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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**March 20, 2019**

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mrs. Laurie Emmer, Mr. Steve Faivre, Vice Chairman John Frieders, Mr. Tim Hughes, Mr. Tracy Jones, Ms. Dianne Leifheit, Ms. Maureen Little, Mr. Jim Luebke, Mr. Jerry Osland, Mr. Roy Plote, Ms. Sandra Polanco, Mr. Chris Porterfield, Mr. Craig Roman, Ms. Linda Slabon, Mr. Paul Stoddard, Mr. Larry West, Mr. Jeff Whelan, Ms. Suzanne Willis, Mr. Tim Bagby, Mr. Scott Campbell, Ms. Rukisha Crawford, Mr. Dan Cribben, and Chairman Mark Pietrowski, Jr. Those absent were Mrs. Misty Haji-Sheikh. A quorum was established with twenty-three Board Members present and one absent.

Chairman Pietrowski asked Mrs. Emmer to lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Osland to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 Special County Board Meeting and the February 20, 2019 County Board Meeting. Mr. Plote 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.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Chairman Pietrowski read the following letter he had received earlier in the day from County Board District #7 Representative Mrs. Haji-Sheikh:

*"Dear Chairman Pietrowski,*

*I think that we have a wonderful staff that often goes above and beyond for our County. They have often taken time to answer my questions and even made the budget cuts we have asked them to make. I commend them.*

*I have often said that it is a joy to serve for the last six years with my fellow DeKalb County Board members. While we don't always vote the same way, and sometimes we don't agree how to accomplish something, however we all work together for the citizens of DeKalb County. It is a wonderful and somewhat rare thing. I can't say that about many other governmental bodies. I wish to thank each and every one that I have served with.*

*I also have served on the Finance Committee, been the Chair of the Health and Human Services committee, been Vice Chair of Economic Development, and have served six years on the Forest Preserve committee. These have been wonderful experiences. Thanks to all of you who put your trust in me.*

*I have enjoyed serving on some of the other boards as well, the Regional Planning Committee, the DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center, and the DeKalb County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Our committee members are also dedicated to helping our community.*

*I have served under two Chairmen, yourself and Jeff Metzger. Both of you have done an admirable job as our leaders. Thank you both.*

*My husband retired in January and we will be moving to be closer to our kids in May. I am sad to say that May 15, 2019 will be my last DeKalb County Board Meeting.*

*It has been an honor to serve the citizens of District 7 and DeKalb County.*

*Thank you one and all. It has truly been an honor to serve,*

*Misty Haji-Sheikh”*

#### Veterans Honor Roll

County Clerk & Recorder Doug Johnson and Chairman Pietrowski inducted Mr. Robert E. Canova into the DeKalb County Veterans Honor Roll for his Service in the United States Air Force from 1957-1960.

#### Employee Service Awards for March 2019

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the following County Employees who were celebrating Service Awards in the month of March 2019: Five Years: Bradley VanWinkle – Rehab & Nursing Center; Ten Years: Leanne Vesta – Judiciary, Lexi Frankenberry – Sheriff’s Office; Fifteen Years: Stacy Richardson – Highway Department, Joseph Rood – Sheriff’s Office; Twenty Years: Vaunita Lynn – Rehab & Nursing Center.

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

There were no public comments.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval of the following appointments:

- a. **Regional Planning Commission:** Dan Olson (*DeKalb*) appointed for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2019 and expiring March 31, 2022.
- b. **Regional Planning Commission-Alternates:** Bill Nicklas (*DeKalb*) appointed for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2019 and expiring March 31, 2022.
- c. **Fairdale Light District:** Stefanie Jacobson reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2019 until April 30, 2022.
- d. **Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District:** Dennis Collins reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2019 until April 30, 2022.
- e. **Cortland Community Fire Protection District:** Robert Coyle reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2019 until April 30, 2022.
- f. **DeKalb Community Fire Protection District:** Gerald Latimer reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2019 until April 30, 2022.

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- g. **Genoa-Kingston Fire Protection District:** David Huffman reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2019 until April 30, 2022.
- h. **Hinckley Community Fire Protection District:** Allen Bark reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2019 until April 30, 2022.
- i. **Kirkland Community Fire District:** Michael Stott reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2019 until April 30, 2022.
- j. **Lee Community Fire Protection District:** Cass Larson reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2019 until April 30, 2022.
- k. **Malta Community Fire Protection District:** Gary Olsen reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2019 until April 30, 2022.
- l. **Shabbona Community Fire Protection District:** Robert Frazier reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2019 until April 30, 2022.
- m. **Somonauk Community Fire Protection District:** Mark Tuttle reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2019 until April 30, 2022.
- n. **Sycamore Community Fire Protection District:** John Weberpal reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2019 until April 30, 2022.
- o. **Waterman Fire Protection District:** Dustin Miller newly appointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2019 until April 30, 2022.

