

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 11, 2010**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, May 11, 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, Eileen Dubin, Julia Fauci and Mike Haines. Mr. Metzger, Sr. and Ms. LaVigne called via the conference phone to participate in the meeting. Others present were Ray Bockman, Gary Hanson, Anita Turner, Margaret Whitwell, Greg Millburg, Mark Todd, Riley Oncken, Steve Walt, Sally DeFauw, Paul Stoddard, John Hulseberg, Pat Vary, and Jerry Augsburger.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Fauci, and it was carried unanimously to approve the phone in participation of Mr. Metzger, Sr., and Mr. LaVigne.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Andersen, seconded by Ms. Dubin, and it was carried unanimously to approve the amended minutes from April 2010.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Haines asked to amend the agenda to add Public Information as 4a.) and Chairman Tobias added an item under 4b.) on the Circus.

Moved by Mr. Hulseberg, seconded by Mr. Andersen, and it was carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

**APPOINTMENTS**

- a.) **Housing Authority of the County  
Of DeKalb:** Ms. Susie Hill, to fill Ms. Donna Caul's unexpired term, until 11/01/2012.
  
- b.) **Board of Review:** Mr. Douglas Johnson, reappointment for a term of 2 years, until 04/30/2012.
  
- c.) **DeKalb County Animal  
Control Administrator:** Dr. Paul Augustine, appointment for a term of 3 years, until 12/30/2013.

**d.) Waterman Community Fire  
Protection District:**

Mr. Mark Rueff, reappointment for a term of  
3 years, until 04/01/2013.

**Appointments expiring for JUNE 2010:**

- 1.) Rehab & Nursing Center Operating Board – 1 position

**Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Andersen, and it was carried unanimously to forward these recommendations to the full board for approval.**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Mr. Haines approached the committee about his concern about the process of last night's meeting. He feels that the County needs to do a better job of getting information out to the public via press releases, etc.

The committee discussed the coverage of their meetings by the local newspapers and the press.

Mr. Andersen suggested that maybe we may want to sit down with the local press and discuss how they and the County could work together better and make the coverage better.

It was decided that Mr. Andersen and Mr. Haines will sit down and come up with some suggestions that may help with this problem.

**DEKALB KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REQUEST**

Chairman Tobias said that the DeKalb Knights of Columbus approached the committee last month regarding the use of County property for an upcoming event in August 2010. She said that Mr. Matt Volk from the DeKalb Knights of Columbus said that they had asked the Circus to come to DeKalb to host performances on August 9-10, 2010. Chairman Tobias asked the committee what their feelings were about this request.

It was the consensus of the committee that they did not want this event to happen on County property.

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA**

Mr. Ray Bockman, County Administrator, reviewed the County Board Agenda for the Board Meeting to be held on May 19, 2010.

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

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Metzger, Sr., Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, said that they were sending a resolution on the Annual Senior Services Tax Levy Awards. He mentioned that the committee heard from Ms. Grush on her Annual Report and from Mr. Horn who gave an update on the restructuring of the U. of I. Extension Unit. Mr. Horn is hoping that the County's annual funding support would continue.

Ms. LaVigne, Chairman of the County Highway Committee, said that she had no report.

Mr. Haines, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said that his committee heard from Fred Lantz on the County's Annual Audit. Mr. Lantz said that the County's fund balance was in good shape. The committee is sending three items to the full county board this month for approval. They are the General Obligation Alternate Bonds, a change to the County's Email Usage Policy, and the updated Family Medical Leave Policy, in which the committee agreed to send the original resolution back to the full board for approval. It would be the same resolution that was before the full County Board at their last (April) County Board Meeting.

Ms. Allen, Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee, said that the Safehouse held their Open House in April. Her committee is sending one resolution to the full board for approval this month. She said that the committee, through Mr. Oncken, is trying to get some people to come before them soon about the gang activity in DeKalb.

Ms. Dubin, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, said that her committee heard from Ms. Deb Armstrong, Executive Director of the DeKalb Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau who approached the committee again this year for a contribution to their DeKalb Visitor's Guide. The committee is sending this resolution on to the full board for approval this month.

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, said that the Forest Preserve District Committee did hold a tree planting at Afton Forest Preserve, which was very successful. The Sunrise Rotary Run will be held this weekend if anyone is interested in taking part or attending it.

Mr. Kenneth Andersen, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, said that his committee will be holding two more public hearings soon regarding a day care business and the reopening of the Vulcan Public Hearing.

Before adjourning, Chairman Tobias briefly asked the committee members that if any of them are interested in attending the Annual NACo Conference in Reno, Nevada this summer to let Ms. Supple know in the County Board Office.

Chairman Tobias also mentioned that she and Mr. Bockman had attended a meeting at NIU hosted by President Peters recently where Mr. Peters informed those present about what is happening at NIU. Mr. Peters mentioned that NIU will be constructing new housing to attract more students to attend NIU. They will be working on a new Marketing Campaign regarding this issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias

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