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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**September 20, 2017**

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, September 20, 2017. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, and Chairman Pietrowski. A quorum was established with all twenty-four Members present.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Mr. Brown moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2017 Board Meeting. Ms. Askins 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 Mr. Porterfield to approve the agenda.

Motion to Amend

Mr. Jones moved to add an Executive Session for Pending Litigation just before Resolution R2017-121 on the Board Agenda. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion.

Vote on Amendment

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote to approve the motion to amend the agenda. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Vote on Amended Agenda

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

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS**

Presentation to the Sherriff's Department

Mr. Gene Ege shared that on behalf of the Sycamore Veterans Club (including the American Legion Post #99, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion, American Legion Riders) hosted a local Fire Responders Breakfast Benefit Fundraiser on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. The breakfast served over 300 people. During the event, there was a Memorial Services with a 21 Gun Salute and Taps to honor all deceased first responders. All of the proceeds of the breakfast were slated to go to: Sycamore Police Explorers Post, Sycamore Fire Medical Equipment for Ambulance, and DeKalb County Sheriff's Citizen Police Academy.

Mr. Ege presented Sheriff Roger Scott and Deputy Sarah Frazier with a check for \$1,600.00 to be used for the DeKalb County Sheriff's Citizen Policy Academy. Sheriff Scott and Deputy Frazier expressed their thanks to the Sycamore Veterans Club for their very kind donation. Sheriff Scott additionally provided brochures to the County Board Members for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Citizens Policy Academy that will begin in January 2018.

#### Employee Services Award for September

Chairman Pietrowski additionally recognized the Employee Services Awards for the month of September 2017: Five Years: Emily Huppert – Rehab & Nursing Center, Miranda Muniz – Rehab & Nursing Center, Donna Bernhardt – Rehab & Nursing Center; Ten Years: Donny Adams – IMO, Jason Schultz – Sheriff's Department; Thirty Years: Cay McCrea – Court Services.

#### **PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR**

No individuals asked to address the Board.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval of the following appointments:

- a. **DeKalb County Public Building Commission**: Matt Swanson reappointed to a five-year term beginning October 1, 2017 and expiring September 30, 2022.
- b. **Kane, Kendall, DeKalb Workforce Development Board**: Gary Evans and Duff Seyller reappointed for terms beginning October 1, 2017 and expiring September 30, 2019; Blake Henderson appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Mary Wright until September 30, 2018.

#### Motion

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

#### Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

##### **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

#### **Ordinance O2017-20: Granting a Special Use Permit for a Tree Service in Clinton Township**

#### Motion

Mr. Faivre moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit, with conditions as specified in the Ordinance, to Jeffery Kerner for the operation of a tree service on property located at 9954 State Route 23, in Clinton Township. Mr. Cribben seconded the motion.

#### Voice Vote

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

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**Ordinance O2017-21: Amending the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance Regarding Alcoholic Beverages, Governmental Signs, and Solar Energy Systems**

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to amend the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to allow: the production, sale, tasting, and on-site consumption of sweet cider, hard cider, beer, spirits, and wine in the A-1, Agricultural District; to permit attached, private solar energy systems as an accessory use; and, to allow the placement of off-premise governmental signs. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

A voice vote was requested by the Chairman. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

**Ordinance O2017-18: Providing for the Establishment of an Altered Speed Zone on Elva Road**

Motion

Mr. Frieders moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby approve establishing an altered speed zone of 35mph (previously 55mph) on Elva Road from 590 feet east of Waterman Road, proceeding west for 2,160 feet. Ms. Willis seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Ordinance O2017-19: Providing for the Establishment of an Altered Speed Zone on McGirr Road**

Motion

Mr. Frieders moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby approve establishing an altered speed zone of 35mph (previously 55mph) on McGirr Road from 530 feet east of Leland Road, proceeding west for 1,320 feet. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

**Resolution R2017-112: Barber Green Road Bridge Deck Replacement**

Motion

Mr. Frieders moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Civil Constructors, Inc. of Freeport, Illinois for a bridge deck repair on Barber Greene Road over the East Branch of the Kishwaukee River in Cortland Road District in the amount of \$169,983.41. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Delinquent Property 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 six (6) resolutions to be paid to the Treasurer of DeKalb County Illinois, to be disbursed according to law. Mr. Plote seconded the motion:

