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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Executive Committee Minutes
February 11, 2015**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order. Those present were Mr. Brown, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Stoddard, and Mrs. Turner. Mr. Emerson and Mr. Jones were absent. Seven members were present and two were absent.

Others present were Gary Hanson, Paul Miller, Christine Johnson, Greg Millburg, Jeff Whelan, Steve Reid, Ruth Anne Tobias, Frank O'Barski, Kevin Bunge, Richard Schmack, Michael Douglas, Maureen Little, Riley Oncken, Sandra Polanco, Chris Porterfield, and the Press.

It was moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mr. Stoddard and it was moved unanimously to invite Mr. O'Barski to the table to represent the Planning & Zoning Committee in the absence of Mr. Emerson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh commented that her name was noted twice to be in attendance and one of them should have been her husband, Michael, who was present in the audience.

It was moved by Mr. O'Barski, seconded by Mr. Frieders and it was moved unanimously to approve the minutes from January 14, 2015 as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, seconded by Mr. O'Barski and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski shared with the Committee that this morning he attend a Workforce Investment Act Board meeting in Aurora. The Board is partnered with Kane County and Kendall County and was established in 1998. The WIA Board provides the framework for the nation's workforce development system and is the largest single source of federal funding to address the needs of job seekers. They also provide access to employment and training programs through one-stop centers and affiliates. As well as, funding for job seekers and employers to access training, employment and support programs. Chairman Pietrowski also noted that he had a good conversation with Kane County Chairman, Chris Lauzen.

Chairman Pietrowski also announced that Safe Passage is hosting an Evening of Chocolate fundraiser on Saturday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Faranda's in DeKalb. He encouraged everyone to check it out and Mrs. Haji-Sheikh commented that it is a lot of fun and a great evening.

CREATION & APPOINTMENT OF JAIL SOLUTION COMMITTEE

Chairman Pietrowski shared that he has tasked Vice-Chairman Jones to Chair this Committee if it is approved by the County Board. The Committee reviewed the proposed resolution that laid out the focus and mission of the Committee. He also noted that the resolution also appoints the following members to the Committee: Tracy Jones (Chairman), Marjorie Askins, Kevin Bunge, Dan Cribben, John Frieders, Lt. Joyce Klein, Frank O'Barski, Riley Oncken, Steve Reid, Sheriff Roger Scott, Paul Stoddard, and Anita Turner.

It was moved by Mr. Frieders and seconded by Mr. O'Barski to approve the resolution.

Mr. Reid asked for clarification if it was correct that Lt. Klein and Sheriff Scott were going to be voting members of the Committee. Chairman Pietrowski noted that was correct but also wanted it to be clear that all final decisions of any plans constructed from the Committee will be contingent on full County Board approval.

Mr. Stoddard expressed his concern with the fact that the proposed Jail Solution Committee will be completely bypassing the Law & Justice Committee. Mr. Frieders, Chairman of the Law & Justice Committee, noted that he wouldn't have an objection to having the Jail Solution Committee report to them but he wasn't sure it was a necessary layer to add. Mr. Oncken echoed that it seems like an unnecessary layer to add a report to Law & Justice prior to Executive Committee.

Mrs. Tobias commented that she did think it was appropriate for the Jail Solution Committee to report to Law & Justice because they receive all the reports from the appropriate departments involved with the Jail and Judicial System. She also noted that she feels the full County Board should have been told about the creation of this Committee and members asked if they wish to participate on this Committee prior to everyone finding out through this resolution.

Mr. Stoddard moved to amend the proposed resolution and add that the Jail Solution Committee should report to the Law & Justice Committee prior to the Executive Committee and full County Board. Mr. O'Barski seconded the motion. The Chairman called for a roll call vote, those voting year were Mr. Brown, Mr. O'Barski, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, and Mr. Stoddard. Those voting nay were Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Turner, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion failed with a 4-4 vote.

The Committee unanimously agreed to add a *friendly* amendment to the resolution for Mr. Frieders or other dual Committee members to report/consult with the Law & Justice Committee regarding updates from the Jail Solution Committee.

