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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**May 15, 2019**

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Vice Chairman John Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Tim Hughes, 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, Mr. Dan Cribben, Mrs. Laurie Emmer, Mr. Steve Faivre, and Chairman Mark Pietrowski, Jr. Those absent were Mr. Tracy Jones and Ms. Rukisha Crawford. A quorum was established with twenty-two Board Members present and two absent.

Chairman Pietrowski asked Vice Chairman Frieders to lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

It was moved by Mrs. Emmer and seconded by Mr. West to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to Amend

Mr. Bagby moved to remove Item A under Economic Development Committee – Resolution R2019-37: A Resolution Establishing a Fee for Completing Kingston Township Assessment Books. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

Vote on Amendment

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote to approve the motion to amend the agenda. It was moved unanimously.

Voice Vote

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Ms. Willis moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019 County Board Meeting. Ms. Little 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 P2019-02: Electrical Safety Month**

Vice Chairman Frieders read aloud that hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in the United States as a result of electrically-related incidents and that on average, there are 440 civilian deaths related to electrical home structure fires each year. Property damage resulting

from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than \$1.3 billion annually and following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent thousands of people from being injured or killed each year. Citizens are encouraged to inspect their homes and workplaces for possible electrical hazards and citizens are advised to protect their homes and families with the latest safety technology, such as ground fault circuit interrupters, arc fault circuit interrupters and tamper resistant receptacles. Citizens are also urged to install, test and properly maintain an adequate number of smoke alarms. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 364 is dedicated to promoting electrical safety in the homes, schools and workplace through proper installations, education, awareness and advocacy. The DeKalb County Board hereby proclaimed the month of May 2019, as Electrical Safety Month in the County of DeKalb, Illinois and encourage all citizens to observe the importance of establishing and practicing safety habits in the home, school and workplace to reduce the number of electrically-related fires, injuries and deaths.

Chairman Pietrowski presented Mr. Chris Molander, IBEW Local 364 Representative, with the Proclamation.

### **DeKalb County Veterans Honor Roll**

DeKalb County Clerk & Recorder Doug Johnson inducted Mr. Lawrence West in the DeKalb County Veterans Honor Roll. He shared that Lawrence West served in the Army National Guard from 1981 to 2002 as a staff sergeant. During his service, Lawrence was awarded the Long & Honorable Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Badge of Military Merit, the National Defense Award, and he was activated by the governor for various emergencies. Lawrence was joined by family and friends.

### **Employee Service Awards for May 2019**

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the following County Employees who were celebrating Service Awards in the month of May 2019: Five Years: Taylor Steele – Rehab & Nursing Center, Jason Jensen – Circuit Clerk’s Office, Laura Nicoletti – Health Department, Ludvinia Basalo – Rehab & Nursing Center; Ten Years: Patricia McKinley – Jury Commission, Jeffrey Krasner – Judiciary; Twenty Years: Ronald Mosback – Judiciary, Lisa Buffenbarger – Circuit Clerk’s Office, Ryan Loyd – Sheriff’s Office; Thirty Years: Bradley Russell – Highway Department.

### **Declaration of County Board Vacancy**

Chairman Pietrowski officially declared that the seat, formally occupied by Misty Haji-Sheikh (D) representing County Board District #7, to be vacant as of Thursday, May 16, 2019.

The County Board Members and Chairman Pietrowski said their farewells and thanked Misty Haji-Sheikh for her years of service on the County Board. The Chairman shared, “Misty was always a dependable Board Member willing to take on extra duties and research. I have always enjoyed our talks and sharing of ideas. I wish her and her family the best at their new home and know she has made it tough for the person we appoint to fill her shoes. Thank you again for all the hours you put in and the hard work. You are appreciated my friend.”

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

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## APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval of the following appointment:

- a. **DeKalb County Chief County Assessment Officer:** Robin Brunshon reappointed for a four-year term beginning July 20, 2019 and expiring July 20, 2023.

### Motion

It was moved by Mr. Plote and seconded by Mr. Osland to approve the recommended appointment as presented.

### Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote. The motion carried with one abstention from Mr. Cribben.

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval of the next following appointment:

- b. **Nursing Home Foundation Board:** Michael Haines appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Joanne Fruit until November 30, 2019.

### Motion

It was moved by Mr. Faivre and seconded by Mr. Stoddard to approve the recommended appointment.

### Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously.

## REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

### COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

#### **Resolution R2019-35: Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Kirkland for Maintenance Projects**

### Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an agreement with the Village of Kirkland to provide engineering services for general maintenance projects for the maintenance and repairs of certain streets within the jurisdiction of the Village of Kirkland; and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Kirkland, Illinois. Ms. Slabon 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.

#### **Resolution R2019-36: Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Somonauk for Maintenance Projects**

### Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an agreement with the Village of Somonauk to provide engineering services for general maintenance projects for the maintenance and repairs of certain streets within the jurisdiction of the Village of Kirkland; and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Somonauk, Illinois. Mrs. Emmer 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.

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**Resolution R2019-39: A Resolution Seeking Permission from the State of Illinois to have the Option to Impose a Local County Motor Fuel Tax**

**Motion**

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to seek permission from the State of Illinois to have the option to impose a local County Motor Fuel Tax by adding DeKalb County to 55 ILCS 5/5-1035.1 for the purpose of operating, constructing, and improving public highways. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion.

**Motion to Amend**

Mr. Plote moved to amend his original motion to provide for the follow language change to the last paragraph of the Resolution: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Board that it seeks permission from the State of Illinois to have the option to impose a local County Motor Fuel Tax by adding DeKalb County to the pertinent legislation for the purpose of operating, constructing, and improving public highways including upgrading to an 80,000 lb weight limit." Mr. Stoddard seconded the motion.

**Vote on Amendment**

The Chair called for a voice vote on the proposed amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

**Voice Vote on Motion as Amended**

After discussion and questions were answered, the Chairman called for a voice vote to approve the motion as amended. The motion carried with three oppositions from Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Hughes.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Ordinance O2019-31: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the DeKalb County Code Regarding Alcoholic Beverage Licenses**

**Motion**

Mr. Bagby moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to amend Chapter 6 of the DeKalb County Code for the purpose of adding a Class H License for up to 5 Special Events in a calendar year at a cost of \$100 per day, per event. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2019-38: Funding for Design Development Phase for Relocation of Courthouse Offices**

**Motion**

Ms. Leifheit moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves up to \$70,000 for architectural services, plus expenses, that would take the project up to the point of seeking construction bids, with said funds to come from DeKalb City TIF #2 Close-out Funds, and further authorizes the County Administrator to engage Dewberry Architects for said work. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those voting yea were Vice Chair Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, 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, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Claims – May 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 \$5,357,006.61. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the May 2019 Claims. Those Members voted yea were Vice Chairman Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, 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, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously with all twenty-two Members present voting yea.

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

Mr. Whelan 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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

Mrs. Emmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and Mrs. Haji-Sheikh 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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