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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes  
June 6, 2016**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairperson Haji-Sheikh called the meeting to order and those Committee Members present were Ms. Askins, Ms. Little, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Whelan, and Chairperson Haji-Sheikh. A quorum was established.

Others present were Ruth Anne Tobias, Mark Pietrowski, Jane Lux, Lisa Gonzales, Donna Moulton, Andre Joachim, and Gary Hanson.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**It was moved by Ms. Askins, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2016 meeting.**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Ms. Askins, to approve the evening's agenda as printed, but with the order changed to accommodate Donna Moulton's schedule. It was carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the order of business changed.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - there were no public comments made.

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Chairperson Haji-Sheikh asked for everyone in attendance to introduce themselves as there were new attendees tonight – Lisa Gonzales the new Public Health Director (as of July 1, 2016) and Andre Joachim, the new Juvenile Justice Council Coordinator. The Chair also mentioned the newspaper articles she had shared with the Committee members during the month, such as the shoe donation drive at the Health Department and about the Public Health referendum. The Chair also reminded Committee members that there would be no meeting in July.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL PRESENTATION**

Donna Moulton, Community Action Director, presented the agenda item on the Juvenile Justice Council as she has been serving as Chair of that organization. Ms. Moulton distributed a copy of the Juvenile Justice Council's Strategic Plan for 2014 – 2017 for the Committee's information and that Plan is attached to these minutes as part of the record.

Ms. Moulton next introduced the new Juvenile Justice Coordinator, Andre Joachim. Ms. Moulton noted that since this employee is now part of her office staff she will no longer be the Chair of the Juvenile Justice Council. It was stated that one of the primary goals of the Council is to reduce the number of kids who enter into the Juvenile Justice system because once a child is in the system; they are more likely to return. To help accomplish that goal, an “Early Risk Assessment Program” (eRAP) is utilized. A comprehensive risk assessment is used at the point of the first contact with the child in the hopes of directing the child to the most suitable program for their specific needs. The Council continues to look for more evidenced-based programs.

Chairman Haji-Sheikh offered that it is important to let children know, as well parents, what is “normal” for how they (children) should be treated. The “social norms” concept can be helpful in identifying when inappropriate behavior is being utilized. Ms. Moulton continued along those lines stating that preventing traumatization for children is extremely important for children to have positive outcomes.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH TAX LEVY REFERENDUM**

Jane Lux, Public Health Administrator was invited to present the tax levy agenda item to the Committee. Ms. Lux started by explaining to the Committee that the tax levy of \$650,000 for the Public Health Building would be expiring in 2016 as the building bonds would be paid off. Therefore, the Board of Health is requesting that the County Board place a referendum question on the November, 2016 ballot to “shift” that \$650,000 from building bonds to Public Health services. This money is important to help off-set the declining grant funds from the State.

Ms. Lux explained that the State Law requires very specific ballot language to make that happen. Because the bond levy is expiring, even though a shift of taxes for the same dollar amount is being sought, it has to be worded on the ballot as a “new tax” and that the maximum tax rate of 10 cents has to be in the wording rather than the just under 4 cents that will ultimately be levied if the referendum is approved. Chairman Haji-Sheikh further pointed out that if the levy were desired to be increased down-the-road to a level closer to the 10 cents, it would once again require another referendum. Mr. Hanson explained that this sequence is because this replacement levy would fall under the State’s “property tax cap” so other than small annual increases (as is done for other funds) based on new construction and cost-of-living, no major changes in the levy would be legally possible.

The Committee then entered into a discussion as to whether this funding is needed, what would be cut if it was not provided, and is this November the best time for this referendum. County Board Chairman Mark Pietrowski stated that while he supports Public Health, he is opposed to doing the referendum in November. Chairman Pietrowski stated that he felt with a new Director soon starting, it would be wise to give her time to become familiar with all the issues and then she, along with the Board of Health and the County Board, could look at various possible reforms for a long-term solution. He felt that since this referendum would only keep the Health Department sustainable for an extra 6 to 7 years that a longer-term solution was warranted. Ms.

