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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**April 17, 2019**

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were 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, Mrs. Laurie Emmer, 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 Mr. Faivre to lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Roman and seconded by Mr. Bagby 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

Mrs. Emmer moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2019 County Board Meeting. Ms. Crawford 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**

**Proclamation P2019-01: DeKalb County Museum Day**

Mr. Faivre read aloud that the museums throughout DeKalb County provide unique educational and cultural opportunities to enhance our quality of life. Museums play a role in preserving our County's rich history, telling stories about our past while providing insight into our future. DeKalb County museums will collaborate in being open on May 11 and show their strength in partnership by exploring themes presented in the traveling Smithsonian exhibit "Crossroads: Change in Rural America." Together, we can inspire pride in our County and show the world what makes our communities so great and our community should encourage citizens, organizations, businesses, congregations, and cultural and educational institutions to support this special event. The DeKalb County Board proclaimed that DeKalb County Government endorses

the efforts of the DeKalb County History Center and encourages all citizens to participate in the celebrations as we honor and learn about the proud history of our county.

Chairman Pietrowski presented Mr. Bill Lenschow, DeKalb County History Center Board Members and life-long DeKalb County resident, with the Proclamation. Mr. Lenschow thanked the County Board and explained what a great facility the new DeKalb County History Center is going to be and encouraged everyone to attend their May 11<sup>th</sup> Grant Opening.

### **Employee Service Awards for April 2019**

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the following County Employees who were celebrating Service Awards in the month of April 2019: Five Years: Brad Hunold – Highway Department, Daniel Guillotte – Rehab & Nursing Center; Ten Years: Margaret Carey – Court Services, Justin Moede – Sheriff’s Office, Kevin Fricke – Highway Department, Douglas Brouwer, Jr. – Sheriff’s Office; Twenty Years: Dennis Bell – Forest Preserve, John Holiday – Sheriff’s Office.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval of the following appointments:

- a. **Regional Planning Commission**: Brenda Jurgens (*Malta*) and Linda Swenson (*Waterman*) both appointed for a three-year terms beginning April 1, 2019 and expiring March 31, 2022.
- b. **Regional Planning Commission-Alternates**: Darryl Beach (*Waterman*) appointed for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2019 and expiring March 31, 2022.
- c. **Farmland Assessment Review Committee**: Kent Wesson reappointed a three-year term beginning May 1, 2019 and expiring April 30, 2022.

### **Motion**

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

### **Voice Vote**

The motion was carried unanimously.

### **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

### **Resolution R2019-23: Approval of Local Agency Agreement for Peace Road / Illinois Route 64 Intersection Improvements**

### **Motion**

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an agreement with the State of Illinois for certain improvements to the intersection of Peace Road and Illinois Route 64, with said improvements estimated to cost \$2,440,000.00 with the local share to be estimated at \$544,600.00; and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Local Agency Agreements for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

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Roll Call

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those voting yea were 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, Mrs. Emmer, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2019-24: Approval of Local Agency Agreement for the Plank Road Safety Project from Lindgren Road to the Kane County Line**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an agreement with the State of Illinois for certain improvements to 3.95 miles of Plank Road, from Lindgren Road east to East County Line Road, with said improvements estimated to cost \$2,280,000.00 with the local share to be estimated at \$407,000.00; and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Local Agency Agreements for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those voting yea were 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, Mrs. Emmer, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2019-25: Approval of Local Agency Agreement for Base Line Road Bridge Replacement**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approved to enter into an agreement with the State of Illinois for certain improvements to Structure Number 019-4203 at Coon Creek carrying Base Line Road, with said improvements estimated to cost \$603,000.00 with the local share to be estimated at \$121,000.00; and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Local Agency Agreements for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois. Mr. West seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those voting yea 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, were Mrs. Emmer, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2019-26: Anticipation of Township Bridge Funds for West Motel Road Bridge**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the payment from the County Highway's Matching Tax Fund in the sum of \$327,000.00 thereby creating an indebtedness in the Township Bridge Fund for Mayfield Road District for the purpose of constructing West Motel Road Bridge. Ms. Polanco seconded the motion as presented.

