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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Executive Committee Minutes
September 10, 2014**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met Wednesday, September 10, 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. Eight members were present and one seat vacant.

Others present were Gary Hanson, Paul Miller, Christine Johnson, Misty Haji-Sheikh, Frank O'Barski, Dianne Leifheit, Tracy Jones, Anthony Cvek, John Frieders, Bob Brown, Riley Oncken, Mark Pietrowski, and Christopher Porterfield.

It was moved by Mr. Gudmunson, seconded by Mr. Whelan and moved unanimously by voice vote to bring Mr. John Frieders to the table to represent the Law & Justice Committee. Let the roll reflect that all nine members of the Executive Committee were now present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mrs. Turner, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2014 meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chairman Metzger shared with the Committee how pleased he was with the turnout at last Saturday's Overdose Awareness Vigil at the DeKalb County Courthouse. He also added that the Narcan Pilot Program was moving right along and he added that he has been trying as hard as he can and as fast as he can to get this program up and running in order to start being able to possibly save lives as soon as possible. He shared that since DuPage County started their program in January they have been able to save 18 out of 19 individuals who overdosed on opiate drugs so the need for the program is real and the potential of saving lives as soon as possible is important. Chairman Metzger was also happy to announce that Margi Gilmour has accepted to be the director of the program and she will be able to report to the Law & Justice Committee in the future to give updates on the program as it becomes fully established.

Chairman Metzger also announced that there will be two Proclamations present at this month's County Board meeting. The first one will be proclaiming September "Hunger Action Month" in DeKalb County and a representative from Northern Illinois Food Bank will be present to accept the proclamation on their behalf. The second proclamation will be to proclaim October "The Big Read Month" and added in addition to the proclamation all residents are encouraged to read "A Wizard of Earthsea" by Ursula K. LeGuin.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Metzger recommended the following appointments for approval:

1. **Law & Justice Chairman:** John Frieders appointed as Chairman of the Law & Justice Committee until November 30, 2014.
2. **Rules Committee:** John Frieders appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Julia Fullerton until November 30, 2014.
3. **Union Drainage District #4 (72MC104):** Dean Lundeen reappointed for a term beginning September 1, 2014 and expiring August 31, 2017.
4. **East Pierce Cemetery Association:** John Kirchman and Richard Miller reappointed for terms beginning September 1, 2014 and expiring August 31, 2020. Robert Miller appointed for a term beginning September 1, 2014 and expiring August 31, 2020.
5. **Public Building Commission:** Larry Lundgren reappointed for a term beginning October 1, 2014 and expiring September 30, 2019.
6. **Workforce Investment Act Board:** Tom Choice, Mary Wright, and Paul Borek all reappointed for two year terms beginning October 1, 2014 and expiring September 30, 2016.

It was moved by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Mrs. Turner and it was approved unanimously by voice vote to forward the recommended appointments to the Full County Board for approval.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Vice Chairman Mr. Stoddard shared that the Ad Hoc Rules Committee will be meeting Monday, September 22nd at 7 p.m. with rules for reapportionment of redistricting maps and also revisiting the rules for attending a meeting electronically.

Mr. Gudmunson, Chairman of the County Highway Committee, announced that the Highway Committee will be having their 2014 Bus Tour of completed highway projects on September 23rd starting at 9 a.m. Mr. Gudmunson also shared that they will be bring forward three resolutions to the Full County Board for approval this month and briefly described each resolution.

Mr. Frieders of the Law & Justice Committee shared that the Committee would be bringing forward two resolutions for the Full County Board to consider and they are both are to increase fees in the Circuit Clerk's Office for Court Automation and Document Storage.

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Mrs. DeFauw, Chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee shared the Committee last night and they have an informative report from Bob Shipman of Opportunity House and what they are currently working as far as strategic planning and downsizing their Board of Directors and also shared goals and concerns they are looking at in the upcoming future. Mrs. DeFauw also explained that a few individuals from the Northern Illinois Food Bank gave a presentation to her Committee with respects to all the departments and component that make up the Northern Illinois Food Bank. She also shared that they were given many statistics about poverty and hunger within the area and learned more about the food banks in Huntley Middle School and at Northern Illinois University.

