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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 12, 2010

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, October 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, Larry Anderson, Eileen Dubin, Julia Fauci, Jeff Metzger, Sr., and Pat LaVigne. Mr. Andersen and Mr. Haines were absent. Chairman Tobias asked Ms. Vary, who is the Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee to please sit in for Mr. Andersen, and Mr. Hulseberg, of the Finance Committee to sit in for Mr. Haines. Others present were Ray Bockman, Gary Hanson, Stephen Reid, Mark Todd, Paul Stoddard, Sally DeFauw, Jerry Augsburger, Anita Turner, Derek Tyson, Riley Oncken and Steve Walt.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Anderson amended the minutes on page 2, paragraphs 9 and 11, to reflect that it should read Mr. Andersen.

Moved by Ms. LaVigne, seconded by Ms. Fauci, and it was carried unanimously to approve the amended minutes from September 2010.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPOINTMENTS

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1. The Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb:

Mr. Jerry Wahlstrom, to be reappointed for a term of 5 years, until 11/01/2015.

2.) Workforce Investment Act Board:

Mr. Paul Borek, for a term of 2 years, until 09/30/2012.

Appointments expiring for November 2010:

- 1.) Rehab & Nursing Center Operating Board – 1 position
- 2.) DeKalb Area Convention and Visitors Bureau – 1 position (county board member needed).
- 3.) DeKalb County Public Building Commission – 1 position
- 4.) Community Services Administrative Board – 4 positions

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

FY'11 BUDGET DISCUSSION

The committee discussed an appeal regarding item #21 from the budget narrative:

#21 Do not eliminate 2 County Board meetings and 2 monthly committee meetings for each committee, adding \$15,500 to the budget.

One suggestion was from Mr. Hulseberg who stated that funding comes from eliminating the intern position in the County Board Office and from reductions in the State's Attorney's Office.

The second suggestion was from Mr. Walt, who stated that funding could come from reducing the hiring overlap period for the County Engineer's replacement from four months to two months.

Ms. Dubin read a letter from Dr. Thurmaier, Professor and Director of the Division of Public Administration at Northern Illinois University regarding the Administrative Intern's Position being eliminated. He urged the committee and the county board to retain the position because of the fact that the position helps to strengthen our county with the projects that the interns work on, but also improve county governments elsewhere.

Chairman Tobias asked, if we keep the meetings, could we look at saving the money by not paying the extra county board members that attend this meeting that are not assigned to it?

Mr. Bockman said that it would save about \$9,000 a year by not paying these additional board members to attend the executive committee meeting.

The committee discussed this issue at length with Chairman Tobias suggesting that the Ad Hoc Rules Committee to look at bylaw changes? Under current rules there is no mechanism to cancel a County Board Meeting for example. Does the committee get reconstituted as it has been?

Mr. Stoddard suggested that the Ad Hoc Rules Committee wait until after the November election to begin this discussion.

Chairman Tobias said that she would not like to eliminate the intern position. She feels that the interns have a good experience working in DeKalb County, because we are so very well managed and it sets the county apart from others.

Mr. Hulseberg suggested that maybe the Ad Hoc Rules Committee could also look at whether or not the additional board members that come to the executive committee should be paid for attendance at the executive committee.

Ms. Fauci asked if the elimination of the 2 County Board meetings would be on a temporary basis?

Mr. Bockman said that it is for the 2011 budget.

It was moved by Mr. Hulseberg, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and it was carried to approve the appeal and to forward it to the Finance Committee. Six members voted yes and three members voted no, those being Ms. Dubin, Ms. Fauci and Chairman Tobias.

Chairman Tobias asked what do we do with the two suggestions?

Mr. Walt withdrew his suggestion.

EXEMPT EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The committee discussed the exempt employee evaluation of the County Administrator, Mr. Ray Bockman. The committee concurred that Mr. Bockman is doing very well and that he takes on extra work with no increase in pay. Mr. Augsburger said that he feels that DeKalb County is very fortunate to have Mr. Bockman as the County Administrator.

Mr. Bockman thanked the committee for their kind words.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Ray Bockman, County Administrator, reviewed the County Board Agenda for the Board Meeting to be held on October 20, 2010.

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

GENERAL DISCUSSION

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

Mr. Larry Anderson, Vice-Chairman of the DeKalb County Board, had no report.

Mr. Metzger, Sr., Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, said that his committee had an update on the Community Services Department from Ms. Moulton and Mr. Stoddard gave an update report on the Public Health Board.

Ms. Allen, Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee, said that her committee heard from the Gang Unit from the City of DeKalb. She encouraged the committee to read the minutes from their September 2010 committee meeting.

Ms. Dubin, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, said that her committee discussed the Broadband Network Agreement and forwarded it as an ordinance to the board last month.

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, said that the Forest Preserve will be placing their budget on file this month. They held a wonderful Star Party the other evening and they are currently discussing the creation of a Land Purchase Policy.

Ms. Vary, Vice-Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, said that her committee discussed the Vulcan issue.

Mr. Hulseberg, Member of the Finance Committee, said that his committee discussed the budget appeals, which went well.

Chairman Tobias informed the committee that the new Ad Hoc Committee formed for the Search for a new County Engineer held its first meeting and they have set a schedule. The Jail Planning Committee will be meeting in November and the Jail Planner/Consultant RFP's are out with a response to be turned in by October 28, 2010.

She also mentioned that it looks like the Pollution Control Board will be setting the hearings dates around the 2nd or 3rd week in November.

Mr. Bockman said that he would like to make a comment about how the electronic participation by conference phone at meetings have been working out. He feels that it is flawed because at the Finance Committee meeting last week a member was disconnected twice.

Chairman Tobias reminded everyone to check the County's website about the next flu shots that will be given at the Health Department.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias