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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
August 15, 2018

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Ms. Polanco, and Chairman Pietrowski. Those absent were Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Plote, and Mr. Porterfield. A quorum was established with nineteen Members present and five absent.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2018 County Board Meeting. Mr. Roman 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. Osland 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 was honored to announce he had been selected as one of the participants in the 2018 class of Jim Edgar Fellows. There were 40 individuals selected out of nearly 170 nominations. Participants were selected by a committee comprised of individuals from the public, private and academic sectors. The fellowship covered all expenses through an intensive five-day executive leadership training program on the campus of the University of Illinois.

Employee Services Awards for July

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the following County Employees who received Services Awards in the month of July 2018: Five Years: Lisa Framke – Drug Court, Brianna Kness – Community Action, Luz Gilkey – Veterans Assistance; Ten Years: Shane Davis – Sheriff's Department, Denise Stewart – Rehab & Nursing Center; Twenty Years: James Anderson – Judicial Office; Twenty-Five Years: James Herrmann – Facilities Management.

Additionally, Sheriff Roger Scott provided special recognition and presented Facility Management Director James Scheffers with his Thirty Year Employee Service Award.

Employee Service Awards for August

Chairman Pietrowski also recognized the following County Employees who received Service Awards in the month of August 2018: Five Years: Michelle Farley – Circuit Clerk’s Office, Christina Cruz – Health Department, John Polichnowski – Circuit Clerk’s Office; Ten Years: Amanda Walter – Rehab & Nursing Center, Bernadette Edmeier – Circuit Clerk’s Office; Fifteen Years: Douglas Johnson – Board of Review & County Clerk; Twenty Years: Leonard Ludtke – Facilities Management; Twenty-Five Years: Teresa Kaminski – Sheriff’s Office.

Mr. Plote arrived at 7:09 p.m., the roll now reflects twenty Members present and four absent.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

Anne Marie Clark of DeKalb spoke to the County Board regarding The Barn on Baseline and pleaded to the County Board to ensure that the organization is being run properly and remains a safe haven for all animals. She additionally provided materials for the Board Members outlining stories and reviews of The Barn on Baseline.

Katie Schertz of Sycamore also spoke about The Barn on Baseline and questioned the operation of the organization and the way donations and funds are being handled.

Drew Alexander of Sycamore spoke to the County Board regarding the DeKalb County Animal Welfare League D/B/A "The Barn on Baseline Animal Shelter and Adoption Center". He additionally explained his discontent with the County’s hands-off approach to allegations of abuse, neglect, and OSHA violations at The Barn on Baseline.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation P2018-02: Recognizing Federated Preschool for 50 Years of Service to the Community

Vice Chairman Frieders read aloud a Proclamation sharing that the Federal Church Nursery School first opened its doors in 1968 with the vision of offering quality early childhood education to families in northern Illinois. In 2005 the program transitioned into the Federal Preschool as they adapted to the ever changing dynamics of the family unit. Anita Kendall and Jan Scheffers have been the only two Directors who have served since that first day 50 years ago, giving the program strength of continuity and a steady vision of keeping the early development needs of children as first priority. During this expanse of time over 7,000 children from 14 different communities have been welcomed and nurtured by the Federated Preschool where children have been encouraged to investigate, play, and learn with resulting outcomes of independence, cooperation, and positive social manners. The Federated Preschool has often partnered with other community agencies such as DeKalb County 4-C, the ROE Office, and the Sycamore School District to enhance opportunities for the children as all work together in assuring that developmental needs of the youngest in our community are met in a caring and positive manner.

The Proclamation by the DeKalb County Board hereby recognizes the accomplishments of the Federated Preschool for providing vital services to families throughout DeKalb County for the last 50 years and best wishes are extended in continuing preschool services for many more years to come. Mrs. Scheffers and Mrs. Porten were present to accept the Proclamation on behalf of the Federated Church Preschool.

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APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval of the following appointments:

- a. **Clinton-Shabbona Drainage District:** Robert Buchholz reappointed for a three- year term beginning September 1, 2018 and expiring August 31, 2021.
- b. **Coon Creek Drainage District:** John Emerson reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2018 and expiring August 31, 2021.
- c. **Normal Drainage District:** Scott Drake reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2018 and expiring August 31, 2021.
- d. **Shabbona, Milan, Union Drainage District:** Robert Mullins reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2018 and expiring August 31, 2021.
- e. **Somonauk-Victor Drainage District:** Wayne Nelson reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2018 and expiring August 31, 2021.
- f. **Union Drainage District #4:** Alan Wiesbrook reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2018 and expiring August 31, 2021
- g. **Victor-Clinton Drainage District:** Richard Erickson reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2018 and expiring August 31, 2021.
- h. **Somonauk Cemetery Association:** A.A. Burgin, Michael Mortell, Reid McAllister, and Scott Thorp, all reappointed for six-year terms beginning September 1, 2018 and expiring August 31, 2024. Dennis Stahl, appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Jack Morsch until August 31, 2021.
- i. **South Grove Cemetery Association:** Larry Driscoll, Richard Tindall and Jason Yakey, all reappointed for six-year terms beginning September 1, 2018 and expiring August 31, 2024.

