$ (35,000.00)
With Options	\$ 26,102.00
Total	<u>\$ 246,602.00</u>

<b>Patten Industries</b>	\$ 275,217.00
With Trade value of	\$ (24,000.00)
With Options	\$ 11,470.00 *snow wing price not bid
Total	<u>\$ 262,687.00</u>

<b>West Side Tractor</b>	\$ 244,800.00
With Trade value of	\$ (55,000.00)
With Options	\$ 22,106.00
Total	<u>\$ 211,906.00</u>



**Resolution R2015-07**  
**15-00000-02-GM**  
**County Maintenance Resolution**

RESOLVED, by the County board of DeKalb County, that \$150,000.00 is appropriated from the Motor Fuel Tax allotment for the maintenance on county or State highways and meeting the requirements of the Illinois Highway Code, and be it further

RESOLVED, that maintenance sections or patrols be maintained under the provision of said Illinois Highway Code beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Engineer/County Superintendent of Highways shall, as soon as practicable after the close of the period as given above, submit to the Department of Transportation, on forms furnished by said Department, a certified statement showing expenditures from and balances remaining in funds authorized for expenditure by said Department under this appropriation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit two certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

DeKalb County, } ss.

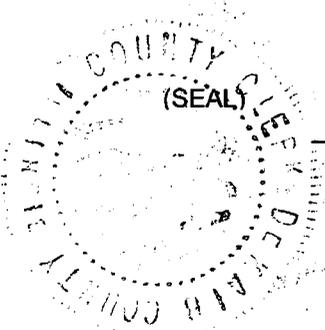
I, Douglas J. Johnson County Clerk, in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, and keeper of the records and files thereof, as provided by statute, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of

DeKalb County, at its February 18, 2015

meeting held at Sycamore, Illinois

on February 18, 2015  
Date

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at my office in Sycamore, Illinois in said County, this 18th day of February A.D. 2015



*Douglas J. Johnson*  
County Clerk

Approved  
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Regional Engineer  
Department of Transportation  
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Date

## RESOLUTION R2015-08

### A RESOLUTION ABATING A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE 2014 TAX YEAR FOR THE 2005 HEALTH FACILITY RE-FINANCING BOND ISSUE

WHEREAS, DeKalb County Government did enter into a lease agreement with the DeKalb County Public Building Commission to cover the cost of repayment (principal, interest, and administrative costs) of the December 1, 1997 \$11,800,000 Health Facility Bond Issue; and

WHEREAS, the 1997 Health Facility Bond Issue was refinanced in 2005 and the bonds associated with the original 1997 issue have been retired, but the bonds issued in the 2005 re-financing are still outstanding and owing; and

WHEREAS, it was anticipated that these bonds would be retired by revenues generated by the operation of the DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center and a property tax levy by the County with a subsequent rental payment to the Public Building Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is mandated that in the event that non-property tax revenues are not sufficient to retire the debt, property taxes would be used to pay same; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Clerk has been directed to automatically levy a property tax for the 2005 Re-Financing in each of the Tax Years 2007 through 2015 (payable 2008 through 2016) to fund this debt retirement; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County Government may abate this property tax levy each year if sufficient monies are available in designated funds prior to the time the County Clerk extends taxes for the ensuing year; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the County Board has determined that as of January 1, 2015 the County Treasurer does have on deposit sufficient monies to make the required lease rental payments which come due from November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016, inclusive; and

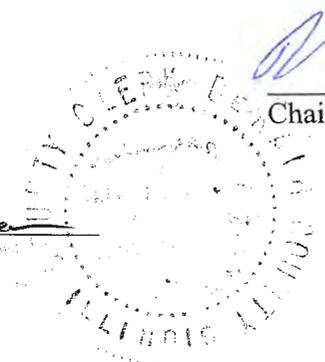
WHEREAS, the County Board does desire to abate a portion of the property tax levy for the 2014 Tax Year (payable in 2015) that would be required to be levied for the Nursing Home's share of the lease payment for the twelve month period ending October 31, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Board that a portion of the \$967,013 property tax levy for the 2014 Tax Year (payable in 2015), which was levied for the lease agreement for the retirement of the debt on the 2005 Health Facility Re-Financing Bond Issue, is hereby abated in the amount of \$342,013, and that a certified copy of this resolution should be filed with the DeKalb County Clerk within fifteen days.

PASSED AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS, THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015, A.D.

