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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 13, 2012

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 7:00p.m. at the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Larry Anderson called the meeting to order. Members present were Marlene Allen, Ken Andersen, Julia Fauci, John Gudmunson, Scott Newport, Paul Stoddard, Ruth Anne Tobias, and Pat Vary. Others present were John Acardo, Ray Bockman, Bob Brown, Jeff Whelan, Charles Foster, Julia Fullerton, Stephen Reid, Gary Hanson, Riley Oncken, Sally DeFauw, Anita Turner and John Hulseberg.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Ms. Allen, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from February 2012.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Ms. Vary, seconded by Ms. Fauci, and it was carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

Chairman Anderson asked if the agenda could be amended to include 2 items, one is for a resolution from the Treasurer for a Delinquent Tax Deed and the other is a resolution from the State's Attorney's Office. The amended agenda was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Anderson said that he has asked and has received all resignations from the 5 members of the DeKalb County Ad Hoc County Administrator's Search Committee and it is therefore, dissolved.

- 1.) **DeKalb Sanitary District:** Mr. Timothy Struthers, reappointment for a term of 3 years, until 03/31/2015.

- 2.) **Cortland Fire Protection District:** **Mr. Dan Krupa, reappointment for a term of 2 years, until March 31, 2014.**

Mr. Mark Yeager, reappointment for a term of 3 years, until March 31, 2015.

Mr. Russell Stokes, appointment for a term of 3 years, until March 31, 2015.

- 3.) **DeKalb Community Fire Protection District:** Mr. Daniel Faivre, appointment for a term of 3 years, until March 31, 2015.
- 4.) **Genoa-Kingston Fire Protection District:** Mr. Tony Woodson, appointment for a term of 3 years, until March 31, 2015.
- 5.) **Hinckley Fire Protection District:** Mr. Bruce Thorp, appointment for a term of 3 years, until March 31, 2015.
- 6.) **Kirkland Fire Protection District:** Mr. Kevin Aves, reappointment for a term of 3 years, until March 31, 2015.
- 7.) **Maple Park Fire District:** Mr. Philip W. Foster, Jr., reappointment for a 3 year term until 3/31/2015.
- 7.) **Shabbona Fire Protection District:** Mr. Steve Probst, reappointment for a term of 3 years, until March 31, 2015.
- 8.) **Sycamore Fire Protection District:** Mr. Todd Cambier, appointment for a term of 3 years, until March 31, 2015.
- 9.) **Waterman Fire Protection District:** Mr. Roger Thorpe, reappointment for a term of 3 years, until March 31, 2015.

Appointments expiring for April 2012:

- 1.) Community Services Advisory Board – 1 position
- 2.) Workforce Investment Act Board – 1 position
- 3.) Regional Plan Commission – 7 positions
- 4.) Board of Review – 1 position
- 5.) Farmland Assessments Board – 1 position

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

Ms. Vary asked Chairman Anderson if there was a time limit for the DeKalb Sanitary District members.

Chairman Anderson said that there was no time limit.

RESOLUTION # R2012-30: DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX SALE – MR. MARK TODD, TREASURER

Mr. Mark Todd, DeKalb County Treasurer approached the committee about a delinquent property tax sale resolution that needs to go before the full county

board at their next meeting in March. It is a mobile home piece of property. This will return the property back to the tax rolls.

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

RESOLUTION #R2012-31: County Participation in the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Program.

Mr. Bockman explained to the committee that the State's Attorney's Office asked if this resolution could come before them this evening, as a house keeping item, to allow the State's Attorney to participate in the service program of the Office of the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor for Fiscal Year 2012, commencing December 1, 2011 and ending November 30, 2012. This resolution authorizes the DeKalb County Board Chairman to sign the resolution. It used to be signed by the State's Attorney but now they are asking for the signature of the County Board Chairman.

The committee was concerned about the language on the last paragraph, 4th line down that they wanted change to read, "November 30, 2012, and did appropriate \$20,000.00 in its FY2012 budget....."

Ms. Fauci also asked to make sure that the money is there also.

Moved by Mr. Newport, seconded by Ms. Stoddard, and it was carried unanimously to forward this resolution to the full board for approval with the recommended change of language to read "and did appropriate \$20,000.00 in its FY2012 budget."

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION SEARCH

Mr. Stoddard asked Chairman Anderson that now, under Appointments the 5 member Ad Hoc County Administrator's Position Search Committee has been dissolved, where do we stand on this issue?

Chairman Anderson said that it will go back to this committee, the Executive Committee.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Ray Bockman, County Administrator, reviewed the County Board Agenda for the Board Meeting to be held on March 21, 2012.

Moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Ms. Vary, and it was carried unanimously to approve the county board agenda and to forward it to the full county board for approval.