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Askins stated that in her role with Safe Passage she sees the benefits of Public Health every day and she feels it is vitally important to secure whatever funding is possible to maintain programming. She felt that November was a good time for the referendum, but even if it did fail, that did not negate the possibility of holding another referendum in 2017. Ruth Anne Tobias, County Board member who also sits on the Board of Health, stated that this had been discussed thoroughly by the Board of Health and it was felt that it was essential to move forward now and that this funding was truly needed to maintain services that impact everyone in the community.

Committee Chair Ms. Haji-Sheikh noted that educating the voter was going to be critical if this referendum was to be successful and she noted that there is not a lot of time to do that. Board Chairman Pietrowski also noted that to have the referendum this November, which is a Presidential election, will be a very expensive campaign to get the word out and that there is also not a lot of time to raise large amounts of money. Mr. Whelan inquired as to what has already been cut at the Health Department and what would need to be cut in the future. Ms. Lux explained that since the end of 2010, 34 FTEs (full-time equivalents) have been cut from the staffing level at the Health Department. She also said that the un-mandated program of Maternal and Child Health would likely be one of the main cut-backs if there is not a successful referendum, even though that program has huge community benefits.

As the discussion concluded regarding need and timing, there was a general consensus among the Committee that this was such an important matter to the general public, that the matter should at least be moved forward to the June County Board meeting so that the entire Board could be part of the vote as to whether or not this referendum is placed on the ballot in November. Mr. Porterfield then moved, and it was seconded by Ms. Askins, to forward to the full County Board the resolution to place the Public Health Tax Levy question (copy attached to these minutes) on the November, 2016 ballot. The motion was approved unanimously.

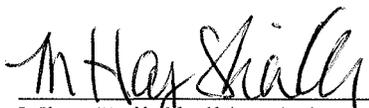
#### **OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

There was no old or new business to be discussed or presented.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Ms. Askins, seconded by Mr. Porterfield, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Misty Haji-Sheikh, Chairperson

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Hanson, Recording Secretary

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## **DeKalb County Juvenile Justice Council**

**Strategic Plan: 2014 – 2017**

### **Community Collaboration**

**Goal:** To develop and implement a system of collaboration to address the needs of individuals involved in the Juvenile Justice System.

**Rationale:** A unified system of collaboration will increase positive outcomes for youth without duplicating services, therefore reducing costs to the community.

**Objectives:**

- 1) To educate community members and service providers on the causes of delinquent behaviors and what research shows works effectively to prevent and reduce those identified behaviors.
- 2) To institute the use of formal cooperative interagency agreements.

### **Juvenile Delinquency**

**Goal:** To reduce delinquent behaviors in DeKalb County as measured by risk/protective factors.

**Rationale:** Reducing delinquent behavior increases the quality of life for youth and families while increasing community safety and reducing costs to the community.

**Objectives:**

- 1) To encourage the use of a standardized risk assessment tool by all youth agencies and schools who provide services geared towards prevention and reduction of delinquent behaviors.
- 2) To focus resources on programs that are proven by research to decrease delinquent behaviors.

### **Education**

**Goal:** To improve school attendance for all K-12 students.

**Rationale:** Increased attendance improves academic achievement, increases employability, decreases juvenile delinquency and reduces costs to the community.

**Objectives:**

- 1) To explore and encourage the adoption of a county wide attendance policy
- 2) To review and revise, as necessary, the procedures for truancy intervention including referrals, pre-court hearings, diversion and court referrals.

**RESOLUTION  
R2016-44**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION  
OF THE PROPOSITION FOR LEVYING A NEW TAX FOR COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT PURPOSES FOR DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS,  
TO THE VOTERS OF DEKALB COUNTY AT THE  
GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

WHEREAS, DeKalb County, Illinois ("*County*") is subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the State of Illinois, as amended ("*PTELL*"); and

WHEREAS, the County Board of the County ("*Board*") does hereby find and determine that the limiting rate for the County is not sufficient to provide funds to pay the cost of providing for the operating needs of the County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the County has heretofore levied taxes for the purpose of retiring all or part of the principal and interest due and owing on the Series 2005, DeKalb County Public Building Commission Revenue Refunding Bonds (the "*Bond Levy*"); and