ATTEST:

  
County Clerk



  
Chairman, DeKalb County Board

## RESOLUTION R2015-09

### A RESOLUTION ABATING THE ENTIRE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE 2014 TAX YEAR FOR THE 2010 COURTHOUSE EXPANSION AND JAIL EXPANSION BOND ISSUE

WHEREAS, DeKalb County Government did sell \$16,000,000 in bonds on October 14, 2010 for the expansion of the Courthouse and for the study of the expansion of the Jail; and

WHEREAS, it was anticipated that these bonds would be retired mainly by sales tax revenues generated from sales at stores on the site of the former County Farm which is the southeast corner of Sycamore Road and Barber Greene Road in DeKalb; and

WHEREAS, it is mandated that in the event that non-property tax revenues are not sufficient to retire the debt, property taxes would be used to pay same; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Clerk has been directed to automatically levy a property tax for the 2010 Bond Issue in each of the Tax Years 2010 through 2028 (payable 2011 through 2029) to fund this debt retirement; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County Government may abate this property tax levy each year if sufficient monies are available in designated funds prior to the time the County Clerk extends taxes for the ensuing year; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the County Board has determined that as of January 1, 2015 the County Treasurer does have on deposit sufficient monies to make the required debt service payments which come due from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the County Board does desire to abate the property tax levy for the 2014 Tax Year (payable in 2015) that would be required to be levied for the principal and interest payments for the twelve month period ending December 31, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Board that the \$1,187,663 property tax levy for the 2014 Tax Year (payable in 2015), which was levied for the retirement of the debt of (a) \$877,555 for the Build America Bond Issue and (b) \$310,108 for the Recovery Zone Bond Issue, is hereby abated in its entirety in the amount of \$1,187,663, and that a certified copy of this resolution should be filed with the DeKalb County Clerk within fifteen days.

PASSED AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS, THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015, A.D.

ATTEST:

  
Chairman, DeKalb County Board

  
County Clerk



**RESOLUTION  
R2015-10**

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Jail Committee, appointed September 15, 2010, completed their work in September of 2012 with a report and recommendation to the County Board, and

WHEREAS, the County Board, at their September 19, 2012 meeting did approve the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Jail Committee which included the site location, building design and size, and a project budget, and

WHEREAS, during the interim period since 2012, while the County was unable to move forward because of outstanding lawsuits against the Landfill Expansion, costs for the Jail Expansion increased to a level which was significantly greater than the County's ability to sell bonds for the construction work based on the level of guaranteed Landfill revenues, and

WHEREAS, the County has faced the challenge of identifying means to pay for additional operating costs of an expanded Jail facility, and

WHEREAS, the County Board has expressed concern about some long-term revenues of the County given the pending lawsuit which could impact the receipt of significant sales tax monies tied to the sale of airline fuel in the County, which is a General Fund revenue source, and at the same time has equal concerns about the financial stability of the State of Illinois and how the addressing of those issues may impact local County Government, and

WHEREAS, the County still spends about \$1,000,000 per year in out-sourcing inmates to other Counties and recognizes that out-of-county space availability at a reasonable cost is a continuing concern and could also negatively impact the County's financial resources, and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the current economic climate has produced historically favorable bonds rates to make long-term financing attractive at this time, and

WHEREAS, construction costs continue to escalate each year with inflation and possible changes in Jail standards, while at the same time monies spent on out-sourcing inmates does nothing to help with the growth of the local economy, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the County Board has determined that it is imperative that the County take action as soon as possible to resolve the Jail Space issue in DeKalb County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Board does hereby create a "Jail Solutions Committee" to build from the work already completed by the previous Ad Hoc Jail Committee and approved by the County Board on September 19, 2012, with the mission to address these specific areas:

1. Seek opportunities to reduce the jail population
2. Prioritize options for how much of the approved building design should be constructed and then constructed as either shelled or finished space
3. Design financing plans for constructing the various building options
4. Identify resources to pay for operating costs
5. Evaluate risk of losing various financial resources

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership on this Committee will consist of the following individuals: Tracy Jones (Chairman), Marjorie Askins, Kevin Bunge, Dan Cribben, John Frieders, Lt. Joyce Klein, Frank O'Barski, Riley Oncken, Steve Reid, Sheriff Roger Scott, Paul Stoddard, and Anita Turner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Jail Solutions Committee may utilize advisors to their Committee as needed, but this resolution carries no authorization to expend monies other than the incidental costs associated with conducting meetings. The Committee is charged with presenting a report for action to the County Board on or before December 16, 2015. These appointments, and the Committee, will expire on December 31, 2015.

