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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Executive Committee Minutes
April 8, 2014**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Jeffery Metzger called the meeting to order. Members present were Mrs. DeFauw, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Gudmunson, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Turner and Mr. Whelan. Mrs. Fullerton was absent.

Others present were Gary Hanson, Paul Miller, Derek Tyson, Mark Pietrowski, Riley Oncken, Frank O'Barski, Tracy Jones, Misty Haji-Sheikh, John Frieders and Anthony Cvek.

Chairman Metzger asked for a motion to bring Mr. Derek Tyson to the table to represent the Law & Justice Committee in Mrs. Fullerton's absence.

It was moved by Mr. Reid and seconded by Mr. Stoddard to invite Mr. Tyson to the table to represent the Law & Justice Committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2014 meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Metzger indicated that after consulting with Mr. Hanson, it would not be necessary to go into an Executive Session so he would like to remove that from the agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Mrs. DeFauw and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

RESCIND R2014-18: LAND ACQUISITION

Mr. Hanson explained that the Executive Committee had approved to forward a resolution to the Full County Board for approval to purchase a house located at 303 E. Exchange Street, Sycamore, IL for the use of a Sober Living Home which after further exploration of the home, the County decided that that particular house would not be the best choice to purchase. Mr. Hanson asked that the Committee rescind the resolution.

Ms. Fauci moved to rescind Resolution R2014-18 with respects to Land Acquisition and Mr. Tyson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chairman Metzger shared with the Committee that Administration and himself are having their first official meeting with Dr. Baker, President of Northern Illinois University on April 22nd. They currently have a small agenda prepared but invited the Committee and Board Members in attendance to bring forward any topics to Administration or himself that anyone may want addressed so that the issued can discussed with Mr. Baker.

The Chairman also mentioned that there will be a Proclamation this month to recognize Keith Mokry of Somonauk Middle School for winning the DeKalb County Regional Spelling Bee. Chairman Metzger asked Mr. Frieders to read the Proclamation the evening of the County Board Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Metzger recommended the following appointment:

1. **DeKalb County Sheriff's Merit Commission:** LeMetra Curry for an immediate appointment to fill the unexpired term of Bennetta Stearns until November 30, 2014.

Moved by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Mr. Whelan and it was carried unanimously to forward this appointment recommendation to the full board for approval.

Mrs. Fullerton arrived at 7:12 pm

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Gudmunson, Chairman of the County Highway Committee, announced that the Highway Committee will have five resolutions being brought to the Full County Board for approval for Hot-Mix Projects, Local Agency Agreement for Peace Road, 2014 Rejuvenator Project, Local Agency Agreement for Keslinger Road Bridge, and 2014 Pavement Marking Project. Mr. Gudmunson briefed the Committee on all of the resolutions with help from other Highway Committee members that were in attendance. They also informed the Committee that the Highway Committee is excited to start their FY2015 budget process and although it may not change the budget a tremendous amount it will give the Committee a better understanding of how the budget process works and make it more a collaborative effort.

Mrs. Fullerton, Chairman of the Law & Justice Committee, announced her committee had their informational meeting regarding a Sober Living Home that went very well. The Committee is also forwarding a resolution to the Full County Board for approve for a Neutral Site Custody Exchange Program in DeKalb County which will be funded by an \$8 court filing fee. Mrs. Fullerton shared some details of the program with everyone as well. Mr. Jones also added as far as the Sober Living Home, he would like to see the Law & Justice Committee take the proper steps to establish a Sober Living Home and to model what Will County did.

Mrs. DeFauw, Chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee shared that her Committee is currently in the process of conducting the Senior Services Tax Levy Hearings. She did also note that there is a larger amount of money requested this year than available but at their next meeting they will be allocating funds for the entities. Mrs. DeFauw also explained a little bit

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about the VAC trying for a TIGER Grant to help with construct their new facility. Lastly Health & Human Services is bringing a resolution to the Full County Board for approval for an increase in hours and benefits for a Case Manager in the Community Services Department. This increase in hours and the benefits has already been budgeted for and will be completely Grant Funded, Mrs. DeFauw explained.

Mr. Whelan, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, shared the Committee will be meeting the following night and will have a couple new Mayors to speak about economic development in their cities. Also at the previous meeting they had Mr. Hanson and a group came and gave a very informative presentation about Fiber Optics.

