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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
September 16, 2015

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were 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. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, and Chairman Pietrowski. Mr. Cribben was absent. A quorum was established with twenty-three Members present and one absent.

Chairman Pietrowski asked Ms. Leifheit to please lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. O'Barski moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2015 Board Meeting. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh 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. Whelan and seconded by Mrs. Turner to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS

Chairman Pietrowski announced that on Sunday, September 20th at 2:00 p.m. there will be a welcome home party at the Fairdale Park in Fairdale, Illinois. This event is to honor all that was lost, and celebrate how people have come together to help one another renew the Fairdale community. The event is open to Fairdale residents, case workers, LTRC, Firefighters, Volunteers, and anyone else who would like to celebrate the first rebuilds.

The Chairman also recognized and honored long-time Fairdale resident Irene Clay who sadly passed away September 15th. The County Board sent their condolences to the Clay Family and the Fairdale Community.

Mr. Cribben arrived at 7:32 p.m.

Employee Service Awards

Public Health Administrator, Jane Lux, presented a special employee service award plaque to Deborah Wallace congratulating her on her 25 years of service to the DeKalb County Health Department.

Employee Service Awards for September

Chairman Pietrowski also recognized the Employee Service Awards for the month of September 2015: Five Years – Jill Riipi: Circuit Clerk’s Office, Debra Ormond: State’s Attorney’s Office; Fifteen Years – Loretta King: Public Defender’s Office, Graciela Rodriguez: Judiciary, Craig Parnow: Sheriff’s Office; Twenty Years – Suelynn McCue: Circuit Clerk’s Office; Thirty Years – Reid Rissman: Coroner’s Office.

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh introduced Mr. Bart Becker, the newly hired DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center Administrator. Mr. Becker briefly addressed the County Board and noted that he was excited to be working for DeKalb County and the Rehab & Nursing Center.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

Dewayne Brown addressed the County Board regarding the proposed FY 2016 Budget. He noted that it was a good start but the budget needs to be gone through again line-by-line in order to find additional cuts in order to use less than the proposed \$400,000 out of reserves.

Peter Dordal, President of DeKalb County Taxpayers Against the Casino spoke to the County Board regarding the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Dr. Robert Purdy also addressed the Board concerning the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and urged the Board to become reeducated with the use of the land as well as understanding the differences between terms reserve and reservation.

Ed Leeney of the DeKalb County Taxpayers Against the Casino addressed the County Board regarding the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and asked the Board to not give their endorsement to the Tribe to build a gaming facility in rural Shabbona. He also encouraged Members to visit the organization’s website at www.DCRAC.org.

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APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended the following appointments:

Cortland Fire Protection District: John Longeville appointed immediately until April 30, 2018.

Workforce Investment Act Board: Caprice Perez, Mike Milano, and Gary Evans all reappointed for two-year terms beginning October 1, 2015 until September 30, 2017.

Forest Preserve Committee Vice-Chairman: John Emerson to fill the unexpired term of Riley Oncken until November 30, 2016.

Motion

It was moved by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh and seconded by Mr. O'Barski to approve all of the appointments as presented.

Voice Vote

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

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Ordinance O2015-08: Special Use Permit for a Personal Service Use on Property Located at 15454 State Rte. 38 in Cortland Township

Motion

Mr. Emerson moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit to allow a personal services use in the form of a "spiritual camp" to be conducted within and immediately adjacent to existing agricultural structures on property located at 15454 State Rte. 38 in unincorporated Cortland Township, said property being zoned A-1, Agricultural District and legally described as shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. Mr. Bagby seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski requested a voice vote on the motion. The motion carried with one abstention from Mr. Metzger.

Resolution R2015-69: Granting Employee Merit Bonuses Related to the Evergreen Village Mitigation Project

Motion

Mr. Emerson read aloud and Mr. Whelan moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the one-time payment of merit bonuses in the amounts of \$3,000 to Rebecca Von Drasek, Assistant Planner, and \$1,000 to Kathryn West, Administrative Clerk, both with the Planning, Zoning, and Building Department, said funds, which are hereby appropriated, to be drawn from the surplus revenue generated by the operation of the Evergreen Village mobile home park in 2014. Mr. Stoddard seconded the motion.

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Roll Call Vote

After brief discussion, Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote. Those voting yea were 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. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, and Chairman Pietrowski. Those voting nay were Mr. Frieders and Mr. Gudmunson. The motion carried with a twenty-two to two vote.

LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2015-70: Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Kane County for the Provision of Multi-Systemic Therapy for Juveniles and Their Families

Motion

Mr. Frieders moved The DeKalb County Board hereby approved to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the County of Kane for the provisions of multi-systemic therapy services to juveniles and their families as ordered by the courts, and agrees to reimburse Kane County for our 2/15th share (\$53,434.00) of the total cost, with said monies to come from the Probation Services Fund, as budgeted. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those voting yea were 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. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2015-71: Delinquent Property Tax Sale

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves that the Chairman of the Board authorizes the cancellation of the appropriate Certificate(s) of Purchase on the above described real estate (parcel #06-20-276-002) for the sum of \$590.99 to be paid to the Treasurer of DeKalb County, Illinois, to be disbursed according to law. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution R015-72: Delinquent Property Tax Sale

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves that the Chairman of the Board of De Kalb County, Illinois, authorizes the cancellation of the appropriate Certificate(s) of Purchase on the above described real estate (parcel #06-20-280-001) for the sum of \$273.74 to be paid to the Treasurer of DeKalb County, Illinois, to be disbursed according to law. Mr. Reid seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

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Resolution R2015-73: Placing the FY 2016 County Budget on File for Public Inspection

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby place on file in the DeKalb County Clerk's Office, on the County's Internet site, and at two other geographically diverse public offices (the Sandwich City Hall and the Office of the Genoa City Clerk), for public inspection the attached sixteen page Budget Narrative Summary (plus Attachments A-D), as well as copies of all information utilized by the Committees in preparation of the 2016 Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Claims Being Paid in September 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 \$7,099,054.46. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the September claims. Those voting yea were 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. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members 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 – August 2015; Public Defender's Report – August 2015; Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – August 2015; Pretrial Report – August 2015; Sheriff's Jail Report – August 2015; and Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Reports – August 2015. Mr. O'Barski 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.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2015-74: Release of Executive Session Minutes

Motion

Mr. Jones moved the DeKalb County Board does hereby concur in the recommendation of the DeKalb County Executive Committee and hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to make the minutes of the meetings as described in the Resolution available for public inspection. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Pietrowski made an announcement that he will be delivering the first ever DeKalb County State of the County Address next Thursday, September 24th at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the Gathertorium at the DeKalb County Legislative Center. The Address will reflect on the County's achievements and challenges experienced in 2015 and provide a forecast for the County's upcoming year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

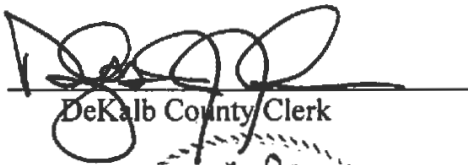
Mr. O'Barski moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

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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