Motion

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

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing in Accordance with the Bond Issue Notification Act Concerning the DeKalb County Jail Rehab & Nursing Center

Opening of the Public Hearing

Chairman Pietrowski announced that pursuant to the notice published in the Daily Chronicle on **July 28, 2018**, he moved to Open the Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposal to sell general obligation alternate bonds of the County, from time to time in on or more series, in the amount of \$14,000,000 for the purpose of financing the improvement of the DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center, located in the City of DeKalb, Illinois, including building improvements, site improvements, furnishings and equipment.

There were no comments from the public made.

Closing of the Public Hearing

Hearing no comments, Chairman Pietrowski moved to Close the Public Hearing.

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REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Ordinance O2018-15: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden in Milan Township on Elva Road

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit for Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. for the establishment and operation of a 2 megawatt, 13.7-acre solar garden located on Elva Road, approximately 754 feet west of Anderland Road, in Milan Township (Parcel # 10-12-400-005). Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Ordinance O2018-16: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden in Franklin Township on Pearl Street

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit for Sun Vest Solar, Inc. for the establishment and operation of a 2 megawatt solar garden located on Pearl Street in Franklin Township (Parcel #01-24-100-001). Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chairman called for a voice vote on the motion as presented. The motion carried unanimously with all Members present voting yea.

Ordinance O2018-17: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden in Kingston Township on Pleasant Hill Road

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit for Sun Vest Solar, Inc. for the establishment and operation of a 2 megawatt solar garden located on Pleasant Hill Road in Kingston Township (Parcel #02-23-400-005). Mr. Hughes seconded the motion.

Motion to Amend

Ms. Askins moved to add the following terms to the Ordinance:

1. Prior to commercial operation of the solar facility, to install 55 spruce trees, six feet tall, within the 50 foot buffer north by the project facility fence as shown on the attached landscape plan.
2. The spruce tree species shall be evenly divided between the following varieties: Colorado Spruce, Colorado Green Spruce, Back Hill Spruce, and Norway Spruce.
3. SV CSG Kingston 1, LLC shall be responsible for replacing any spruce trees that die during the operation of this solar facility. Should this be necessary, trees should be replaced annually by using six foot plantings.

Mr. Hughes seconded the amendment.

Voice Vote on Amendment

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

Voice Vote on Motion as Amended

The motion to approve the Ordinance as amended approved unanimously.

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Ordinance O2018-18: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden in Kingston Township on Pleasant Hill Road

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit for Sun Vest Solar, Inc. for the establishment and operation of a 2 megawatt solar garden located on Pearl Street in Franklin Township ((Parcel #02-23-400-006). Mr. Hughes seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chairman called for a voice vote on the motion as presented. The motion carried unanimously with all Members present voting yea.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Claims

Motion

Mr. Cribben moved to approve the payment of claims for the month of July, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, including all claims for travel, meals, and lodging, in the amount of \$8,713,663.38. Mr. Reid seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

Claims

Motion

Mr. Cribben moved to approve the payment of claims for this month, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, including all claims for travel, meals, and lodging, in the amount of \$7,235,112.08. Ms. Willis seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the July Claims. Those Members voted yea were Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. 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 – June & July 2018
2. Public Defender's Report – June & July 2018
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – June & July 2018
4. Pretrial Report – June & July 2018
5. Sheriff's Jail Report – June & July 2018
6. Building Permits & Construction Reports – June & July 2018
7. County Clerk & Recorder's Six Month Report – Ending June 30, 2018
8. Circuit Clerk's Six Month Report – Ending June 30, 2018

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Ms. Askins seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2018-42: Acquisition of Voting Machines

Motion

Vice Chairman Frieders moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder to acquire 42 once-used voting machines from Kane County for the price of \$2,200 per machine (\$92,400 total) from the Opportunity Fund and because time is of the essence in making this purchase commitment, thereby saving the County thousands of dollars, all bidding requirements are hereby waived. Mr. Roman seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski requested a roll call vote on the motion. Those Members voted yea were Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

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

1. Public Building Commission – 1 position
2. Kane, Kendall, DeKalb Workforce Development Board – 3 positions
3. Squaw Grove Drainage District – 1 position
4. Victor-Adams Drainage District – 1 position


ADJOURNMENT

Motion

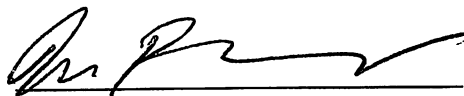
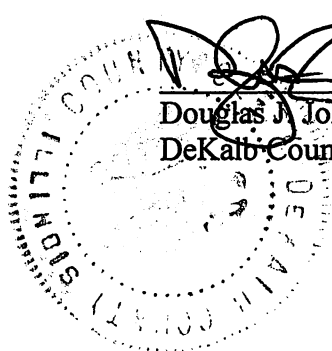
Mr. Faivre moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Osland seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion to adjourn the meeting carried unanimously.



Douglas N. Johnson
DeKalb County Clerk



Mark Pietrowski, Jr.
DeKalb County Board Chairman

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