WHEREAS, the Bond Levy shall expire after the 2015 tax year due to the retirement of the aforementioned bonds; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to replace the Bond Levy with a new levy of equal value to provide for the operating needs of the County Health Department without increasing the aggregate amount of property taxes; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined by the Board that the need exists for levying a new tax for County Health Department purposes at a rate equal to 0.10%; and

WHEREAS, the most recent levy year for which the limiting rate of the County is known is 2015; and

WHEREAS, before the County is authorized to levy a new tax for County Health Department purposes, a proposition therefor ("*Proposition*") must be submitted to the voters of

the County as provided by PTELL, and be approved by a majority of the voters of the County voting on the Proposition at an election to be held in and for the County; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the County that the Proposition be submitted to the voters of the County at an election to be held and conducted in accordance with the General Election Law; and

WHEREAS, PTELL requires that the ballot for the Proposition shall have printed thereon, but not as a part of the Proposition, certain supplemental information as set forth and described in PTELL; and

WHEREAS, such supplemental information shall be supplied by the County to the election authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and approved the supplemental information appearing on the form of ballot for the Proposition hereinafter set forth in this Resolution and finds any error, miscalculation, or inaccuracy in computing any amount set forth on the ballot and in the notice is not deliberate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of DeKalb County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Need to Submit to Voters. It is necessary and in the best interests of the County that a new tax for County Health Department purposes be levied at a rate equal to 0.10% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein extended for such purposes.

Section 3. Submission to Voters. The Proposition shall be submitted to the voters of the County in accordance with the General Election Law at the General Election to be held on

Tuesday, the 8th Day of November, 2016, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 7:00 o'clock P.M. on said day ("*Election*"), and at all times that early voting is conducted in accordance with the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended ("*Election Code*"), and the Proposition as approved shall be presented in the form set forth below in Section 9 of this Resolution.

Section 4. Voting Precincts and Polling Places. The Election shall be held in the voting precincts and at the polling places established by the County Board for voters of the County at the Election.

Section 5. Election Notice. The County Clerk of DeKalb County ("*County Clerk*") shall give notice of the Election ("*Notice*") in accordance with Section 12-5 of the General Election Law by (i) publishing the Notice at least once not more than 30 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the County, and (ii) posting a copy of the Notice at least 10 days before the date of the Election at the principal office of the County Clerk.

Section 6. Local Notice. The County Clerk shall post a copy of the Notice at the principal office of the County immediately after adoption of this Resolution.

Section 7. Newspaper of General Circulation. It is hereby found and determined that the \_\_\_\_\_ is a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the County as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code.

Section 8. Form of Notice. The Notice shall appear over the name or title of the County Clerk and shall be substantially in the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, the 8th Day of November, 2016, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of DeKalb County, Illinois:

Shall the County of DeKalb, Illinois, be authorized to levy a new tax for county health department purposes and have an additional tax of 0.1% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein extended for such purposes?

(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$21,530,492.77, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$23,271,878.47.

(2) For the 2016 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$33.33.

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, DeKalb County

Section 9. Form of Ballot. The ballot to be used at the Election shall be in substantially the following form, with such necessary alterations, changes, deletions and insertions as may be required by Articles 24A, 24B or 24C of the Election Code if an electronic, mechanical or electric voting system is used at the Election:

(Face of Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

PROPOSITION TO LEVY A NEW TAX

(INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Mark a cross (X) in the space opposite the word indicating the way you desire to vote.)

Shall the County of DeKalb, Illinois, be authorized to levy a new tax for county health department purposes and have an additional tax of 0.1% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein extended for such purposes?	YES	
	NO	

(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$21,530,492.77, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$23,271,878.47.

(2) For the 2016 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$33.33.

(Back of Paper Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Official ballot for voting on the proposition to levy a new tax for DeKalb County, Illinois, at the General Election held on November 8, 2016.

Precinct Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Polling Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, DeKalb County

Section 10. Election Judges. The Election shall be conducted by the election judges appointed by the County Board to act in the precincts at which the Proposition will be submitted to the voters of the County.

Section 11. Filing of Resolution. After the adoption hereof and not less than 68 days prior to the date of the Election, the County Clerk shall certify a copy hereof to the County Clerk in order that the Proposition may be submitted to the voters of the County at the Election.