PASSED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015 AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS

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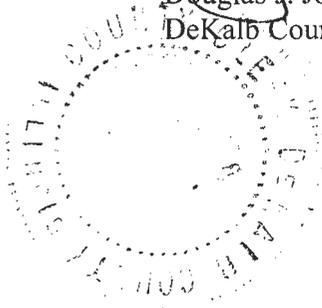
SIGNED:



Douglas J. Johnson  
DeKalb County Clerk



Mark Pietrowski, Jr.  
County Board Chairman



**RESOLUTION  
R2015-11**

WHEREAS, the County of DeKalb has made a commitment to assist the DeKalb County Drug Court with the acquisition of a home in Sycamore that could be used as a Sober Living Home for male residents, and

WHEREAS, funds are available within the Opportunity Fund for the acquisition of such a home should the location be appropriate and should a special use permit be obtained from the City of Sycamore, and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Executive Committee has been informed that the property located at 491 East State Street in Sycamore, Illinois (PIN 06-33-301-009) is available for purchase at a price of \$145,000.00 and the Executive Committee did recommend that the property be acquired at that price;

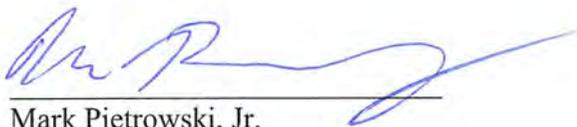
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Board does concur in the findings and recommendations of the Executive Committee and does hereby authorize the acquisition of the property located at 491 East State Street in Sycamore, Illinois (PIN 06-33-301-009) for a price of \$145,000.00 contingent on the County obtaining a Special Use Permit from the City of Sycamore to operate a "Sober Living Home" for the DUI/Drug Court Program.

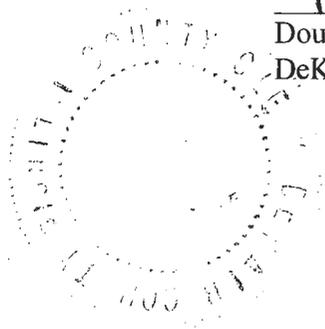
PASSED THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015 AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

  
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Douglas J. Johnson  
DeKalb County Clerk

  
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Mark Pietrowski, Jr.  
County Board Chairman



**RESOLUTION**  
**#R2015 - 12**

WHEREAS, the members of the DeKalb County Executive Committee have determined the need for the County to develop a Legislative Agenda, and

WHEREAS, the County Board members and departments were invited to submit ideas for the State Legislative Agenda which would improve services to citizens or increase the efficiency and effectiveness in operating county departments, and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Executive Committee have resulted in the State Legislative Agenda which is attached to this resolution and herein incorporated by reference, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Board does hereby endorse and adopt the State Legislative Agenda prepared, refined and recommended by the DeKalb County Executive Committee and does direct the County Administrator to provide copies of the attached State Legislative Agenda to all State Senators and State Representatives serving the citizens of DeKalb County.

PASSED AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS, THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015,  
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Chairman, DeKalb County Board

ATTEST:

  
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County Clerk

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DEKALB COUNTY  
2015  
STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



February 18, 2015

**DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS**

**STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**Introduction**

It is the DeKalb County Board's policy to support legislation granting additional authority to counties. We also may support legislation which allows counties to expand non-property tax revenue sources.

**In general, we ask the Governor and all Legislators to adhere to the following principles:**

- Oppose unfunded mandates imposed by State and Federal governments, and fund programs as mandated by state law;
- Oppose legislation that reduces our existing authority;
- Oppose legislation that erodes our existing revenue base;
- Honor all of the state's financial obligations;
- Do not divert dedicated revenues including, but not limited to, sales, gasoline, and income taxes, that should come to the county.

Topic:	<b>Allow Illinois Counties to have Access to Sales Tax Information for Businesses located within their County. (Submitted by: Finance Department)</b>
Issue:	To allow Illinois Counties to have access to sales tax information for businesses located within their County in the same fashion as municipalities are allowed access to sales tax information for businesses located within their corporate boundaries.
Solution:	Introduce legislation giving Counties access to sales tax information for businesses located within their County. This would give counties the same rights as were just granted to municipalities in the last legislative session.
Action:	Language has been drafted and a bill will be introduced by Rep. Tom Demmer, to implement the solution above.
	Number 1

Topic:	<b>Court Security Cost Study (Submitted by: Administration Office and Sheriff's Department)</b>
Issue:	A county board may enact by ordinance or resolution a court services fee dedicated to defraying court security expenses incurred by the sheriff in providing court services or for any other court services deemed necessary by the sheriff to provide for court security, including without limitation court services provided pursuant to Section 3-6023, as now or hereafter amended.
Solution:	Senate Bill 804 has been filed. It would allow Counties to change the fee that they charge to defray the cost of providing court security, only if an acceptable cost study is done.
Action:	Support SB 804
	Number 2

