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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING PROCEEDINGS
December 5, 2016**

The County Board met for the 2016 Organizational Meeting at the Legislative Center Monday, December 5, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro-Tem, Ruth Anne Tobias.

Chairman Pro-Tem Tobias asked Ms. Askins to please lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

DeKalb County Clerk Douglas Johnson administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected County Board Members:

Tracy Jones (R) – District #1
Jonathan Schmarje (R) – District #2
Tim Bagby (R) – District #3
Mark Pietrowski, Jr. (D) – District #3
Steve Faivre (D) – District #4
Laurie Emmer (R) – District #4
Sandra Polanco (D) – District #5
Craig Roman (D) – District #6
Misty Haji-Sheikh (D) – #7
Christopher Porterfield (D) – District #8
Paul Stoddard (D) – District #9
Suzanne Willis (D) – District #10
Jeff Whelan (R) – District #10
Roy Plote (R) – District #11
Jerry Osland (R) – District #12

ROLL CALL

Chairman Pro-Tem Tobias asked the Clerk to call the roll for the newly seated DeKalb County Board. Those present were Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Pietrowski, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Schmarje, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan and Ms. Willis. Mr. Bunge was absent. A quorum was established with twenty-three Members present and one absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved to approve the agenda and Ms. Willis seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote to approve the agenda as presented.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

No one from the public requested to speak.

ELECTION OF COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

Nominations

The Chairman Pro Tem called for Nominations for County Board Chairman.

Motion

Mr. Jones nominated Mr. Mark Pietrowski for County Board Chairman. Ms. Askins seconded the motion.

Chairman Pro-Tem Tobias asked three times if there were any other nominations.

Close Nominations

Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Bagby moved to close the nominations for County Board Chairman and Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

Vote to Close Nominations

Chairman Pro-Tem called for a voice vote to close nominations. The motion carried unanimously with all County Board Members present voting yea.

Roll Call Vote to Nominate Chairman

The Chairman Pro-Tem called for a roll call vote on the election of Mr. Mark Pietrowski to be County Board Chairman. Those Members voting yea were Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Pietrowski, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Schmarje, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan and Ms. Willis. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

PASSING OF THE GAVEL

DeKalb County Administrator Gary Hanson spoke regarding starting a new “tradition” as part of the Organizational Meeting which was to pass a ceremonial gavel from one County Board to the next. He explained that the gavel was used as a symbol of conducting “the people’s business” in an orderly and respectful manner, which is thankfully more often than not the norm in DeKalb County, even while other levels of government often appear to be in constant turmoil and not moving forward.

The gavel was passed on and after Mr. Jones stated a few kind words regarding his work with him over the past two years, Mr. Mark Pietrowski took the podium once again as the DeKalb County Board Chairman.

ELECTION OF COUNTY BOARD VICE-CHAIRMAN

Nominations

Chairman Pietrowski asked for nominations of a County Board Vice-Chairman.

Motion

Mr. Whelan moved to nominate Mr. Tracy Jones as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion.

Chairman Pietrowski asked three times if there were any other nominations for a Vice-Chairman.

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Close Nominations

Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Brown moved to close nominations and Ms. Askins seconded the motion.

Vote to Close Nominations

The motion carried unanimously to close nominations for Vice-Chairman by voice vote.

Roll Call Vote to Nominate Vice-Chairman

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call to elect Mr. Tracy Jones as County Board Vice-Chairman. Those voting year were Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Schmarje, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present vote yea. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

All County Board Members reviewed the proposed County Board Standing Committee Appointments.

Motion

Mr. Roman moved to approve the Standing Committee Appointments as presented. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Pietrowski shared his brief remarks and kind words about working well with Vice Chairman Jones as well as thanked the County Board for their continued support.

Additionally, the Chairman reminded all County Board Members that the County Board Committee Orientation Night was scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the DeKalb County Government's Legislative Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Mr. Whelan moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Haji-Sheikh 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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DeKalb County Board Standing Committees
December 1, 2016 Through November 30, 2018
 Updated as of December 5, 2016

	Economic Development	Executive Committee	Finance Committee	Forest Preserve Committee	Health & Human Services	Highway Committee	Law & Justice Committee	Planning & Zoning
MEETINGS:	1st Tues @ 7pm	2nd Wed @ 7pm	1st Wed @ 7pm	4th Tues @ 6pm	1st Mon @ 6:30pm	1st Thurs @ 6pm	4th Mon @ 6:30pm	4th Wed @ 7pm
CHAIR:	Tim Bagby	Mark Pietrowski	Paul Stoddard	Bob Brown	Maureen Little	John Frieders	Dianne Leifheit	Steve Faivre
VICE-CHAIR:	Misty Haji-Sheikh	Tracy Jones	Dan Cribben	Tim Bagby	Marjorie Askins	Suzanne Willis	Jim Luebke	Kevin Bunge
	Bob Brown	Tim Bagby	Tracy Jones	Misty Haji-Sheikh	Laurie Emmer	Kevin Bunge	Marjorie Askins	Dan Cribben
	Laurie Emmer	Bob Brown	Dianne Leifheit	Maureen Little	Chris Porterfield	Jerry Osland	John Frieders	Tracy Jones
	Steve Faivre	Steve Faivre	Jim Luebke	Chris Porterfield	Steve Reid	Roy Plote	Mark Pietrowski	Mark Pietrowski
	Jerry Osland	John Frieders	Sandra Polanco	Craig Roman	Jon Schmarje	Sandra Polanco	Roy Plote	Craig Roman
		Dianne Leifheit	Steve Reid	Jon Schmarje	Jeff Whelan	Paul Stoddard	Jeff Whelan	Suzanne Willis
		Maureen Little						
		Paul Stoddard						
DEPARTMENTS:	County Clerk & Recorder; Supervisor of Assessments; Treasurer	Administration; Elections	Facilities Management Office; Finance Office; Information Management Office	Forest Preserve	Community Action; Mental Health; Public Health; Regional Superintendent of Schools; Rehab & Nursing Center; Senior Services; Veteran's Assist.	Highway Department	Circuit Clerk; Coroner; Court Services; ESDA; Judiciary; Public Defender; Sheriff's Office; State's Attorney	Planning & Zoning
OUTSIDE AGENCIES:	Economic Development Corporation; Convention & Visitors Bureau				DeKalb County Extension Service; VAC		Children's Waiting Room; Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)	DeKalb County Soil & Water