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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**February 18, 2015**

The County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, February 18, 2015. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Those members present were Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bassett, and Mr. Brown. Mr. Emerson and Mr. Metzger were absent. Twenty-two members were present and two were absent.

Chairman Pietrowski asked Mr. Bunge to lead to the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Mr. O'Barski moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2015. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved to approve the agenda and Mr. O'Barski seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote to approve the agenda.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS**

Chairman Pietrowski announced that Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner presented his budget address early that day. He wanted to reiterate to the Board and everyone that he will be keeping a close eye on how this budget moves through the normal debate process and stay on top of any effects the budget may have on a County level.

Veteran's Honor Roll

Chairman Pietrowski and Mr. Doug Johnson, DeKalb County Clerk & Recorder inducted the following Veterans into the DeKalb County Veteran's Honor Roll: Laurie Emmer: Army 1982 – 2005, Lyle F. Schultz: Army 1955 – 1961, Roy L. Schultz: Army 1956 – 1962, Richard Graham: Army 1954 – 1956, and Mr. Lauri V. Koski: Army Air Corp 1942 – 1945.

Employee Service Awards

Chairman Pietrowski read the following Employee Service Awards for the month of February 2015: Five Years – Jose Ramirez Valdivia: Rehab & Nursing Center; Tent Years – Mary Kay Elliott: Circuit Clerk, Bruce Hamilton: Information Management Office, Denise Pope: Court Services; Fifteen Years – Cris Wooden: Finance Office; Twenty Years – Tracy Jeffries: Rehab & Nursing Center.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no individuals present who wished to address the County Board on any items that had not been subject to a properly noticed and legally held public hearing conducted by the Hearing Officer.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Pietrowski recommended the following appointment: **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.

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Whelan and seconded by Ms. Askins to approve the appointments as presented.

Voice Vote

It was carried unanimously to approve the recommended appointment to the Ad Hoc Rules Committee.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

**Ordinance O2015-01: Repeal of Tipping Fee for Solid Waste Disposal**

Motion

Mr. O'Barski moved 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. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

## COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

### Resolution R2015-06: Award of Purchase for New Equipment

#### Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved 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. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

#### Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call to approve the motion as presented. Those voting yea were Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Brown, and Chairman Pietrowski. All members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

### Resolution R2015-07: MFT for 2015 DeKalb County Seal Coat Project

#### Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved 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. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

#### Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call to approve the motion as presented. Those voting yea were Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Brown, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### 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

#### Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved that 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. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

#### Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Resolution R2015-09: Abating the Entire Property Tax Levy for the 2014 Tax Year for the 2010 Courthouse Expansion and Jail Expansion Bond Issue**

**Motion**

Mr. Stoddard moved 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. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

The Chairman called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

**Claims Being Paid in February 2015**

**Motion**

Mr. Stoddard moved 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. Mr. Oncken seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

The Chairman asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the claims. Those voting yea were Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Askins, Mr. Brown, and Chairman Pietrowski. All members voted yea. The 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 – January 2015; Public Defender's Report – January 2015; Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – January 2015; Sheriff's Jail Report – January 2015; and Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Reports – January 2015. Mr. O'Barski seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2015-10: Creation and Appointment of a Jail Solutions Committee**

Motion

Mr. Jones moved the DeKalb County Board does approve the creation of a Jail Solutions 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. Mr. Frieders seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the motion. All members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2015-11: Land Acquisition for Sober Living Home**

Motion

Mr. Jones moved 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. Mr. Reid seconded the motion.

*Mr. Bassett expressed he had some concerns with the execution of the Sober Living Home Program. He continued that he is entirely for the idea, as long as the Sober Living Home is handled properly and actually helps those who need it.*

Roll Call Vote

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

**Resolution R2015-12: Adoption of State Legislative Agenda**

Motion

Mr. Jones moved 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. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh commended the Voluntary Action Center for receiving the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce 2014 Business of the Year Award.

**APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED TO BE MADE IN THE MONTH OF MARCH 2015**

1. Emergency Telephone Systems Board (E911) – 1 position
2. DeKalb County Sheriff's Merit Commission – 1 position
3. DeKalb County Nursing Home Foundation Board – 3 positions
4. DeKalb County Convention & Visitor's Bureau – 1 position
5. Community Mental Health Board – 5 positions

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

Mrs. Turner moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Oncken seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

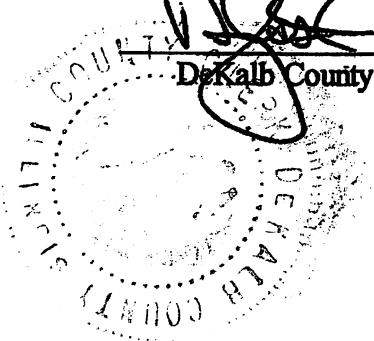
Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the adjournment. All members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.



DeKalb County Board Chairman



DeKalb County Clerk



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