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, announced that the Forest Preserve District is having a late start to the season due to the weather but they are doing a lot of burning. Ms. Fauci also indicated that they are bringing a resolution to the Full Board of Commissioners for approval in regards to a Bike Friendly Community. She explained a little bit about what the resolution was for and indicated it wasn't for any specific project but more for communication and connectivity.

Mr. Reid, Chairman of the Finance Committee, announced the Committee is bringing forward a Resolution for Real Estate Trustee Agreements Program Contract Amendment that only changes the name of the trustee do to Joseph E. Meyer incorporating his business with the State of Illinois and also a Delinquent Tax Sale for a property located in Lee. He also brought up the airline fuel tax program and that the uncertainty of how that court case may go is making it difficult to plan for future finances because that revenue takes up about 10% of the County's General Fund.

Mrs. Turner, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, shared that the main subject that they have been discussing is the Evergreen Village Mitigation Project. The Committee is bringing forward a resolution to the Full Board regarding withdrawing from the project due to the property owner being unwilling to sell his property at the State Approved Appraised Price which is required by the Grant.

It was moved by Mrs. DeFauw, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was carried unanimously to approve the County Board Agenda and to forward it to the Full County Board for approval.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hanson provided the Committee and Board Members is attendance upcoming date reminders and an update on County related programs and projects. He reminded everyone about the County Board Workshop that will be coming up on April 30th at 6:30pm in regards to the Jail Expansion. Also there will be jail tours available for County Board Members on April 23rd at 9am and also at 6pm.

He shared that at the May Finance Committee Meeting, Waste Management will be in attendance to give further information on the Landfill and also to discuss the Host Fee Agreement Amendment that the Committee had table about a month ago.

An added reminder was giving that the Economic Development Committee starting May 6th will now be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month as a result of a County Board Rule Change.

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Mr. Hanson also touched on the Sons of the Civil War Veteran's raising money to refurbish the statue in front of the Courthouse, the County receiving the Sunshine Award for their transparency on the County's Website, and the renting of the space out at the Community Outreach Building. Lastly The DeKalb County Community Foundation is spearheading an initiative called "Advancing DeKalb County". The strategy they are using is called "collective impact". Mr. Hanson explained that collective impact occurs when decision-makers from different sectors agree to align their efforts and use common success measures to solve specific social problems. The goal is to identify a variety of initiatives that can be embraced and worked on by various levels of government, schools, and not-for-profits entities. This is a county-wide initiative and as such, DeKalb County Government has an opportunity to play a significant role in this endeavor.

Mr. Hanson also gave the Committee some updates on two open and one soon to be open Labor Contracts. The Highway's Operators Contract is coming up in December and he hopes to meet with the County Highway Committee mid-summer to discuss changes but to also keep in mind that any budget discussion may be subject to change with respects to the labor negotiations. Mr. Hanson also briefly explained that the MAP Contracts for the Sheriff's Department are open as well as one with the Probation Department.

INTRODUCTION OF 2015 BUDGET PROCESS

Mr. Hanson provided a handout to the Committee and asked if they were interested between now and July to take a "deep dive" into one or more of the budgets that report to Executive Committee for the potential FY2015 pre-budget discussion. He indicated so far that the Law & Justice were not interested in doing this, but the County Highway Committee was.

Mr. Stoddard suggested taking a deeper look into the Elections Budget.

Mr. Oncken stated that he would like Finance or Executive to take a deeper look into healthcare because it seems to be the biggest uncontrollable cost the County incurs. Mr. Cvek indicated that the Finance Committee has been looking at that this year and has taken steps in a positive direction.

The Highway Committee reiterated that they are happy to start the budget process and discussion this early in the year and it takes away some of the anxiety of about the budget and makes it "our" budget in the end.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mrs. Turner, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jeffery L. Metzger

Tasha Stogsdill, Recording Secretary

DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 8, 2014

Potential FY 2015 Pre-Budget Discussion Items (May through July)

1. Do you wish to do a “deep dive” into one or more of the budgets listed below?
 - a. Discuss individual line-items
 - b. Discuss staffing levels
 - c. Discuss service levels
 - d. Discuss fee levels charged
 - e. Contracts up for renewal

2. Any special projects you would like explored in any of the Committee’s budget areas?

Department Budgets:

County Board / Administration
Elections