Mr. Whelan, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, shared the Committee was visited by Mr. Paul Borek to talk more about the Enterprise Zone application and Mr. Whelan shared that the Committee is working on bringing forward a resolution not this month but next month to name the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation as an Advisory Board for the Enterprise Zone. Mr. Whelan also shared that they had a report from Mary Supple in regards to the Arts Council and mentioned that they have been doing well. The Executive Committee took a few minutes to discuss and reiterated information regarding the Enterprise Zone timeline and when the zone maps will start to be drawn up. Lastly it was mentioned that there is a huge undertaking that has to be done by the municipalities in order to work together and come up with a unified incentive plan for abatements.

Mr. Reid, Chairman of the Finance Committee, shared that the Committee will be bringing forward eight delinquent property tax sales for the board to consider. The also forwarded a resolution to the Full County Board to consider placing the FY 2015 Budget on file for public viewing. Mr. Reid lastly shared that the Finance Committee will be having a special meeting at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17th before the County Board Budget Q & A Workshop which is prior to the Full County Board Meeting. The Special Meeting is designated to discuss budget issues and the possibility of pursuing additional cuts to the budget.

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, announced that the Committee was updated on the Sycamore Alumni Cross Country Run at Afton, the Genoa to Russell Woods Trail, and also the Blanding's Turtle which was found in a pond a couple miles away from Afton Forest Preserve. Ms. Fauci also shared that they viewed the Forest Preserve's FY 2015 Budget and forwarded the resolution to the Full Forest Preserve District to approve to place the budget on file for public viewing. She also noted that the Forest Preserve District will start to get tipping fees from the Landfill Host Fee Agreement and that money will primarily be going towards education. Ms. Fauci lastly mentioned that during a recent "weed pulling party" by our stewards at Prairie Oaks Preserve, we came across this interesting fossil in a dry waterway. It is a Halysites, an extinct species of chain coral from ancient Silurian period reefs that are now limestone deposits in the Chicago area. This one was likely dropped here by a glacier. The Silurian period lasted from 425 to 405 million years ago

Mrs. Turner, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee shared that the Committee is forwarding an Ordinance for B&O Auto Parts to the Full County Board for approval. They also received a presentation from the Zero Waste Task Force and will be forwarding a resolution to the Full County Board to use Zero Waste as a guiding principal and lastly she noted that Mr. Miller will be giving an update to the board regarding the Evergreen Village Mitigation Project.

It was moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Mrs. Turner, 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

County Administrator, Gary Hanson, announced that they had a surprise resignation of the DeKalb County Mental Health Board President and noted that by the end of the year there are three other members up for appointment so there could be a large turnover in that board. In addition to the resignation, there is currently no Executive Director for that board right now as well and they have asked Mr. Hanson to assist them through the transition and helping find a new Executive Director.

Also the Nursing Home Operating Board have two positions open right now as well and there will be two County Board Members off by the end of the year so that board could also endure a large turnover and change. Mr. Hanson also shared that the Nursing Home is also looking at a possible expansion and are looking at adding a transitional care area and could lead to a possible increase in revenue for the Nursing Home while also addressed an increased need from the Community.

Mr. Hanson shared that he was recently at a security meeting at the Community Outreach Building and they are trying to address some security issues at that building which also couples into tomorrow being the anniversary of September 11th and he explained he sent a reminder to all the County's Department Heads to go over emergency plans and situations with their staff so that everyone is informed of what to do in case of an emergency. He also added that the County will be conducting emergency drills later this month.

He also reminded the Committee Chairs that as they are compiling their agendas for the next month, to keep in mind to dedicate most of the meeting time to budget appeals and budget related items.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Gudmunson, seconded by Mr. Stoddard, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jeffery L. Metzger

Tasha Stogsdill, Recording Secretary

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