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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
August 19, 2015

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, August 19, 2015. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Mr. O'Barski, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Askins, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, and Chairman Pietrowski. Mr. Emerson was absent and two County Board seats remained vacant from Member resignations. Twenty-one Members were present and one was absent. A quorum was established.

Chairman Pietrowski announced: *"It is with a very heavy heart that I announce Tom Zucker passed away suddenly last night from an apparent heart attack. Tom had been Executive Director of Voluntary Action Center since 1991. He has been providing social services and public transportation to the community for nearly 40 years. Tom was never without a smile on his face, and was always willing to pitch in on any project. He will be sorely missed! Please keep his family, friends and coworkers in your thoughts and prayers. Please join me in a Moment of Silence in Honor of Tom."*

The DeKalb County Board and all present shared in a Moment of Silence in Honor of Mr. Tom Zucker.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. Whelan moved to approve the minutes of the June 17th and Special July 1, 2015 Board Meetings. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a voice vote on the approval of both sets of minutes. All members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. O'Barski to approve the agenda.

Mr. Jones shared that item R2015-66: Resolution to Support the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's "Land in Trust" Request has created a lot of question and controversy and after lengthy discussions, it has become very apparent that the Board does not have a good grasp on this topic or the ramifications of this resolution passing or failing. He continued that the Prairie

Band Potawatomi Nation has been considered as a good neighbor. And therefore in fairness to them and the citizen of this County, he suggests that the Board remove the resolution from tonight's agenda so they can all become better educated on exactly what the effects of this resolution are.

Motion to Amend

Mr. Jones moved to amend the agenda by removing resolution R2015-66: Resolution to Support the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's "Land in Trust" Request from the agenda. Mr. O'Barski seconded the motion.

Motion to Amend

Mr. Brown moved to amend the agenda by removing resolution R2015-65: Agreement Regarding Operational Funding for the Egyptian Theatre from the agenda. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

Voice Vote on Amendment #1

After brief discussion, Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on Mr. Jones's amendment to remove resolution R2015-66 from the agenda. The motion carried with a majority of Members voting yea and Mr. Stoddard voting nay.

Voice Vote on Amendment #2

After discussion regarding the item, Chairman Pietrowski requested a voice vote on Mr. Brown's amendment to remove resolution R2015-65 from the agenda. The motion carried with a majority of Members voting yea and Mr. Stoddard voting nay.

Voice Vote to Approve the Agenda as Amended

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS

Chairman Pietrowski highlighted that on Saturday, August 15th there was a Re-dedication Ceremony of the Sycamore Civil War Memorial on the courthouse lawn. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War General E. F. Dutton Camp #49 are invited everyone to come to the re-dedication of the newly repaired Sycamore Civil War Memorial. Under the direction of the SUVCW, \$10,000 was raised for repair. Historic sculpture and artist, Michael Kraus of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall of Pittsburg, PA was commissioned to repair this important part of the community's history.

Employee Service Awards for July

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the Employee Service Awards for the month of July 2015: Five Years – Todd Merritt: Coroner's Office, Megan Brannon: State's Attorney's Office, Tammy Carreiro: Rehab & Nursing Center, Glenn Calvery: Judiciary; Twenty-Five Years – William Kaminski, Jr.: Sheriff's Department, Craig Malone: Sheriff's Department.

Employee Service Awards for August

Chairman Pietrowski also recognized the Employee Service Awards for the month of August 2015: Five Years – Sarah Floyel: Sheriff's Department, Steve Reid: County Board, Kathy Lothson: Rehab & Nursing Center; Ten Years – Misty Odom: Court Security; Twenty Years – Bridget Nodurft: Assessor's Office; Twenty-Five Years – Deborah Wallace: Health Department.

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Recognition of Special Olympic Bronze Medal Winners

Chairman Pietrowski proudly announced and the full County Board recognized three athletes from Opportunity House/KSRA Special Olympics that competed on the USA traditional soccer team at the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games. The Games were held July 25 – August 2 in Los Angeles, California. The three athletes went on to win the bronze medal at the 2015 Summer Games. Chairman Pietrowski and the DeKalb County Board congratulated and recognized: Brendan Morrissey, Matt Sherman, and Cody Zimmer.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

Peter Dordal, President of DeKalb County Taxpayers Against the Casino spoke out regarding resolution R2015-66 pertaining to the Potawatomi Tribe.

