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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**August 21, 2019**

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Ms. Maureen Little, Mr. Jim Luebke, Ms. Terri Mann-Lamb, 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, Mrs. Laurie Emmer, Mr. Steve Faivre, Vice Chairman John Frieders, Mr. Tim Hughes, Ms. Dianne Leifheit, and Chairman Mark Pietrowski, Jr. Mr. Tracy Jones was absent. A quorum was established with twenty-two Members present, one absent and one seat vacant.

Chairman Pietrowski asked Ms. Little to lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Roman and seconded by Ms. Slabon to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to Amend

Mr. Bagby moved to amend the agenda by postponing item a. Ordinance O2019-36: Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the DeKalb County Code under the Ad Hoc Rules Committee. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion.

Voice Vote on Amending the Agenda

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

Voice Vote

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Mrs. Emmer moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2019 County Board Meeting. Mr. Whelan 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 congratulated DeKalb County Engineer Mr. Nathan F. Schwartz, P.E. on his recent award as the 2019 Illinois Government Engineer of the Year presented by the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers.

### **Employee Service Awards for July 2019**

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the following County Employees who were celebrating Service Awards in the month of July 2019: Five Years: Serena Frost – Treatment Courts; Ten Years: Colleen McConnaughay – Circuit Clerk’s Office; and Thirty Years: Gene Lane – Sheriff’s Office.

### **Employee Service Awards for August 2019**

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the following County Employees who were celebrating Service Awards in the month of August 2019: Five Years: Michelle Bergeson – Rehab & Nursing Center, Kevin Brady – Circuit Clerk’s Office, Dakota Zuberbier – Rehab & Nursing Center, Dianne Leifheit – County Board Members, Sandra Polanco – County Board Member; and Fifteen Years: Peggy Mowers – Rehab & Nursing Center, Charles Criswell – Public Defender’s Office.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Brian Gregory City Manager of the City of Sycamore addressed the Board regarding Resolution R2019-61: Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the acquisition of properties within the City of Sycamore. Mr. Gregory expressed that the City and the County serve the same residents and when units of government can work together, the big winner is the residents they serve. He thanked the County Staff and the Board for the collaboration and all the details set for in the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval of the following appointment:

- a. **DeKalb County Board Member – District 11**: Karen Cribben appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Dan Cribben until November 30, 2020.

#### Motion

It was moved by Mr. Bagby and seconded by Mr. Plote to approve the recommended appointments as presented.

#### Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

DeKalb County Clerk & Recorder Doug Johnson administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Karen Cribben and then she took her seat among the other County Board Members. Chairman Pietrowski and the other Members welcomed Mrs. Cribben.

*The roll now reflects twenty-three Members present and one absent.*

### **APPOINTMENTS...continued**

Chairman Pietrowski additionally recommended approval of the following appointments:

- b. **County Board Committee Assignments**: Tim Bagby appointed immediately to move from the Health & Human Services Committee to the Finance Committee until November 30, 2020; Tim Bagby appointed immediately as Finance Committee Chairperson until November 30, 2020; Laurie Emmer appointed immediately as Economic Development Committee Chairperson until November 30, 2020; Rukisha Crawford appointed immediately as Economic Development Committee Vice-Chairperson until November 30, 2020; Karen Cribben appointed immediately to the Health & Human Services Committee & the Law & Justice Committee until November 30, 2020.

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- c. **DeKalb Community Fire Protection District:** David Lambert appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Gerald Latimer until April 30, 2022.
- d. **Fairdale Light District:** Jami Wright appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Elizabeth Johnston until April 30, 2020.
- e. **Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB):** Chief John Petragallo appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Gene Lowery until December 31, 2019.
- f. **Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb:** Deanna Cada reappointed for a five-year term beginning November 1, 2019 and expiring October 31, 2024.
- g. **Somonauk Cemetery Association:** Edward P. "Pat" Schuh appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Jane Thompson until August 31, 2021, and Alonzo A. "Al" Burgin III appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Wendell Chestnut until August 31, 2021.
- h. **Clinton-Shabbona Drainage District:** Leonard Anderson reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2019 until August 31, 2022.
- i. **Coon Creek Drainage District:** Carl Dumoulin reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2019 until August 31, 2022.
- j. **Normal Drainage District:** Steve Storey reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2019 until August 31, 2022.
- k. **Shabbona Milan Union Drainage District:** Steven Simpson reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2019 until August 31, 2022.
- l. **Somonauk-Victor Drainage District:** Barry Smith reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2019 until August 31, 2022.
- m. **Squaw Grove Drainage District:** Ed Cowan reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2019 until August 31, 2022.
- n. **Union Drainage District #4:** Michael Rosenwinkle reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2019 until August 31, 2022.
- o. **Victor-Adams Drainage District:** Leeson Gord reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2019 until August 31, 2022.
- p. **Victor-Clinton Drainage District:** Kent Huff reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2019 until August 31, 2022.