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Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those voting yea were 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, Mrs. Emmer, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2019-27: Award Resolution for Approval of 2019 Hot-Mix Resurfacing Projects**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the lowest bids meeting specifications to Curran Contracting Company of Crystal Lake, Illinois for the hot-mix resurfacing of 8,988 square yards of DeKalb County Parking Lots and the curb on Locust Street in Sycamore in the amount of \$121,342.19 and for the hot-mix resurfacing of 1.24 miles of Jericho Road in Squaw Grove Road District in the amount of \$67,902.80; the County Board further approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Peter Baker & Son Company of Lake Bluff, Illinois for the hot-mix resurfacing of 1.46 miles of Airport Road in Cortland Road District in the amount of \$227,079.66. 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 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, Mrs. Emmer, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2019-28: Award Resolution for the 2019 Seal Coat and Rejuvenator Projects**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Corrective Asphalt Materials of South Roxana, Illinois for the application of an estimated 219,922 square yards of rejuvenator-reclamite on various roads in DeKalb County, DeKalb Road District and the City of Sycamore and an estimated 39,200 square yards of rejuvenator-CRF on Peace Road in the amount of \$241,508.14; the County Board further approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Steffens 3-D Construction of Toluca, Illinois for the seal coating of an estimated 14.69 miles of County roadways, an estimated 68.42 miles of Road Districts roadways, and an estimated 1.61 miles of Municipality streets in the amount of \$939,783.78. Mr. Stoddard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were 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, Mrs. Emmer, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2019-29: Award Resolution for the 2019 Road District Aggregate Projects**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Macklin Incorporated from Rochelle, Illinois for 7,000 tons of aggregate FOB at their Rochelle Quarry, to be hauled to the Road District Garage, located at 1055 1st Street, Malta, Illinois in the amount of \$42,000.00; the County Board further approves the lowest bids meeting specifications to Wagner Aggregate, Inc. from DeKalb, Illinois for 7,060 tons of aggregate surface course SOR, to be placed on Council, Howison, and Pine Roads in Somonauk Road District in the amount of \$87,332.20 and for 3,000 tons of aggregate surface course SOR, to be placed on Barchard and Schafer Roads in South Grove Road District in the amount of \$24,180.00. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were 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, Mrs. Emmer, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2019-30: Award Resolution for the 2019 Pavement Marking Project**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Countryman, Inc. of Rockford, Illinois for the center line and edge line markings on all County roads and various Road District roads and City streets in the amount of \$216,529.43. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those voting yea were 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, Mrs. Emmer, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance O2019-29: Establishment of Altered Speed Zones for Esmond Road in South Grove Road District and East Sandwich Road in Squaw Grove Road District**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves establishing an altered speed zone of 45 mph (previously 55 mph) on East Sandwich Road from 1,715 feet northwest of Bastian Road for 3,725 feet south-southwest and further approves to establish an additional altered speed zone of 45 mph (previously 55 mph) on Esmond Road from 630 feet north of Main Street for 1,980 feet south. Ms. Slabon 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 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, Mrs. Emmer, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

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**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2019-31: Authorizing the Execution and Amendment of a Section 5311 Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2020**

Motion

Mr. Porterfield moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes to execute and file a Section 5311 Grant Agreement for funding the County's rural transportation services such as TransVac and MedVac. When funds are approved they are passed through the County to the Voluntary Action Center along with all responsibilities and liability. Mr. Stoddard seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

**Resolution R2019-32: Acceptance of the Special Warranty as a Condition to Receive Section 5311 Funds for Fiscal Year 2020**

Motion

Mr. Porterfield moved the DeKalb County Board does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Special Warranty for receiving Section 5311 Funds regarding fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interests of employees affected by such assistance. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

**Ordinance O2019-30: Public Transportation Applicant Ordinance**

Motion

Mr. Porterfield moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes and directs the County Administrator to execute on behalf of the County of DeKalb, Illinois Grant Applications and Agreements to the Illinois Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing public transportation within the County limits. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

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

**Resolution R2019-33: Award of the Senior Services Tax Levy Funding**

Motion

Mr. Porterfield moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee and agrees to purchase services from the agencies listed within the resolution in a total amount not exceeding \$415,000 for the period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those voting yea were 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, Mrs. Emmer, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2019-34: A Resolution Certifying Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Participation for Qualified Elected Officials of DeKalb County Government**

Motion

Mr. Cribben moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves that the elected offices of Circuit Clerk, Coroner, County Clerk & Recorder, Sheriff, State's Attorney, and Treasurer continue to be qualified, as they have been since 1945, for the IMRF pension program, based purely on the reasonable assumption that 1,000 hours per year, or more, would be needed to fulfill the responsibilities of those offices as set forth by the State of Illinois. Mr. Plote 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.

**Claims – April 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 \$6,606,454.84. Mr. Stoddard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the April 2019 Claims. Those Members voted yea were 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, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, and Chairman Pietrowski. Those voting nay were Mr. Campbell. The motion carried with twenty-two Members voting yea and one opposed.

**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 – March 2019
2. Public Defender's Report – March 2019
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – March 2019
4. Pretrial Report – March 2019
5. Sheriff's Jail Report – March 2019
6. Building Permits & Construction Reports – March 2019

Mr. Hughes seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

Ms. Crawford moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. and Mr. Whelan 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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