Dr. Robert Purdy also spoke regarding economic development in the Village of Shabbona and the lack of tax base they have at the south-end of the County. He also briefly spoke on the topic of the proposed Gaming Facility in Shabbona.

Dennis Sands spoke to the County Board regarding the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Mel Haas spoke regarding the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and commended the County Board for removing resolution R2015-66 from the agenda in order to become more educated on the resolution and topic.

Matt Swanson, President of the DeKalb County Building Trades provided a couple of positive comments regarding the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Kay Shelton, National President of the Lincoln Highway Association spoke to the Board engaged the Board and all present for their support and signing a petition on www.change.org asking President Barack Obama to recognize the Lincoln Highway with its intended purpose, a memorial to President Abraham Lincoln.

Tom Capron gave his support to the County Board for removing resolution R2015-66 from the agenda in order to become more educated on the topic and additionally spoke about the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Claudia Hicks, Village of Shabbona President addressed the Board regarding her support for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation P2015-03: Proclaiming September “Hunger Action Month”

Mr. Jones read aloud the proclamation proclaiming September Hunger Action Month. Ms. Hanah Papp from the Northern Illinois Food Bank was present to accept the proclamation and spoke briefly to the County Board regarding Hunger Action Month and the Northern Illinois Food Bank’s mission.

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APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended the following appointments:

DeKalb County Board Member: Tim Bagby appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Riley Oncken to represent County Board District 3 until November 30, 2016. Steve Faivre appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Bassett to represent County Board District 4 until November 30, 2016.

County Board Committee Assignments: Tim Bagby to be appointed immediately to the County Board's Forest Preserve Committee and Planning & Zoning Committee until November 30, 2016. Steve Faivre to be appointed immediately to the County Board's Economic Development Committee and Planning & Zoning Committee until November 30, 2016.

Board of Health: Keith Foster, JD, appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Shannon Barnaby, JD, until December 31, 2015.

General Assistance Appeal Board: Jim Hanson and Janice Knudsen both reappointed for three-year terms until June 30, 2018.

Public Building Commission: Cheryl Nicholson appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of George Daugherty until September 30, 2018 and Michael Larson to be reappointed for a five-year term beginning October 1, 2015 until September 30, 2020.

Somonauk Cemetery Association: Roy Wahlgren, Jane Thompson, Karl Lundeen, Wendell Chesnut, and Jack Morsch all reappointed for six-year terms beginning September 1, 2015 until August 31, 2021 and Scott Thorp appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Cronin until August 31, 2018.

South Grove Cemetery Association: Eleanor Tindall and Henry Burgweger both reappointed for six-year terms beginning September 1, 2015 until August 31, 2021.

Coon Creek Drainage District: John Emerson reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2015 until August 31, 2018.

Normal Drainage District #13: Scott Drake reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2015 until August 31, 2018.

Shabbona Milan Union Drainage District #1: Robert Mullins reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2015 until August 31, 2018.

Clinton Shabbona Drainage District #1: Robert Buckholz reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2015 until August 31, 2018.

Squaw Grove Drainage District #1: Bill Pfau appointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2015 until August 31, 2018.

Union Drainage District #4 (Victor Township): Alan Wiesbrook reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2015 until August 31, 2018.

Motion

It was moved by Mrs. Turner and seconded by Mr. Whelan to approve all of the appointments as presented.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously to approve all of the recommended appointments.

DeKalb County Clerk Douglas J. Johnson conducted the Oath of Office for newly appointed County Board Member, Mr. Bagby. Mr. Faivre was unable to be present. Let the roll now reflect that there is a 23 Member Board with one Member absent.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing in Accordance with the Bond Issue Notification Act Concerning the DeKalb County Jail Expansion Project

Opening of the Public Hearing

Chairman Pietrowski announced that pursuant to the notice published in the Daily Chronicle on August 6, 2015, we will now 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 one or more series, in the amount of \$35,000,000 for the purpose of financing the expansion of and renovation of the County Jail, located in the City of Sycamore, Illinois, including building construction, site improvements, furnishings and equipment.

There were no comments from the public made.

