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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
July 1, 2015

The DeKalb County Board met in special session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Askins, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Frieders, and Mr. Gudmunson. Mr. Bunge was absent. Twenty-two Members were present and one was absent. *The Board currently sits as a 23 Member Board due to Mr. Bassett resigning on June 18, 2015.*

Chairman Pietrowski asked Mrs. Haji-Sheikh to please lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Mrs. Turner moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS

Chairman Pietrowski announced that he unfortunately has to declare two Declaration of Vacancies to the County Board. Joseph Bassett, Democrat, for County Board District #4 has resigned on the morning of June 18, 2015 effective immediately. Also, Riley Oncken, Republican, County Board District #3 has informed that he will be resigning as of tomorrow, July 2, 2015.

Chairman Pietrowski said a few words and presented Mr. Oncken with a plaque of recognition for his years of services to the DeKalb County Board. Mr. Oncken addressed the County Board and thanked everyone and noted that it has been a pleasure to serve on the County Board.

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.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation P2015-02: Recognition of the Special Olympics

Vice Chairman Jones read aloud Proclamation R2015-02 which recognized the Special Olympics and Chairman Pietrowski and he presented the proclamation to Mr. Marc Johnson, Special Olympics Coordinator at the Opportunity House, Inc.

Chairman Pietrowski, Vice Chairman Jones, and Mr. Johnson presented the following Special Olympics Athletes with certificates of recognition: Sam Siciliano, Sheila Buchholz, Mark Clausen, Kim Hopper, Sara Killey, Edith Reynolds, Adam Nimerfroh, Libby Weaver, Andrew Schupbach, Jimmy Colgan, Spring Bellows, Monica Waller, Kerry Bonney, Mary Cosentino, Kris Lindstrom, BJ Berkheimer.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Ordinance O2015-05: Approving a Zoning Map Amendment for the Community of Fairdale in Franklin Township

Motion

Mr. Emerson moved the DeKalb County Board does hereby approve the Zoning Map Amendment for properties in the unincorporated community of Fairdale in Franklin Township, legally described as shown in Exhibit "A", to rezone the subject properties from A-1, Agricultural District, RC-1, Residential Conservation District, RC-2, Residential Conservation District, BC, Business District, and MC, Manufacturing District, to MXD, Mixed Use Development, to accommodate reconstruction after damage to the community from the storms and tornado of April 9, 2015, said application having been submitted in accordance with the requirements of Article 10 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance. Mr. O'Barski seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

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

Resolution R2015-62: Approval for the Planning & Zoning Director to Fill the Position of County Building Inspector

Motion

Mr. Emerson moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby authorize the Planning Director to fill the position of Chief Building Inspector within the Planning, Zoning and Building Department. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2015-58: Approval for the Information Management Office to Fill an Upcoming Open Position

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved the DeKalb County Board does hereby authorize the Information Management Office Director to fill the position of Lead Assistant Network Technician after a 75 day moratorium following the vacancy. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

After deliberation and comments from several County Board Members, Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the motion as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

JAIL SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Resolution R2015-63: Resolution to Authorize the Financing and Construction Parameters for the Jail Expansion and Authorization to Move Said Project Forward in a Timely Matter

Motion

Mr. Jones moved the DeKalb County Board does hereby approve the financing and construction parameters for the Jail Expansion Project set forth in the attached resolution that were recommended by the Jail Solutions Committee, as well as authorize the County Administrator to take the necessary actions to implement the outlined plan with the exception of selling bonds. Mr. Oncken seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Ordinance O2015-06: Bond Ordinance for Jail Expansion Project

Motion

Mr. Jones moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby authorize the issuance of \$35,000,000 General Obligation Alternate Bonds of the County of DeKalb, Illinois for the purpose of financing the expansion and renovation of the County Jail. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski requested a roll call vote to be taken on the motion. Those voting yea were Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Askins, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gary Hanson commented, "This is a culmination, of, I can't tell you how many years of work, of how many meetings we've all been in. It almost seems anti-climactic. This is a good night for DeKalb County." Mr. Hanson also thanked Sheriff Roger Scott and Lt. Joyce Klein for their relentless work and providing their descriptions for the need of this expansion.

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Mr. Jones also thanked the Jail Solutions Committee and he noted that it has been a joy to him to be the Chairman of that Committee as well. Chairman Pietrowski also shared that the Jail Solutions Committee's job is not done yet, they will now be turning their focus to jail reduction plans.

County Staff and Administration was also thanked for the work that went into this Jail Expansion Project Plan. It was clarified earlier that the Expansion Project will be funded by landfill revenue, by sales tax revenue by County Farm property, which is the Wal-Mart and Lowe's area, and from internal borrowing and from interest revenue.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of Old Business or New Business.

Several County Board Members took the opportunity at this time to say their goodbyes to Mr. Oncken and Mr. Bassett.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion


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