Section 12. Canvass of Election. The Election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof duly canvassed, all in the manner and time as provided by the Election Code.

Section 13. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 14. Repealer and Effective Date. All orders and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

PASSED AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE, 2016.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
DeKalb County Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Board Chairman

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE LEGISLATIVE CENTER'S  
GATHERTORIUM, 200 N. MAIN STREET, SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS, IN SAID  
COUNTY AT 7:30 P.M., ON THE 15TH DAY OF JUNE, 2016.**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson and upon the roll being called,  
\_\_\_\_\_, the Chairperson, and the following Board Members were  
physically present at said location:

\_\_\_\_\_ .

The following Board Members were absent and did not participate in the meeting:

\_\_\_\_\_ .

The Chairperson announced that the County Board would next consider the adoption of a  
Resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition to levy a new tax for  
county health department purposes for the County to the voters of the County at the General  
Election to be held on November 8, 2016.

Whereupon the County Clerk read by title a Resolution as follows, a copy of which was  
provided to each Board Member prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said  
meeting who requested a copy.

Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved and Board Member  
\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion that said Resolution as presented and read by  
title be adopted.

After a full discussion thereof, the Chairperson directed that the roll be called for a vote  
upon the motion to adopt said Resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following Board Members voted AYE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and the following Board Members voted NAY: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted and did sign and approve the same in open meeting and did direct the County Clerk to record the same in the records of the County Board of DeKalb County, Illinois, which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said Resolution was duly transacted at the meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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County Clerk, DeKalb County Board

STATE OF ILLINOIS    )  
                                  ) SS  
COUNTY OF DEKALB    )

**CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION AND MINUTES**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of the County Board (“*Board*”) of DeKalb County, Illinois (“*County*”), and that I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete transcript of that portion of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on the 15th day of June, 2016, insofar as the same relates to the adoption of a Resolution entitled:

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OF THE PROPOSITION FOR LEVYING A NEW TAX FOR COUNTY  
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A true, correct and complete copy of the Resolution that was adopted at the Board meeting appears in the foregoing transcript of the minutes of the Board meeting.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of the Resolution were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of the Resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of the meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting notice, that an agenda for the meeting was posted at the location where the meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board at least 48 hours in advance of the holding of the meeting, that a true, correct and complete copy of the agenda as so posted is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, that the meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the County Code of the State of Illinois, and the Election Code, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of the Act and the Codes and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

There is hereby certified to the County Clerk of The County of DeKalb, Illinois, for submitting to the voters of the County at the General Election to be held on the 8th Day of November, 2016, the proposition set forth in the Resolution, which the Resolution was duly adopted by the Board on the 15th day of June, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the County, this 15th day of June, 2016.

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County Clerk, DeKalb County

(SEAL)

Exhibit A

Agenda of Board Meeting

[ATTACH]

STATE OF ILLINOIS    )  
                                  ) SS  
COUNTY OF DEKALB

**FILING CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of The County of DeKalb, Illinois (“*County*”), and as such official I do further certify as follows:

1. That on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, there was filed in my office a duly certified copy of a Resolution entitled:

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duly adopted by the County Board of DeKalb County, Illinois (the “*County*”), on the 15th day of June, 2016, and that the Resolution has been deposited in the official files and records of my office.

2. That included in the certification were the form of the public question (“*Question*”) to be placed on the ballot at the General Election to be held on the 8th Day of November, 2016 (“*Election*”), and the date on which the Question was initiated by the adoption of said Resolution.

3. That the Question will be submitted to the voters of the County at the Election.

4. That notice that the Question will be submitted to the voters of the County at the Election (“*Notice*”) will be given as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, by (a) publishing the Notice once not more than 30 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in the \_\_\_\_\_, the same being a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the County, and (b) posting a copy of the Notice at my principal office at least 10 days before the date of the Election, as set forth in Section 5 of said

Resolution, and that the Notice will be substantially in the form set forth in Section 8 of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the County, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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County Clerk, DeKalb County

(SEAL)

**[FORM OF NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED AND POSTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK  
AND POSTED AT THE COUNTY CLERK'S PRINCIPAL OFFICE]**

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Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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County Clerk, DeKalb County