

Note: These minutes are not official until approved by the DeKalb County Board at a subsequent meeting. Please refer to the meeting minutes when these minutes are approved to obtain any changes to these minutes.

DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
September 19, 2018

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, and Chairman Pietrowski. Mr. Faivre was absent. A quorum was established with twenty-three Members present and one absent.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 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. Plote 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

Recognition of Bob Pritchard

Chairman Pietrowski thanked everyone who came to the Open House that was held prior to the Board Meeting to honor former DeKalb County Board Chair and Illinois State Representative, Bob Pritchard, and his career in public service. The Chairman shared that he was glad Mr. Pritchard and his wife Mary were able to join them to see the impact they have made in our community and receive thanks from many. He continued that although they are members of different political parties, Bob and he are still part of the same team that wants good government, responsible leadership and sound policy.

Chairman Pietrowski additionally presented Mr. Pritchard with a Certificate of Appreciation stating that the County Board of DeKalb County, Illinois honors and recognizes Robert W. Pritchard for his dedication and commitment to the greater public good in the County of DeKalb and State of Illinois, having served 13 years as a County Board Member, 5 as Board Chairman, and then 15 as Illinois State Representative. His hard work and accomplishments have brought honor to all of the County and Board and serve as a standard for those who will follow.

Mr. Pritchard thanked Chairman Pietrowski and the County Board as well as addressed the Board on the importance of working together across party lines and looking at what is not only best today but as well as into the future for the community. He also described the responsibilities of being an Elected Official and the challenges they are faced with as well as how important it is to listen and communicate with their constituents.

Veterans Honor Roll

DeKalb County Clerk & Recorder Douglas J. Johnson alongside Chairman Pietrowski honored and inducted Mr. Gary Johnson into the DeKalb County Veterans Honor Roll for his service in the Army from 1968 to 1970.

Employee Service Awards for September

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the following County Employees who received Service Awards in the month of September 2018: Five Years: Elizabeth Lindquist – Rehab & Nursing Center; Ten Years: Alan Cook – Judiciary; Fifteen Years: Patricia Diedrich – Circuit Clerk’s Office, Nancy Henna – Health Department; Twenty Years: James Weber – Highway Department.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

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 has said that the County has gone out of its way to make this next to impossible. Hiding behind attorney/client privilege, providing limited FOIA access, refusing to bring this up at the P&Z Committee meetings. He additionally outlined troubles he has had in trying to meet with County Board District #2 representatives regarding the allegations mentioned above.

Katie Schertz of Sycamore also spoke about The Barn on Baseline and questioned the morals of those involved with the BOB and she required the County Board to set right what is wrong with the BOB to ensure the safety of all the animals there.

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 regarding an animal that had been purchased from the BOB.

Julie Woodward of Franklin Township addressed the County Board regarding solar gardens that are being proposed in her area. She questioned the project sizes, fencing, energy output, panel locations, and notification to Village of Kirkland by Summit Ridge.

Cassie Gavin of Sandwich Township addressed the Board regarding solar gardens. She spoke regarding the chain link fences that are proposed to be around the parameter of the gardens and questioned property values of the homes near the proposed solar gardens.

Note: These minutes are not official until approved by the DeKalb County Board at a subsequent meeting. Please refer to the meeting minutes when these minutes are approved to obtain any changes to these minutes.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval of the following appointments:

- a. **DeKalb County Convention & Visitors Bureau Board:** Misty Haji-Sheikh and Derek Hiland reappointed immediately until June 30, 2019.
- b. **DeKalb County Nursing Home Foundation Board:** Robert Higdon (*Sycamore*), Jim Hupke (*DeKalb*), Carol Evans (*Sandwich*), and Judy Royer (*Hinckley*) all newly appointed for terms beginning December 1, 2018 and expiring November 30, 2021.
- c. **DeKalb County Public Building Commission:** Cheryl Nicholson reappointed for a five-year term beginning October 1, 2018 and expiring September 30, 2023.
- d. **Kane, Kendall, DeKalb Workforce Development Board:** Joanne Kantner and Paul Borek reappointed for two-year terms beginning October 1, 2018 and expiring September 30, 2020; Stephanie Mendez appointed to fill the unexpired term of Duff Seyller beginning October 1, 2018 and expiring September 30, 2019.
- e. **Squaw Grove Drainage District:** Bill Pfau reappointed immediately for a three-year term expiring August 31, 2021.
- f. **Victor-Adams Drainage District:** Brian Miller reappointed immediately for a three-year term expiring August 31, 2021.