Closing of the Public Hearing

Chairman Pietrowski stated that if there were no comments from the public, he will now close the Public Hearing.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Resolution R2015-64: Agreement to Loan Money for Two South Paw Paw Road Bridges (Section 13-11109-01-BR).

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby agrees to loan \$135,917.81 from County, Township or other available road funds to the Township Bridge Fund for the Paw Paw Road District to construct two bridges on South Paw Paw Road with said funds to be repaid from future Township Bridge Program Funds as they become available. Mr. Metzger seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those voting yea were Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Mr. O'Barski, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members presented voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Resolution R2015-67: County-wide Economic Summit Proposal

Motion

Mr. Brown moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the proposal submitted by NIU for \$25,125 for an Economic Summit along with the needed steps and information required in advance of said Summit, with said funding coming from the County's generous partners, specifically NIU at \$12,563, the DeKalb County Community Foundation at \$4,200, the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation providing in-kind staff time, and the County's share of \$8,362, plus ancillary expenses, to come first from remaining monies in the Evergreen Village Operating Fund and any amount remaining from the County's Opportunity Fund, all of which is hereby appropriated. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

After many Board Members commented on the proposal along with comments regarding Northern Illinois University's Center for Governmental Studies Department, Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, and Chairman Pietrowski. Those voting nay were Mr. O'Barski and Mrs. Haji-Sheikh. The motion carried.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Ordinance O2015-07: Amending the DeKalb County Code to Authorize and Regulate Home Kitchen Operations

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby approve the amendments set forth in the Ordinance in order to authorize and regulate Home Kitchen Operations effective immediately upon passage. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2015-68: Approval for the Facilities Management Office Director to Fill an Open Position

Motion

Mr. Stoddard made a motion that the DeKalb County Board does hereby authorize the Facility Management Office Director to fill the position of Maintenance Supervisor at the start of the next pay period and is also authorized to fill the position of Maintenance III after a 75 day moratorium from the passage of this resolution. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion, as presented, was carried unanimously by voice vote.

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Claims Being Paid in July 2015

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved to approve the payment of claims incurred for last month, and the off cycle claims during the previous month, in the amount of \$5,645,763.82. Mr. O'Barski seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chairman asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the July claims. Those voting yea were Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Mr. O'Barski, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, and Chairman Pietrowski. Mrs. Turner abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Claims Being Paid in August 2015

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved to approve the payment of claims for this month, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, in the amount of \$8,321,467.71. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the August claims. Those voting yea were Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Mr. O'Barski, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports of County Officials

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved to accept and place on file the following Reports of County Officials: Cash & Investments in County Banks – June & July 2015; Public Defender's Report – June & July 2015; Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – June & July 2015; Pretrial Report – June & July 2015; Sheriff's Jail Report – June & July 2015; and Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Reports – June & July 2015. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Metzger noted that the Forest Preserve Committee recently toured the site of the former Evergreen Village Mobile Home Park and commented on what a great transformation has occurred at that site. He also gave kudos to the County's Planning & Zoning Department for all of their hard work on the mitigation project.

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Mrs. Tobias pointed out that all of the County Board Members have the summer addition of the Illinois Counties Association newsletter and shared that she wrote an article on DeKalb County Government's involvement with the Fairdale Tornado Disaster. The fall issue she will be writing a follow-up article, but wanted to encourage everyone to review their newsletter.

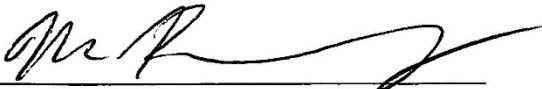
ADJOURNMENT

Motion

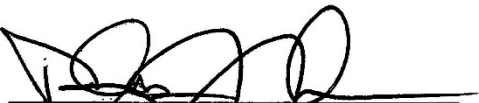
Mrs. Turner moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

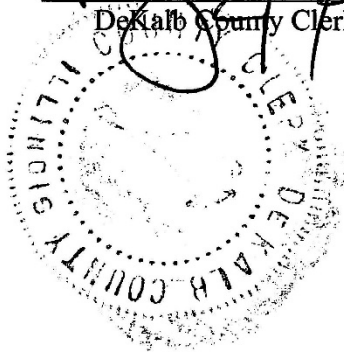
Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the adjournment. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.



DeKalb County Board Chairman



DeKalb County Clerk



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