

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 12, 2010**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 7:00p.m. at the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias called the meeting to order. Members present were Marlene Allen, Ken Andersen, Larry Anderson, Julia Fauci, Michael Haines and Jeff Metzger, Sr. Members absent were Eileen Dubin and Pat LaVigne. Chairman Tobias asked Mr. Jerry Augsburger to sit in for Ms. Pat LaVigne and Mr. Riley Oncken to sit in for Ms. Eileen Dubin. Others present were Ray Bockman, Greg Millburg, Riley Oncken, Pat Vary, Mark Todd, Steve Walt, Tom Zucker, Anita Turner, Kevin Chambliss, Derek Tyson, John Emerson and Paul Stoddard.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Ken Andersen said that under the appointments portion of the minutes his name was spelled wrong.

Moved by Mr. Andersen, seconded by Ms. Fauci, and it was carried to approve the amended minutes from December 2009.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Bockman asked to add two items to the agenda. The first item is a resolution regarding a Capital Assistance Grant from IDOT for the Voluntary Action Center and the second item is a resolution from the Ad Hoc Rules Committee for an amendment to the DeKalb County Board Rules.

Moved by Mr. Metzger, Sr., seconded by Mr. Haines, and it was carried to approve the amended agenda.

APPOINTMENTS

1. DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center Operating Board:

Mr. Kenneth Andersen
Mr. Ronald Klein
Ms. Veronica Casella
Mr. John Wilson
All reappointments for a term of 1 year, until 01/01/2011.

Ms. Lynn Shepard, new appointment for a term of 1 year, until 01/01/2011.

2. Supportive Living Center Board:

Mr. Kenneth Andersen
Mr. Ronald Klein
Ms. Veronica Casella
Mr. John Wilson

All reappointments for a term of 1 year, until 01/01/2011.

Ms. Lynn Shepard, new appointment for a term of 1 year, until 01/01/2011.

Appointments expiring for February 2010:

- 1.) Mental Health 708 Board – 3 positions
- 2.) Metropolitan Planning Organization – 1 position

Chairman Tobias said that Ms. Anita Turner will not be seeking reappointment for the Rehab and Nursing Center Operating Board and the Supportive Living Center Board. If any county board member is interested in serving on these two boards, please contact Chairman Tobias.

Moved by Mr. Haines, seconded by Ms. Fauci, and it was carried to forward these recommendations to the full board for approval.

DISCUSSION: DIVERSITY POLICY

Mr. Bockman said that the resolution before the committee tonight is a request to adopt a diversity policy for the County of DeKalb. He also said that the County's labor counsel and the DeKalb County State's Attorney has reviewed the draft policy and said that it looked fine.

Moved by Mr. Haines, seconded by Ms. Fauci, to forward this recommendation to the full board for approval. Discussion followed.

Mr. Anderson asked if this policy creates a quota system? He said that in the second paragraph the way that it is worded makes it sound like a quota system. How about some qualifications be put in this statement also? I do not agree with the wording if it sounds like a quota system. He further stated that this was his interpretation of this paragraph.

Mr. Chambliss said that qualifications were an assumed presence. He does not feel that the policy takes away from the qualifications.

Mr. Bockman said that a quota system would have something that could be measured. He does feel that it's a statement of our corporate culture, that we welcome people of all races, color, sexual orientation - we do that.

Mr. Metzger, Sr., asked if people will be going to diversity training sessions?

Mr. Bockman said that he would make department heads aware of it. We do not dictate training in the county.

After a brief discussion the motion was carried unanimously to

forward to the full board for approval.

RESOLUTION: CAPITAL ASSISTANCE GRANT – VOLUNTARY ACTION CENTER

Mr. Bockman, County Administrator, said that the Voluntary Action Center approached his office about the fact that they had just been solicited to apply for an IDOT Capital Assistance Grant that would help to pay for a new roof that they need installed at the cost of \$110,000. This is a non-matching grant, he further stated. This resolution would enable them to begin the application process.

Moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Mr. Augsburger, and it was carried unanimously to forward this resolution to the full board for approval.

AD HOC RULES COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEKALB COUNTY BOARD RULES

Mr. Stoddard, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Rules Committee, said that they were sending a resolution to the full board this month to amend the DeKalb County Board Rules regarding members' attendance at committee meetings. He noted that there were three changes to the rules that reflect video or audio conferencing, committee assignments changes, and if a county-board member misses more than 3 months in a calendar year of committee meetings they would be removed from that committee. The committee also amended the ordinance to state that the county board member would need to notify the committee chairman or the county board office in a reasonable amount of time.

The committee discussed whether or not there was a rule that dictates that you have to serve on two assigned committees.

Mr. Oncken said that when he looked through the county board rules, he could not find that stipulation.

Mr. Bockman said that Mr. Oncken was correct, that this has been a long standing past practice of the county board.

Mr. Haines said that these changes would last for one year and that this resolution would be looked at again a year from its adoption by the full county board.

Moved by Mr. Oncken, seconded by Mr. Haines, and it was carried unanimously to forward this resolution to the full board for approval.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Ray Bockman, County Administrator, reviewed the County Board Agenda for the Board Meeting to be held on January 20, 2010. The committee discussed the wording of the first item under the Planning and Zoning Committee. Mr. Andersen said that he would check with Mr. Paul Miller,

DeKalb County Planning and Zoning Director to get clarification of the proper wording for this item.

Moved by Ms. Allen, seconded by Ms. Fauci, and it was carried unanimously to approve the County Board Agenda and to forward it to the full board for approval.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Haines, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said that his committee did not meet and that he had no report. He did mention that the Finance Committee would meet in February on 2/8/10 @ 7:00p.m. They are changing their meeting date for February only.

Mr. Metzger, Sr., Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee said that they are sending one item to the county board regarding the Senior Services Tax Levy One-Time Allocation Awards. The committee is holding a few applications from other agencies that have applied because they need more answers from those agencies. This will be done at their February meeting. He also mentioned that there was a job reclassification approved for the Community Services Department that is fully funded by a grant that they receive.

Ms. Allen, Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee, said that they heard updates from CASA and the Drug Court. CASA said that they are holding their own but that their caseload is increasing. She said that Marilyn Stromborg from Drug Court told the committee that the relapse rate is low for this program.

Mr. Jerry Augsburger, Vice-Chairman of the County Highway Committee, said that he had no report.

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, said that the Red Cross Survival Clinic was held at Sannauk and that the Winterfest will be held this weekend at Russell Woods Forest Preserve

Mr. Stoddard, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Rules Committee said that they are sending the one resolution to the full board for approval.

Mr. Kenneth Andersen, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, said that his committee will be sending two items to the full board for consideration this month. He also mentioned that he and Mr. Oncken will be holding an Open House for the residents who live in their county board district on 1/23/10 from 9-11:00a.m. in Conference Room East.

Mr. Oncken, Vice-Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, said that he had no report.

Before adjourning, Chairman Tobias read a thank you note from the

Salvation Army for the County's food drive donation that was held in December 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Metzger, Sr., and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias

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