Motion

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

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Ordinance O2018-21: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on Tower Road in Shabbona Township

Motion

Mr. Bunge moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit requested by Summit Ridge Energy for the construction and operation of a 2-megawatt, 15-acre solar garden (referred to as Biogenzahn Lease Area 1) on the east side of Tower Road, in Shabbona Township (Parcel #13-08-300-002). Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

After questions and clarification made by Community Development Director Derek Hiland, Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the motion as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance O2018-22: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on Tower Road in Shabbona Township

Motion

Mr. Bunge moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit requested by Summit Ridge Energy for the construction and operation of a 2-megawatt, 15-acre solar garden (referred to as Biogenzahn Lease Area 2) on the east side of Tower Road, in Shabbona Township, co-located with Lease Area 1. (Parcel #13-08-300-002). Ms. Willis seconded the motion.

Note: These minutes are not official until approved by the DeKalb County Board at a subsequent meeting. Please refer to the meeting minutes when these minutes are approved to obtain any changes to these minutes.

Voice Vote

The Chairman called for a voice vote on the motion as presented. The motion carried with one opposition from Mr. Porterfield.

Ordinance O2018-23: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on Pleasant Hill Road in Kingston Township

Motion

Mr. Bunge moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit request by Summit Ridge Energy for the construction and operation of a 2-megawatt, 15-acre solar garden (referred to as Hoppe-Nitzberg Lease Area 1) on the east side of Pleasant Hill Road, in Kingston Township (Parcel #02-26-200-004). Mr. Hughes seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chairman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance O2018-24: Approval of a Special Use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on Pleasant Hill Road in Kingston Township

Motion

Mr. Bunge moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit request by Summit Ridge Energy for the construction and operation of a 2-megawatt, 16.19-acre solar garden (referred to as Hoppe-Nitzberg Lease Area 1a) on the east side of Pleasant Hill Road, in Kingston Township, co-located with Lease Area 1. (Parcel #02-26-200-004). Mr. Hughes seconded the motion as presented.

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 O2018-25: An Ordinance Continuing a Period of Assessment of Commercial Wind Towers

Motion

Mr. Bunge moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to continue the period of assessment of the real impacts, positive and negative, of an approved commercial wind farm, during which period there shall be no action on any Special Use Permit and Amendments to Special Use Permit applications for the construction and operation of commercial electricity-generating wind towers within unincorporated DeKalb County, said period of assessment to extend upon execution of this Ordinance and to continue until December 31, 2018 or until a fully adopted wind energy ordinance is in place, whichever comes first. Mr. Roman seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Ordinance O2018-19: Approval of an Altered Speed Zone on Gurler Road in DeKalb Road

District

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves establishing an altered speed zone of 45 mph (previously 50 mph) on Gurler Road in DeKalb Road District from the City of DeKalb city limits to 2,900 feet west of South First Street. Ms. Willis seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ordinance O2018-20: Amending the DeKalb County Code to Provide for the Establishment of Chapter 53. Wireless Telecommunication Services and Facilities

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves amending the DeKalb County Code to provide for the establishment of Chapter 53, Wireless Telecommunication Services and Facilities, in order to approve appropriate regulation and restrictions relative to small cell, distributed antenna systems and other wireless telecommunication facility installation in the County's right-of-way in accordance with Public Act 100-0585, known as the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act; said Ordinance shall be effective retroactively to July 31, 2018. Mr. Osland seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Resolution R2018-43: Engineering Agreement for Baseline Road Bridge in Genoa and Sycamore Road Districts

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Preliminary Engineering Service Agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. from Joliet, Illinois for certain Engineering Services associated with the replacement of Base Line Road Bridge over Coon Creek, in Genoa and Sycamore Road Districts, with the County's portion of the cost to be \$75,000.00. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

Note: These minutes are not official until approved by the DeKalb County Board at a subsequent meeting. Please refer to the meeting minutes when these minutes are approved to obtain any changes to these minutes.

Resolution R2018-44: Engineering Agreement for Pearl Street Bridge in the Village of Kirkland

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Preliminary Engineering Service Agreement with Baxter & Woodman from Crystal Lake, Illinois for certain Engineering Services associated with improvement to the Pearl Street Bridge over the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River, in the Village of Kirkland, with the County's portion of the cost for services to be \$29,232.15 (which will be fully reimbursed by the Village of Kirkland when the project is complete). Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution R2018-45: Engineering Agreement for McNeal Road Bridge in Franklin Road District

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Preliminary Engineering Service Agreement with Baxter & Woodman from Crystal Lake, Illinois for certain Engineering Services associated with the replacement of the McNeal Road Bridge over the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River, in Franklin Road District, with the County's cost to be \$29,989.99. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Ordinance O2018-26: An Ordinance to Adopt and Implement a Predictable Recording Fee Schedule for the DeKalb County Recorder's Office

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the attached Predictable Fee Schedule for the DeKalb County Recorder's Office with an effective date of January 1, 2019. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

A voice vote was taken on the motion as presented. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Note: These minutes are not official until approved by the DeKalb County Board at a subsequent meeting. Please refer to the meeting minutes when these minutes are approved to obtain any changes to these minutes.

