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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**October 17, 2018**

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, and Chairman Pietrowski. Those absent were Mr. Bunge, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, and Mr. Jones. A quorum was established with twenty Members present and four absent.

Chairman Pietrowski asked Mr. Stoddard to lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 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 Mrs. Emmer and seconded by Mr. Whelan 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 with the Board Members that Vice Chairman Frieders and Mr. Jones had contacted him and explained that they were currently harvesting their fields and were unable to attend the Board Meeting but wanted to pass along that they were both in full support of the purposed Balance Budget that the Board would be voting on.

Veterans Honor Roll

DeKalb County Clerk & Recorder Douglas J. Johnson shared that on September 25<sup>th</sup> he made a special presentation of the DeKalb Senior Center to an honoree that was celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Anthony "Tony" Berg served in the U.S. Army from April 1941 to June 1945 and saw action in Tunisia, Sicily, Holland, Belgium, northern Germany and most significantly, on June 6, 1944, Tony's artillery unit was the first ashore on D-Day. Tony served in 6 campaigns during World War II. Mr. Johnson, on behalf of the DeKalb County Board and the citizens of DeKalb County, thanked Mr. Tony Berg for his service and sacrifice.

#### Employee Service Awards for September

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the following County Employees who received Service Awards in the month of October 2018: Five Years: Sheryl Hansen – Rehab & Nursing Center, John Guio – Board of Review, Matthew Zamudio – Rehab & Nursing Center; Ten Years: Tammy Anderson – Veterans Assistance; Twenty-Five Years: Cathy LaPointe – Health Department.

#### **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 to the Board Members shared examples of alleged abuse, neglect, and dishonesty from DeKalb County Animal Welfare League's President Roberta Shoaf.

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 described allegations of animal abuse & neglect - administrative and criminal ongoing related to The Barn on Baseline. He has been trying to work with DeKalb County to review the situation and to specifically look at the Special Use Permit that was granted in 2015 given that the Family Pet Care Center (FPCC) is not operating within the parameters of the permit. Mr. Alexander reviewed the timeline of events and proposed the following Bert's Brigade Request of DeKalb County Government:

1. Approve a public meeting to review the Special use Permit and whether the Barn on Baseline & Family Pet Care Center are in substantial compliance.
2. Create a "real" contract between DeKalb County Government and Malta Vet that speaks to all obligations and responsibilities between the parties to ensure that animals transitioning through DeKalb County Animal Control and Barn on Baseline are adequately protected.
3. Formalize the relationship between DeKalb County Government and Barn on Baseline to ensure that certain standards of care are met that are consistent with the language of the Animal Welfare Act.
4. Mandate regular and unannounced inspections of the Barn on Baseline by DeKalb County Government to ensure that no person or animal is placed in harm's way and that this resource not be the onsite resident paying rent to the DeKalb County Animal Welfare League.
5. Reinstate its commitment to the Illinois Department of Agriculture's directive which states "*It is everyone's responsibility State, County, and local Municipality, to provide for the enforcement of these acts.*"

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval of the following appointments:

- a. **Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb:** Ging Smith reappointed for a five-year term beginning November 1, 2018 and expiring October 31, 2023.
- b. **East Pierce Cemetery Association:** Adam Miller appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Robert Miller until August 31, 2020, and Merwin Plapp appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Roger Klein until August 31, 2023.

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- c. **DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board:** Jane Smith and Jennie Geltz reappointed for four-year terms beginning January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2022; Laurie Emmer reappointed for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2020.

Motion

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

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously.

## REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

### **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved that the DeKalb County Board approves the following Ordinances O2018-28 through O2018-38 for the approval of Special Use Permits for the construction and operation of Solar Gardens in Afton, Franklin, Mayfield, Milan, Sandwich and Somonauk Townships, more specifically as follows:

**Ordinance O2018-28: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on State Route 23 in Afton Township.** Approval of a Special Use Permit requested by Summit Ridge Energy for the construction and operation of a solar garden (referred to as Moore Lease Area 1) that will cover approximately 17-acres of the 154.21 total acres of the property located approximately 2,000 feet south of Minnegan Road on State Route 23 in Afton Township (P.I.N.: 11-26-100-002) AF-18-16.

**Ordinance O2018-29: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on Somonauk Road in Somonauk and Sandwich Townships.** Approval of a Special Use Permit requested by Summit Ridge Energy for the construction and operation of a solar garden (referred to as Engel Lease Area 1) that will cover approximately 17.81 acres of the 150 total acres of property located approximately 1,900 feet south of Hidden Oaks Drive in Somonauk and Sandwich Townships (P.I.N.: 18-15-100-006 & 19-15-200-002) SO-18-23.

**Ordinance O2018-30: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Farm for Property Located on Somonauk Road in Somonauk Township.** Approval of a Special Use Permit requested by Cypress Creek for the construction and operation of a 2-megawatt, 25.7 acre solar farm (referred to as Long John Solar, LLC) on Somonauk Road approximately 1100 feet north of Hidden Oak Road in Somonauk Township (P.I.N.: 18-10-300-001) SO-18-22.