Topic:	<b>Reduce fees paid to Jurors (Submitted by: The Law &amp; Justice Committee)</b>
Issue:	During the lame duck session, legislation passed that reduced the number of jurors for a civil trial, and increased the fees that jurors are paid. This would cost DeKalb County an estimated additional \$30,000 to \$50,000 per year.
Solution:	Senate Bill 59 has been filed to give counties flexibility in setting juror fees.
Action:	Support language in SB 59 to rescind the pay increase for jurors that will otherwise be effective on June 1, 2015.
	Number 3

Topic:	<b>Change in Notification of Taxing Bodies for Complaints exceeding \$100,000 in value change (35 ILCS 200/16-55(i)). (Submitted by: Assessor's Department)</b>
Issue:	We find that many small districts (such as cemetery districts or mosquito abatement districts) never intervene in assessment complaint proceedings, yet are required to receive written notices at significant cost in time, supplies, and postage.
Solution:	Therefore, we propose that the notification statutes be aligned with the requirements for non-homestead exemptions with \$100,000 reductions (school districts, community college districts, municipalities and fire protection districts). We further propose that if these notices are sent electronically that they then be sent to all of the taxing districts.
Action:	Seek that the notification statutes be aligned with the requirements for non-homestead exemptions with \$100,000 reductions, but if these notices are sent electronically that they be sent to all of the taxing districts involved.
	Number 4

Topic:	<b>Certificate of Status (35 ILCS 200/15-10) (Submitted by: Assessor's Department)</b>
Issue:	We find that each year, many thousands of exempt property certificates of status are required to be sent out to and returned by units of local government. However, even if they are not returned, they cannot be placed on the tax rolls because they cannot ever go to tax sale.
Solution:	Therefore, we propose that any exempt property owned by a unit of state or local government join the current list (churches, cemeteries, and property of the United States) of properties that are not required to file an annual certificate of status.
Action:	Propose that any exempt property owned by a unit of state or local government join the current list (churches, cemeteries, and property of the United States) of properties that are not required to file an annual certificate of status.
	Number 5

Topic:	<b>Homestead Exemption Simplification and Recodification (Submitted by: Assessor's Department)</b>
Issue:	The State of Illinois Homestead Exemption laws, while well-intended, lack the necessary consistency and uniformity to be easily enforced.
Solution:	Support the efforts of the Property Tax Advisory Committee to simply and recodify the State of Illinois homestead exemption statutes (35 ILCS 200/15-165, et seq.).
Action:	To simplify the Illinois Homestead Exemption Laws.
	Number 6

Topic:	<b>Allowance of delinquent tax bills to be sent by First Class Mail rather than Certified Mail. (Submitted by: Treasurer's Department)</b>
Issue:	Each year counties mail out thousands of Certified Delinquent Tax bills that are later returned to the county. Since this is a costly notification and could be accomplished by sending the notices First Class.
Solution:	Support a Bill that would allow counties to mail Delinquent Tax bills by First Class Mail instead of Certified.
Action:	Support a House or Senate Bill being introduced to allow counties to mail Delinquent Tax bills by First Class Mail.
	Number 7

Topic:	<b>Support Transportation Funding (Submitted by: Highway Department)</b>
Issue:	The Transportation for Illinois Coalition (TFIC) is a group of many different organizations statewide which support additional transportation funding. Their website explains their current proposal to provide additional revenues for transportation. It is primarily based on ending divisions such as sales tax on motor fuel going to the General Revenue Fund instead of the Road Fund.
Solution:	Amendment to HB 404 was legislation proposed in 2014 to support additional transportation funding. In January 2014 both the DeKalb County Board and the DeKalb Township Road Commissioners Association passed resolutions supporting an equitable, reliable and sustainable revenue source for our transportation needs.
Action:	Support any bills that enhance Transportation Funding.
	Number 8

Topic:	<b>Allow Counties to Impose a Telecommunications Tax on Residents in Unincorporated areas of the County (Submitted by: Finance Department)</b>
Issue:	Currently, municipalities can impose such a tax on residents within their corporate boundaries, but residents living in unincorporated areas are not allowed to be taxed by Counties and, accordingly, may not be paying their fair share for government services they receive.
Solution:	It would merely allow any County to impose such a tax and would not automatically result in the imposition of the tax. This would still require approval of each County Board. This would apply to all landline phones and cell phones, but not cable.
Action:	Ask legislators to amend 35 ILCS 636, Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax to allow any County to impose such a tax.
	Number 9

**DEKALB COUNTY  
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**AGENDA**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Persons to be Heard from the Floor
5. Standing Committee Report
  - a. **Claims Being Paid in January 2015:** Move to approve the payment of claims incurred and not paid since the last meeting, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, in the amount of \$72,975.55.
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Adjournment