	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Paid by Purchaser</u>
1.	<b>R2017-113</b>	DeKalb	08-22-404-003	City of DeKalb	\$665.00
2.	<b>R2017-114</b>	DeKalb	08-23-256-011	City of DeKalb	\$665.00
3.	<b>R2017-115</b>	DeKalb	08-23-258-011	City of DeKalb	\$665.00
4.	<b>R2017-116</b>	Kingston	02-25-251-021	Courtney Dugar	\$766.00
5.	<b>R2017-117</b>	DeKalb	08-02-324-003	Keith Almady	\$6,600.00
6.	<b>R2017-118</b>	Paw Paw	16-22-200-007	Stephen R. Lake	\$700.00

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski requested a roll call vote to approve resolutions R2017-113 through R2017-118. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2017-119: Intergovernmental Agreement for Sheriff's Radio Communication System**

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the DeKalb County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB/E-911 Board) to accept the E-911 Board's contribution of up to \$600,000 plus any radio communication equipment owned and maintained by that Board, in exchange for the County Board and County Sheriff agreeing to allow all first responder agencies in DeKalb County to utilize the radio communication backbone infrastructure without costs or fees, save that each entity must purchase their own agency equipment to be able to operate from the County's infrastructure. Mr. Osland seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

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### **Resolution R2017-120: Placing the FY 2018 Budget on File for Public Inspection**

#### **Motion**

Mr. Stoddard moved the DeKalb County Board hereby places 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 sixteen page Budget Narrative Summary Packet (plus Attachments A-D & Exhibits 1-2), as well as copies of all information utilized by the Committees in preparation of the 2018 Fiscal Year Budget. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

#### **Voice Vote**

All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **Claims**

#### **Motion**

Mr. Stoddard moved to approve the payment of claims for the month of September 2017, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, including all claims for travel, meals, and lodging, in the amount of \$9,871,077.61. Ms. Askins seconded the motion as presented.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the September Claims. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, 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:

1. Cash & Investments in County Banks – August 2017
2. Public Defender's Report – August 2017
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – August 2017
4. Pretrial Report – August 2017
5. Sheriff's Jail Report – August 2017
6. Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Reports – August 2017

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

#### **Voice Vote**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **Motion**

Mr. Jones moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. under **#11 of the State of Illinois (5 ILCS 120/) Open Meetings Act: Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.** Ms. Emmer seconded the motion.

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Roll Call Vote

Those Members voting yea to enter into Executive Session were Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

*Executive Session...*

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2017-121: Release of Executive Session Minutes**

Motion

Mr. Jones moved that 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. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the approval of the motion as presented. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2017-122: Approval of resolution authorizing settlement of DIBBLE FAMILY, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company vs. COUNTY OF DEKALB, ILLINOIS, an Illinois municipal corporation; DEKALB COUNTY BOARD; MARK PIETROWSKI JR, County Board Chair; STEVE FAIVRE, Planning and Zoning Committee Chair; RONALD KLEIN, Hearing Officer; Case No. 16 MR 453, for the amount of \$70,000.00**

Motion

Mr. Jones moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the settlement with the Plaintiff in the sum of \$70,000.00 regarding the lawsuit entitled DIBBLE FAMILY, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company vs. COUNTY OF DEKALB, ILLINOIS, an Illinois municipal corporation; DEKALB COUNTY BOARD; MARK PIETROWSKI JR, County Board Chair; STEVE FAIVRE, Planning and Zoning Committee Chair; RONALD KLEIN, Hearing Officer; Case No. 16 MR 453, and further approves that the DeKalb County Board Chairman is authorized to sign the accompanying Settlement Agreement for same. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Appointments Scheduled to be made in the Month of November 2017**

1. DeKalb County Nursing Home Foundation Board – 3 position

Mr. Bagby noted that DeKalb County’s fall attractions are featured in the Northwest Quarterly Fall Getaway Guide: Chicagoland Edition. The full page article highlights DeKalb County, featuring Jonamac and Honey Hill Orchards. *The Northwest Quarterly Chicagoland Edition covers the best life in McHenry, Kane, Lake, Northwest Cook, and DuPage counties. This print edition reaches an estimated 86,000 readers.*

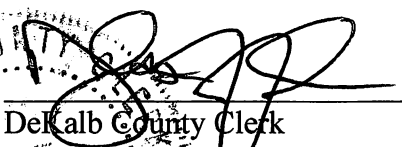
**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

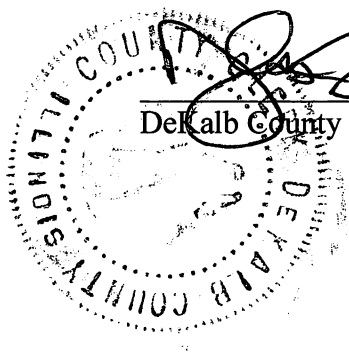
Ms. Askins moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Little seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the adjournment. Motion carried unanimously.



DeKalb County Clerk



DeKalb County Board Chairman

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