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Luebke and seconded by Ms. Crawford to approve the recommended appointments.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2019-47: Approval of Jurisdictional Transfer for Rich & Coltonville Roads to DeKalb Road District and City of DeKalb**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves that approximately 10,027.82 ft (1.90 mi) of Rich Road from the centerline of Glidden Road extending easterly to the centerline of North First Street and that approximately 3,927 ft (0.74 mi) of Coltonville Road from the centerline of North First Street extending easterly to the west right of way of Stonehenge Drive

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both be permanently removed from the County Highway System with the agreement that the City of DeKalb and the DeKalb Road District assume jurisdiction of said described highways. Mrs. Emmer 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.

**Ordinance O2019-35: Designation of an Urban Speed Zone for Swanson Road in Sycamore Road District**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves establishing a maximum speed limit of 30 mph on Swanson Road from Illinois Route 23 east for 2,653 feet. Mr. West seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2019-48: Resolution Authorizing the Execution & Amendment of the Federal 5311 Operating Assistance Grant Agreement**

Motion

Mr. Porterfield moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes and directs the County Administrator of DeKalb County to execute and file on behalf of DeKalb County a Section 5311 Grant Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation, and amend such Agreement, if necessary, in order to obtain grant assistance under the provisions of Section 5311 for fiscal year 2020. Mr. Roman seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Resolution R2019-49: Resolution Authorizing the Execution & Amendment of a Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement**

Motion

Mr. Porterfield moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes and directs the County Administrator of DeKalb County to execute and file a Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Agreement with the State of Illinois and amend such Agreement, if necessary, for fiscal year 2020 in order to obtain grant assistance under the provisions of the Downstate Public Transportation Act. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chairman called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2019-50: Surrender of the Certificate**

Motion

Ms. Polanco moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves Heron Creek Homeowner's Association, c/o Townsend Management's request for the surrender of the tax sale certificate for Heron Creek – Phase 6 – Lot 313 (Parcel #06-21-178-004) and further authorizes the cancellation of the appropriate Certificate(s) of Purchase for said property in the amount of \$1,200.59. Mr. Bagby seconded the motion as presented.

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Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, 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, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

**Delinquent Property Tax Resolutions**

Motion

Ms. Polanco moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute deeds of conveyance of the County’s interest or authorize cancellation of the appropriate Certificate(s) of Purchase, as the case may be for the following ten (10) resolutions to be paid to the Treasurer of DeKalb County Illinois, to be disbursed according to law:

<b><u>Resolution</u></b>	<b><u>Township</u></b>	<b><u>Parcel Number</u></b>	<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Total Paid by Purchaser</u></b>
1. <b>R2019-51</b>	Cortland	09-33-100-007	Town of Cortland	\$815.00
2. <b>R2019-52</b>	Cortland	09-33-181-015	Town of Cortland	\$815.00
3. <b>R2019-53</b>	Cortland	09-17-200-015	Town of Cortland	\$815.00
4. <b>R2019-54</b>	Cortland	09-17-200-021	Town of Cortland	\$815.00
5. <b>R2019-55</b>	Cortland	09-17-328-001	Town of Cortland	\$815.00
6. <b>R2019-56</b>	Cortland	09-17-329-009	Town of Cortland	\$815.00
7. <b>R2019-57</b>	Cortland	09-17-400-002	Town of Cortland	\$815.00
8. <b>R2019-58</b>	Cortland	09-17-400-010	Town of Cortland	\$815.00
9. <b>R2019-59</b>	Cortland	09-28-351-013	Town of Cortland	\$815.00
10. <b>R2019-60</b>	Cortland	09-29-276-011	Town of Cortland	\$815.00

Mr. Plote seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, 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, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

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### **Claims – July 2019**

#### **Motion**

Ms. Polanco moved to approve the payment of claims for the month of July, and the off-cycle claims paid during the previous month, including all claims for travel, meals, and lodging, in the amount of \$7,335,966.74. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the July 2019 Claims. Those Members voted yea were Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, 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, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Claims – August 2019**

#### **Motion**

Ms. Polanco moved Move 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 \$8,328,102.93. Ms. Willis seconded the motion.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the August 2019 Claims. Those Members voted yea were Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, 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, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. 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 – June & July 2019
2. Public Defender's Report – June & July 2019
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – June & July 2019
4. Pretrial Report – June & July 2019
5. Sheriff's Jail Report – June & July 2019
6. Building Permits & Construction Reports – June & July 2019
7. County Clerk & Recorder's Six-Month Report – Ending June 30, 2019
8. Circuit Clerk's Six-Month Report – Ending June 30, 2019

Mr. Campbell 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 R2019-61: Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Acquisition of Properties within the City of Sycamore**

**Motion**

Vice Chairman Frieders moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby authorize the County Board Chairman to sign the attached Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Sycamore for the acquisition of a storage building at 1721 N. Main Street (part of PIN #06-21-300-052) and the acquisition of two buildings at 202 E. Page Street (part of PIN #06-32-230-010) with monies to come (a) \$300,000 from the County Farm Fund, (b) \$175,000 for the building acquisitions from the Opportunity Fund, and (c) up to \$25,000 from the Opportunity Fund for minor renovations and repairs. Mr. Osland seconded the motion as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voted yea were Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, 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, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, and Chairman Pietrowski. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion**

Ms. Willis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. and Mr. Porterfield 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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