Motion

It was moved by Ms. Crawford and seconded by Mr. Roman to approve all of the recommended appointments as presented.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2019-14: Award Resolution for 2019 General County Letting**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby awards the 2019 General County Letting for aggregate, patching material, and hot-mix to the following companies who submitted the lowest bids meeting specifications: Curran Contracting, Peter Baker, William Charles Construction Company, LLC, Macklin Inc. of Rochelle, Illinois, Vulcan Materials of Sycamore/DeKalb, Illinois, and Wagner Aggregate, Inc. of DeKalb, IL; the Board further approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Sicalco, LTD of Hinsdale, Illinois for liquid calcium chloride. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

Roll Call

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those voting yea were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cribben, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Resolution R2019-15: Award Resolution for 2019 Road District Crack Route and Full Project Motion**

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Behm Pavement Maintenance, Inc. of Crystal Lake, Illinois for crack routing and filling of an estimated 137,239 feet of cracks on various Road District roadways and Municipality streets in DeKalb County in the total amount of \$52,699.78. Mr. West seconded the motion as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those voting yea were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cribben, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2019-16: Award Resolution for 2019 Drainage Pipes**

**Motion**

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Metal Culverts, Inc. of Jefferson City, Missouri for the delivery of drainage pipe culverts and bands as specified to various locations within DeKalb County in the total amount of \$33,186.74. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those voting yea were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cribben, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2019-17: Award Resolution for a new Box, Plow, Wing, Spreader and Pre-wet Tank**

**Motion**

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the lowest bid meeting specification to Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc. of Monroe, Wisconsin for the furnishing and installing of a new snow plow, frame, hydraulic system, dump body, patrol wing, spreader and pre-wet tank system on a 2020 Peterbilt model 348 in the total amount of \$108,575.00. Ms. Slabon seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those voting yea were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cribben, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Resolution R2019-19: Engineering Agreement for South First Street Box Culvert Replacement at Gurler Road**

**Motion**

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an engineering agreement with the Engineering Firm of HR Green, Inc. from Yorkville, Illinois for certain engineering services associated with the box culvert replacement carrying South First Street over the Afton DeKalb Drainage Ditch #5 in the Road District of DeKalb in the estimated amount of \$81,509.45; and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with HR Green, Inc. for said project. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cribben, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2019-20: Engineering Agreement for Motel Road Bridge Replacement .5 miles North of Illinois Route 64**

**Motion**

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an engineering agreement with the Engineering Firm of Wendler Engineering Services, Inc. of Dixon, Illinois for certain engineering services associated with the bridge replacement carrying Motel Road over the East Branch of the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River in the Road District Mayfield in the estimated amount of \$17,759.00; and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Wendler Engineering Services, Inc. for said project. Mr. Osland seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cribben, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2019-18: Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Investment Rate of Return Assumption**

**Motion**

Mr. Cribben moved the DeKalb County Board hereby requests the IMRF Board to reconsider and reverse implementation procedures of reducing the investment rate of return assumption from 7.50% to 7.25%. Mr. Stoddard seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

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**Resolution R2019-21: A Resolution Approving Unexpected and Emergency Appropriations and Budget Transfers for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2018**

Motion

Mr. Cribben moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approved the unexpected and emergency appropriations and budget transfers as set forth on Attachment A for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2018. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Claims – March 2019**

Motion

Mr. Cribben moved to approve the payment of claims for this month, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, including all claims for travel, meals, and lodging, in the amount of \$6,565,537.46. Mr. Plote seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the March 2019 Claims. Those Members voted yea were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cribben, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports of County Officials**

Motion

Mr. Cribben moved to accept and place on file the following Reports of County Officials:

1. Cash & Investments in County Banks – February 2019
2. Public Defender's Report – February 2019
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – February 2019
4. Pretrial Report – February 2019
5. Sheriff's Jail Report – February 2019
6. Building Permits & Construction Reports – February 2019

Mr. Stoddard seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2019-22: Approval of Easements for the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center Expansion Project**

Motion

Vice Chairman Frieders moved the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the County Administrator to sign all necessary easements with the City of DeKalb for the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center Expansion Project.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously.

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**AD HOC RULES COMMITTEE**

**Ordinance O2019-27: Approval of an Ordinance Designating the Executive Committee as the Body to Determine the Initiation, Settlement, Compromise and Appeal of Litigation on Behalf of the County of DeKalb, Illinois**

Motion

Vice Chairman Frieders moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to designate the DeKalb County Board's Executive Committee to be the body to determine the initiation, settlement, compromise and appeal of litigation on behalf of the County of DeKalb, Illinois. Mr. Roman seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

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

**Ordinance O2019-28: Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the DeKalb County Code**

Motion

Vice Chairman Frieders moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to amend Chapter 2 of the DeKalb County Code pertaining to redistricting, special meeting fees, public comments, litigation, TIF District representation, and other house-keeping and section re-numbering items as outlined in Exhibit A to this Ordinance. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously with all Members present voting yea.

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

Mr. Hughes moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. and Ms. Crawford seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion to adjourn the meeting carried unanimously.

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Douglas J. Johnson  
DeKalb County Clerk

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Mark Pietrowski, Jr.  
DeKalb County Board Chairman

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