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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 13, 2012**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Wednesday, November 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, John Gudmunson, Paul Stoddard, Scott Newport, Julia Fauci and Ms. Tobias. Ms. Pat Vary was absent. Others present were Ray Bockman, Steve Reid, John Hulseberg, Jerry Augsburg, Tom Zucker, Anita Turner, John Emerson, Jeff Whelan, Charles Foster, Paul Miller, Cathy Anderson, Greg Millburg, Dennis Miller, Sheriff Scott, Margi Gilmour, Maureen Josh, Nathan Schwartz, Stephanie Klein, Jeff Metzger, Sr., Sally DeFauw, Derek Tyson, Anthony Cvek and Dan Cribben.

It was moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Mr. Gudmunson and it was carried unanimously to invite Mr. Oncken to sit in for Ms. Vary to represent the Economic Development Committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Tobias, seconded by Ms. Allen, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from October 9, 2012 and October 17, 2012.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Stoddard amended the agenda to include item #9a.) Approval of the County Board Agenda, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

It was moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Mr. Oncken, and it was carried to approve the amended agenda.

APPOINTMENTS

- 1.) DeKalb County Alternate
Hearing Officer: Mr. Dale Clark, for an indefinite term.

- 2.) Fairdale Light District: Mr. Ryan Lawrence, appointment for a term of 3 years, until 11/01/2015.

- 3.) DeKalb County Community
Mental Health 708 Board: Ms. Jane Dargatz, reappointed for a term of 4 years, until 12/31/2016.

Mr. Merlin Wessels, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Ken Ritchie, until 12/31/2013.

4.) DeKalb County Nursing Home Foundation Board:

Ms. Gwen Fox
Mr. Richard Graham
Mr. Randy Moseley
Mr. Michael Stuckert, Sr.

All appointments for a term of 3 years, until 11/30/2015.

5.) Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb:

Ms. Susie Hill, reappointment for a term of 5 years, until November 17, 2017.

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

Appointments expiring for DECEMBER 2012:

- 1.) Metropolitan Planning Organization – 2 positions
- 2.) Public Building Commission – 1 position
- 3.) DeKalb County Board – 24 positions

NEW PUBLIC TRANSIT FACILITY DISCUSSION

Mr. Tom Zucker, Executive Director of the Voluntary Action Center, approached the committee about a new public transit facility proposal. He said that they have an opportunity to reach a new milestone in public transportation. They are looking at building on their relationship with the County of DeKalb, the City of DeKalb, IDOT, Federal Transit Administration, and many other local units of government throughout the county. In 1974 they handled 7,000 public transportation rides and now in 2012 they have handled 208,000 rides. They can't park the vehicles inside the garage anymore in their current location.

They had a study done with the help of DSATS that showed that an 80,000 square foot facility is needed. They currently have a 13,000 square foot facility. They now have grant opportunities that they can apply for that would result in a new building. The City of DeKalb is the recipient of a Federal 5703 Grant that would result in approximately \$2.5 million funding that could be used for the construction of a new building. It can be used for a project like this.

They also learned a month ago that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has issued a call for projects for a new State Capital grant that can also be used for the construction of a facility. Both the County and the City can apply for that grant that could result in additional funds of anywhere between \$3 million to \$6 million.

They are also working with the State Transportation Association who employs a federal lobbyist who has agreed to take this project on through his contract with the State Association, at no cost to us to work towards finding more federal funds that are available through the Highway Bill. The Highway Bill has the opportunity over the next couple of years for some significant funds for transit facilities. We believe that over several years we could get this accomplished.

What Voluntary Action Center is asking the County to do in advance is make available to them a piece of land for this project. There is a precedent for this, Mr. Zucker said, as the County owns the land that they currently have their operations located on, through the grant that the County applied for so many years ago. By making the land available off of Bethany Road, they would be able to submit competitive grant applications through this new State Grant opportunity if we had some commitment that land would be available. They are asking the County to consider this proposal of making the land available through a resolution.

They are considering the construction of a Park and Ride facility, a larger commercial kitchen and a training area for new bus drivers.

Chairman Anderson said that when he spoke with the Assessor's office she had told him that the total amount of acreage on the proposed site was only 11.8 acres not 14 acres. Would that be enough space?

Mr. Zucker said yes.

Mr. Andersen asked if there would be any costs to the County.

Mr. Zucker said that all the grants that they will be applying for do not need matching funds. They are looking for the grants to pay for it.

After a brief discussion, it was Moved by Mr. Newport, seconded by Ms. Fauci, and it was carried to forward this resolution to the full board for approval. There were 8 yes votes and one no vote. Chairman Anderson voted no.

LAND ACQUISITION DISCUSSION

Mr. Bockman said that the committee has discussed this proposal for a couple of months now about buying a home located at 229 E. Exchange Street in Sycamore, Illinois. The County would purchase the property for \$163,000 and the contract calls for salvage rights. They want to be out of the property by December 31, 2012 and they will insure the property until then.

It was moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Ms. Tobias, and it was carried unanimously to forward this resolution to the full board for approval.