Mr. Ken Andersen asked Chairman Anderson if he could add something under New Business on the County Board Agenda.

Chairman Anderson said yes, what is the issue?

Mr. Andersen said that he would like to add an item titled "Discussion on the County going Home Rule." He would like to have the standing committees place this item on their agendas over the next two to three months and discuss the pros and cons of the county going home rule. The committee chairmen would then report back to the Executive Committee with the response from their individual committees.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Andersen, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, said that they will be holding some public hearings in the near future. One of those hearings will involve Stonehouse Park and it will be held on March 29, 2012. He said that another public hearing will be coming shortly regarding Franklin Township and their request to possibly build a new building near their existing township building.

Mr. Newport, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said that his committee is sending about 5 items to the full board for approval next week. He said that they approved the two bond levy resolutions and had a discussion on the update regarding the HSA's for 2013. They also began discussion on the budget process. Finally, they approved a 2% wage increase for non-union employees, which total to about 100 employees. The Circuit Clerk is shifting some funds from her budget to cover the \$80,000 in wage increases. They also approved the FY2011 Budget Transfers for year-end.

Mr. Gudmunson, Chairman of the Highway Committee, said that they are sending about 7 items to the full board for approval in March.

Mr. Stoddard, Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, said that his committee heard from Ms. Cathy Anderson, of the Rehab and Nursing Center who said that they are barely holding on this year. They also heard from Ms. Mosser with Safe Passage who said that her agency is doing much better this year. The position classification will be on hold for Ms. Moulton's department, Community Services, until her 6-month review is finished with the Mental Health Board, of which she is director of that department also.

Ms. Allen, Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee, said that she had nothing to report this month since her committee did not have a meeting in February.

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, said that her committee will be sending 4 items to the full board for approval. They will be holding their committee meeting the night before the County Board meeting next week. Two of those items will be placed on the tables, that is, resolution #R2012-29 regarding the Somonauk to Sannauk Trail Lease Agreement and ordinance #2012-03 regarding the Dog Ordinance Amendments.

There was discussion on the lease agreement with Somonauk and the County Forest Preserve. The lease amount being proposed is for \$1,365.00 a month for 2.88 acres for 15 years.

Mr. Stoddard asked if an investment will be needed for this project.

Ms. Fauci said yes, there will be. She explained that Somonauk will be maintaining the trail and the County Forest Preserve will be doing the improvements. It will be for a 15 year lease.

Mr. Foster asked Ms. Fauci why it was for just 15 years?

Ms. Fauci said that at first they only agreed to a 5 year lease that the committee was able to get it bumped up to a 15 year lease.

Mr. Stoddard asked if there needed to any zoning changes on this project?

Mr. Andersen said that there maybe.

Vice-Chairman Tobias asked the committee if several resources that were mentioned on an Occupy Group brochure dealing with helpful information for people who are going through foreclosures could be mentioned on the County's website.

Mr. Todd, DeKalb County Treasurer, said that he has many of those helpful resources already mentioned on the Treasurer's webpage on the County's website.

Vice-Chairman Tobias then mentioned to the committee that the Ad Hoc Jail Planning Committee will be meeting tomorrow in the Legislative Center @ 3:30p.m. to discuss an agreement with the City of Sycamore on the Jail and closure of Locust Street.

Mr. Bockman said that he wanted to say that it has been very nice working with the staff at the City of Sycamore, which is very professional.

Ms. Tobias said that what the committee will do is hopefully approve this resolution and then it will be forwarded to the full board for approval.

Mr. Bockman said that the City of Sycamore then will take up this matter at the Council meeting on March 19, 2012 prior to our County Board meeting on March 21st.

Ms. Pat Vary, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, said that her committee heard from Mr. John Acardo, DeKalb County Clerk and Recorder, as he brought forward his Fee Agreement resolution last month. Mr. Brian Gregory, City Manager of the City of Sycamore shared some of their economic development information with the committee. Ms. Vary explained that each month she is inviting various economic development officers from the cities that

have one to visit with her committee. The City of DeKalb is coming tomorrow night for their March meeting and then next month she will invite another city. The Arts and Entertainment Group did meet in February and at the end of the meeting 7 people stepped up to for the new Arts Council and held their first organizational meeting right there and then. As time goes on, they will be informing Ms. Vary of their progress and projects to share with her committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PENDING LITIGATION

Moved by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Andersen, and it was carried to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. A roll call vote was taken with 9 members voting yes and zero members voting no. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Andersen, seconded by Mr. Gudmunson, and it was carried to return to open session at 8:20p.m. A roll call vote was taken with 9 members voting yes and zero members voting no. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Allen, seconded by Ms. Vary, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Larry A. Anderson

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