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:

	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Paid by Purchaser</u>
1.	R2018-46	Cortland	09-33-100-009	Town of Cortland	\$815.00
2.	R2018-47	Cortland	09-28-351-003	Town of Cortland	\$815.00
3.	R2018-48	Kingston	02-24-430-001	City of Genoa	\$815.00
4.	R2018-49	Kingston	02-25-227-001	City of Genoa	\$815.00
5.	R2018-50	Shabbona	13-06-332-004	Village of Lee	\$815.00

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. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2018-51: Assignment of Interest

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the Chairman of the DeKalb County Board to execute a written assignment of the County's interest sufficient to transferring such interest to the City of DeKalb, Illinois, including, without limitation, written assignments of said certificate 2014-00147 for parcel number 08-14-305-018 and of the rights of the County under the provisions of the said Order in Case No. 17-TX-39, in exchange for the sum of \$750.00 to be paid to the Treasurer of DeKalb County Illinois, to be disbursed according to law. Ms. Willis 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. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2018-52: A Resolution Accepting a Three-Year Proposal to Provide Professional Auditing Services

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby accept the three-year Proposal to Provide Professional Auditing Services for the Fiscal Years Ending December 31, 2018 through December 31, 2020 from Sikich LLP of Naperville, Illinois for the total amount of \$87,975 for FY 2018, \$89,731 for FY 2019, and \$92,415 for FY 2020. Mr. Reid seconded the motion.

Note: These minutes are not official until approved by the DeKalb County Board at a subsequent meeting. Please refer to the meeting minutes when these minutes are approved to obtain any changes to these minutes.

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution R2018-53: A Resolution Authorizing Membership in the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative and Approval of Related Documents

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes and directs the County Administrator to execute any documents necessary to indicate and complete the membership of the County into the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC). Mr. Luebke seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

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

Resolution R2018-54: Placing the FY 2019 Budget on File for Public Inspection

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved the DeKalb County Board hereby place on file in the DeKalb County Clerk's Office, on the County's Website, and at two other geographically diverse public offices (the Sandwich City Hall and the Office of the Genoa City Clerk), for public inspection the nineteen page Budget Narrative Summary Packet (plus Attachments A-D), as well as copies of all information utilized by the Committees in preparation of the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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 \$6,521,201.32. Mr. Plote seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the September Claims. Those Members voted yea were Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, 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 – August 2018
2. Public Defender's Report – August 2018
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – August 2018
4. Pretrial Report – August 2018
5. Sheriff's Jail Report – August 2018
6. Building Permits & Construction Reports – August 2018

Mr. Reid 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 R2018-55: Intergovernmental Agreement between DeKalb County, Illinois and the City of DeKalb, Illinois, in Addendum to the Intergovernmental Agreement of October 20, 1993 and May 24, 2004

Motion

Vice Chairman Frieders moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes and directs the DeKalb County Board Chairman to sign the attached Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of DeKalb which provides for the continuation of previously approved sales tax sharing, as well as for the County's participation in various road projects in the City of DeKalb. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski requested a voice vote on the motion as presented. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Appointments scheduled to be made in the month of October 2018:**
 1. Housing Authority of DeKalb County – 1 position

Mr. Roman announced that the 38th Annual Corn Classic will be taking place September 23rd in downtown DeKalb and directly following that event will be the Taste of DeKalb.

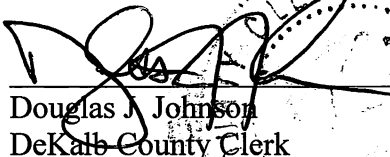
ADJOURNMENT

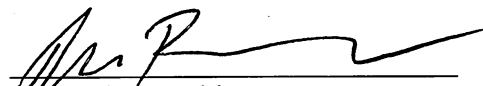
Motion

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

Note: These minutes are not official until approved by the DeKalb County Board at a subsequent meeting. Please refer to the meeting minutes when these minutes are approved to obtain any changes to these minutes.