SUPPORT FOR A I-90/ROUTE 23 INTERCHANGE

Mr. Bockman said that he received a phone call from a gentleman that represents a group who are trying to promote an additional interchange at the intersection of I-90 and Route 23. Their interests are monetary and one of them owns land at this intersection and they hope to make a substantial profit if it opens up to development. The Genoa City

Council unanimously voted to endorse this request. He also said that he did contact county board members John Emerson and Russell Deverell to make sure they were aware of this proposal.

Mr. Emerson said that why shouldn't we consider this support because it does not cost the County anything.

Mr. Andersen suggested sending this request to the Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Bockman said that the request was to bring this to the county board to consider. He did not think that the County Board would want to put themselves in the position of having the Regional Planning Commission telling you to endorse this or not. You can take it to them to also support the project, in addition to the County Board.

It was moved by Mr. Andersen, seconded by Mr. Gudmunson, to delay our decision until the Regional Plan Commission reviews it.

Ms. Fauci said that there definitely is a need for an interchange since there are 39 miles between the exchanges now.

Mr. Bockman suggested that the request should go to Metropolitan Planning (MPO) too.

Mr. Newport said that he feels that all of the potential outcomes sound positive so he doesn't see the need to delay it. He doesn't see a need to wait for the Regional Planning Commission to see whether they endorse it or not.

Mr. Andersen withdrew his motion. Mr. Gudmunson seconded it.

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

RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Chairman Anderson said that we are releasing the minutes from the meetings stated in the resolution and make them available to the public.

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

DECEMBER 2012 COUNTY BOARD MEETING CANCELLATION DISCUSSION

The committee agreed to cancel the December 19, 2012 county board meeting. If there were any items that come up that need to go before the full board for approval in December, the committee agreed to place those items on the December 3, 2012 Organizational Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Ms. Fauci, and it was carried unanimously to cancel the regular county board meeting scheduled for December 19, 2012.

Chairman Anderson mentioned that he was looking for two people to fill two vacancies on the Metropolitan Planning Organizational committee. If anyone is interested, please notify him.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Ray Bockman, County Administrator, reviewed the County Board Agenda for the Board Meeting to be held on November 21, 2012. He did mention that if approved the Executive Committee will send another resolution out of the executive session that would be for the County Administrator's position.

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

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Newport, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said that his committee discussed the county offering the employees two different insurance plans, the High Deductible Plan and the current PPO plan.

Mr. Gudmunson, Chairman of the Highway Committee, said that his committee was sending three resolutions to the full board this month.

Mr. Andersen, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, said that they have nothing to send this month to the full board. He said that the department has been busy with variations that they have scheduled to hear.

Ms. Allen, Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee, said that they heard from Mr. Dennis Miller, Director of ESDA and the Coroner for DeKalb County, with updates on both of his departments. She is also seeking books for the Children's Waiting Room.

Mr. Stoddard, Chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee, said that his committee heard from Ms. Vicki Broos, Director of the Cooperative Extension Unit and Mr. Derek Avery, the Regional Superintendent of Schools who gave his annual report.

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, said that they will be holding their meeting next week Tuesday evening. The lodge at McQueen Forest Preserve will be roofing it and the Boy Scouts raised money to stain it. A tree will be planted there for the gentleman that died at the movie theater in Colorado.

Ms. Tobias, Vice-Chairman of the DeKalb County Board, said that the Open House for the Courthouse was held last Sunday. About 600 people attended. She thanked Ms. Fauci for producing the booklet that was handed out. Last Thursday she attended the Northwest Water Planning group and she will be going to the Regional Planning Commission to talk about the water conservation lawn watering ordinance that the group is trying to promote among municipalities. She also mentioned that the County Board Christmas Party will be held on December 12, 2012 at Anita Turner's home again.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was moved by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Mr. Oncken, and it was carried unanimously to move into closed session to discuss personnel.

It was moved by Mr. Newport, seconded by Mr. Gudmunson, and it was carried unanimously to return to open session.

It was moved by Mr. Newport, seconded by Mr. Gudmunson, to nominate the name of Ms. Sue McLaughlin as the new County Administrator for the County of DeKalb, to the full board for approval. There were 4 yes votes and 5 no votes by roll call vote. The yes votes were Chairman Anderson, Mr. Andersen, Mr. Gudmunson and Mr. Newport. The no votes were Ms. Allen, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Stoddard, Ms. Tobias, and Mr. Oncken. Motion fails.

It was moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Ms. Tobias, to nominate Mr. Gary Hanson, as the new County Administrator for the County of DeKalb, to the full board for approval. There were 6 yes votes and 3 no votes by a roll call vote. The 3 no votes were Chairman Anderson, Mr. Andersen and Mr. Gudmunson. The 6 yes votes were Ms. Allen, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Stoddard, Ms. Tobias, Mr. Oncken and Mr. Newport. Motion carries.

Mr. Bockman said that he would produce a contract to place in the county board packet.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Oncken, seconded by Ms. Tobias, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Larry A. Anderson

Mary C. Supple, Secretary

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