**Ordinance O2018-31: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Farm for Property Located on Tower and Hermann Road in Milan Township.** Approval of a Special Use Permit requested by Cypress Creek Renewables Development, LLC, for the construction and operation of a 2-megawatt, 32.6-acre solar farm (referred to as Monty Solar, LLC) on Herman Road approximately 2,300 feet west of Tower Road in Milan Township (P.I.N.: 10-31-400-003 & 10-31-400-005) MI-18-21.

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**Ordinance O2018-32: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on Pearl Street in Franklin Township.** Approval of a Special Use Permit requested by Summit Ridge Energy for the construction and operation of an approximate 15-acre solar garden (referred to as Heinsohn 1, Lease Area 1,) on the west side of Pearl Street, approximately 670 feet north of Wolf Road in Franklin Township (P.I.N.: 01-14-200-002) FR-18-26.

**Ordinance O2018-33: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on Pearl Street in Franklin Township.** Approval of a Special Use Permit requested by Summit Ridge Energy for the construction and operation of an approximate 15-acre solar garden (referred to as Heinsohn 1, Lease Area 2) to be located east of Lease Area 1, on the west side of Pearl Street, approximately 670 feet north of Wolf Road in Franklin Township (P.I.N.: 01-14-200-002) FR-18-27.

**Ordinance O2018-34: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on Pearl Street in Franklin Township.** Approval of a Special Use Permit requested by Summit Ridge Energy for the construction and operation of an approximate 15-acre solar garden (referred to as Heinsohn 3) on the east side of Pearl Street, approximately 2,700 feet north of Wolf Road in Franklin Township (P.I.N.: 01-12-300-005) FR-18-28.

**Ordinance O2018-35: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on Wolf Road in Franklin Township.** Approval of a Special Use Permit requested by Summit Ridge Energy for the construction and operation of a 15-acre solar garden (referred to as Heinsohn 2, Lease Area 1) on the corner of Wolf Road and Pearl Street in Franklin Township (P.I.N.: 01-13-100-002) FR-18-29.

**Ordinance O2018-36: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on Wolf Road in Franklin Township.** Approval of a Special Use Permit requested by Summit Ridge Energy for the construction and operation of a 15-acre solar garden (referred to as Heinsohn 2, Lease Area 2) on the corner of Wolf Road and Pearl Street in Franklin Township (P.I.N.: 01-13-100-002) FR-18-30.

**Ordinance O2018-37: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on State Route 23 in Afton Township.** Approval of a Special Use Permit requested by Summit Ridge Energy for the construction and operation of a 15-acre solar garden (referred to as Moore Lease Area 1a) on the southeast corner of the intersection of Minnegan Road and State Route 23 in Afton Township (P.I.N.: 11-26-100-002) AF-18-19.

**Ordinance O2018-38: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on Baseline Road in Mayfield Township.** Approval of a Special Use Permit requested by Soltage, LLC for the construction and operation of a 2-megawatt, 24-acre solar garden (referred to as Kohler Solar Energy Farm) on property located on Baseline Road, approximately 3,100 feet east of Five Points Road in Mayfield Township (P.I.N.: 05-02-100-002) MY-18-31.

Voice Vote

Mr. Hughes seconded. Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Ordinances O2018-28 through O2018-38. The motion carried unanimously.

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Motion

Mr. Faivre moved that the DeKalb County Board approves the following Ordinances O2018-39 and O2018-40 for the approval of Special Use Permits for the construction and operation of Solar Gardens in Somonauk Township, more specifically as follows:

**Ordinance O2018-39: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on Pine Road in Somonauk Township.** Approval of a Special Use Permit requested by Summit Ridge Energy for the construction and operation of a 15-acre solar garden (referred to as Frieders Lease Area 1) on the southwest corner of Pine and Somonauk Road in Somonauk Township (P.I.N.: 18-22-100-005) SO-18-24.

**Ordinance O2018-40: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on Pine Road in Somonauk Township.** Approval of a Special Use Permit requested by Summit Ridge Energy for the construction and operation of a 13.5-acre solar garden (referred to as Frieders Lease Area 1a) just west of the previous facility on the corner of Pine and Somonauk Road in Somonauk Township (P.I.N.: 18-21-200-006) SO-18-25.

Voice Vote

The motion was seconded by Mr. Luebke. The motion to approve Ordinances O2018-39 and O2018-40 was carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Ordinance O2018-41: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2009-12 and Section 14-3 of the DeKalb County Code Regarding Building Permit Fees for Commercial Wind Towers**

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the amendment to County Board Ordinance 2009-12 and the DeKalb County Code, Chapter 14, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article 1, Section 14-3(a)(4)(e), for the establishment of a building permit fee of \$25 per foot of tower height for new Commercial Wind Energy Conversion System sites and \$1,200 for modifications made to Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems. Mr. Roman seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

After questions and clarifications were provided by Community Development Director Derek Hiland, Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call on the motion. Those voting yea were Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously with all Members present voting yea.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

**Ordinance O2018-27: Designating a Park Zone on Rowantree Road and Nicolas Drive in Sycamore Road District at Wetzel Park**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby designates a Park Zone, which will establish a 20 mph speed zone, on Rowantree Road from Florence Drive west for 350 feet and on Nichols Drive from Florence Drive west for 350 feet near Wetzel Park in the Sycamore Road District. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion.

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Motion to Amend

Mr. Stoddard moved to amend the motion by additionally adding Florence Drive from Rowantree Road to Nichols Dr. to the designated Park Zone. Mr. Bagby seconded the motion.

Amendment Vote

After brief discussion, Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion to amend. Those voting yea were Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, and Chairman Pietrowski. Those voting nay were Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, and Mr. Reid. The motion to amend carried with seventeen Members for and three against it.

Voice Vote

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Delinquent Property Tax Sales:**

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute deeds of conveyance of the County's interest or authorize cancellation of the appropriate Certificate(s) of Purchase, as the case may be for the following five (5) resolutions to be paid to the Treasurer of DeKalb County Illinois, to be disbursed according to law:

	<b><u>Resolution</u></b>	<b><u>Township</u></b>	<b><u>Parcel #</u></b>	<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Paid by Purchaser</u></b>
1.	<b>R2018-56</b>	DeKalb	08-23-203-013	City of DeKalb	\$815.00
2.	<b>R2018-57</b>	Kingston	02-22-100-005	Lamp Rd. LLC	\$950.00
3.	<b>R2018-58</b>	DeKalb	08-23-309-005	Ricardo Franco	\$2,500.00
4.	<b>R2018-59</b>	Cortland	09-29-252-009	Lamp Rd. LLC	\$2,500.00
5.	<b>R2018-60</b>	Cortland	09-29-252-011	Lamp Rd. LLC	\$2,500.00

Mr. Bagby seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

**Resolution R2018-61: Authorized Depositories Resolution**

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved the DeKalb County Board does hereby approve the banks and credit unions listed within this resolution as depositories of public funds in the custody of the DeKalb County Treasurer. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the motion and it was approved unanimously.

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**Ordinance O2018-42: Adoption of the FY 2019 Tax Levy**

**Motion**

Mr. Stoddard moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to levy upon all the taxable property within DeKalb County, as assessed, for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018, and to be collected for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, in the total amount of \$22,915,000. Mr. Osland seconded the motion as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion to approve the FY 2019 Levy as presented. Those voting yea were Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously with all Members present voting yea.

**Ordinance O2018-43: Adoption of the Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019**

**Motion**

Mr. Stoddard moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves that the monies received by the County Treasurer from taxes and other revenues, for the use of DeKalb County during the Fiscal Year starting January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019 are hereby appropriated as set forth in the attached twenty-three (23) pages for the purpose necessary for DeKalb County to carry out its responsibilities in the total amount of \$99,059,500. Ms. Willis seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion to approve the FY 2019 Balance Budget presented. Those voting yea were Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously with all Members present voting yea.

**Claims**

**Motion**

Mr. Stoddard 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 \$7,468,832.44. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Reports of County Officials**

**Motion**

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

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

Mr. Luebke 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**

Chairman Pietrowski announced that the Ad Hoc Website Review Committee met recently and they were able to get a preview of the County’s redesigned website. He commended the internal County Staff that have been working on the website and noted that he thinks anyone who sees it will agree with him that the new site will be a major improvement and very user-friendly. The new site is proposed to launch in early 2019.

**Appointments scheduled to be made in the month of November 2018:**

1. Boone, DeKalb and Ogle County Extension Board – 1 position
2. DeKalb County Sheriff’s Merit Commission – 1 position
3. Emergency Telephone Systems Board – 1 position
4. Northwest Water Planning Alliance – 1 position
5. Board of Health – 4 positions
6. DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center Operating Board / Supportive Living Facility Board – 4 positions

Mr. Bagby announced that after a brief hiatus, Waubensee Community College’s Small Business Development Center is back up and running and in addition is now partnering with the DeKalb County Business Incubator. The SBDC will be located in the DeKalb County Business Incubator every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lastly, Chairman Pietrowski made note that next County Board Meeting will be the last for a few of the Board Members and he wanted everyone to be mindful of that and hopes everyone can make the next Meeting in order to say their farewells.

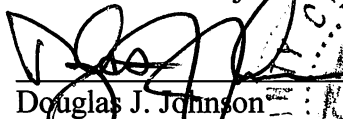
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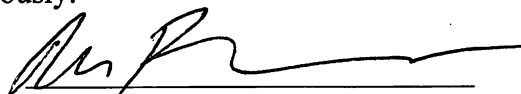
**Motion**

Mr. Plote moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

The motion to adjourn the meeting carried unanimously.

  
Douglas J. Johnson  
DeKalb County Clerk

  
Mark Pietrowski, Jr.  
DeKalb County Board Chairman

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