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a voice vote to forward the resolution to the full County Board for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

LAND ACQUISITION FOR A SOBER LIVING HOME

Chairman Pietrowski noted that he met with Mayor Ken Mundy from the City of Sycamore and addressed some of his concerns he had regarding the placement of a Sober Living Home at 491 East State Street in Sycamore. Out of the conversation came that the City of Sycamore would like the County to make a motion of approval on the land acquisition for the house before his Counsel acts. He also reminded that the \$145,000.00 purchase of this home is contingent on the County obtaining a Special Use Permit from the City of Sycamore to operate a Sober Living Home for the DUI/Drug Court Program.

It was moved by Mr. Stoddard and seconded by Mr. O'Barski to forward the resolution to the full County Board for approval.

Mr. Frieders noted that he felt that if the County took the lead on this that although it is not definite, he thinks the City would follow suit. He also continued that purchasing property for a Sober Living Home was a heavy topic for Law & Justice last year and a large majority of the Committee were in support of this very worthwhile program and for the purchase of property so they could see this program through and support Drug Court.

Chairman Pietrowski noted that this is a particular program that could potentially free up a couple beds in the County Jail and the program could really improve lives.

The Committee also discussed that besides the purchase of the property, all additional maintenance costs would come from Drug Court. Mrs. Hanson noted that the only additional costs that may be incurred by the County would be to ensure that the outside of the property (sidewalks or trees) would remain safe to refrain from any liabilities because it would be a County-owned piece of property.

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a voice vote to approve Mr. Stoddard's motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Ms. Christine Johnson joined the Executive Committee and described that this is the second year that they have prepared a DeKalb County Legislative Agenda. She continued that idea and suggestions were solicited from Department Heads, Administration, and from County Board Members. A list of nine items were compiled that have or will have the most significant impact on the County. Ms. Johnson noted that this year an instructional page was added to the Agenda which gives the Legislators guiding principles of what DeKalb County is asking of them. Ms. Johnson then reviewed all nine Legislative Agenda items with the Committee.

Mr. Frieders asked in item #4, if the notices could be sent electronically, why all districts involved couldn't be notified of any complaints exceeding \$100,000 in value change for nonhomestead exemptions. Ms. Johnson noted that they could add that to the action part of the item.

Mr. Frieders and Mr. Gudmunson also asked that clarification be added to item #9 to indicate what exactly is proposed to being taxed. Ms. Johnson indicated that she would work with Mr. Stefan to get that information added.

It was moved by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, seconded by Mr. O'Barski and it was moved unanimously by voice vote to forward the resolution to the full County Board for approval.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended the following appointments for approval:

1. **Ad Hoc Rules Committee:** Mark Pietrowski (Chairman), Tracy Jones, John Emerson, Riley Oncken, Steve Reid, John Frieders, Paul Stoddard, and Misty Haji-Sheikh all appointed for terms beginning February 1, 2015 and expiring November 30, 2016.

It was moved by Mr. O'Barski, seconded by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh 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

Chairman Pietrowski asked to go around the table and hear an update from all of the Committee Chairpersons on what their Committees had done at their last meeting together.

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee shared that his Committee received three reports from Mr. Paul Borek from the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation. One being an executive summary of the DeKalb County Enterprise Zone, and the DCEDC's Quarterly Report, and third report had to do with an Ad Hoc Committee that was pulled together to discuss ways that the DCEDC, Community Leaders, and DeKalb County could work more together in the future. He also noted that Ms. Mary Supple presented the Committee with her monthly report and talked about the Convention & Visitor's Bureau. Lastly Mr. Brown noted that everyone is invited to the Friends of Shabbona Carter Meeting that is going to be held Thursday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Shabbona.

Mr. O'Barski, Vice-Chairman of Planning & Zoning Committee shared that that the main topic of discussion at their last meeting was related to Evergreen Village. The Committee is also forwarded an Ordinance to the full County Board related to tipping fees for solid waste disposal. He noted that this was mostly a housekeeping item and clarified that the funding increase is retroactive.

Mr. Frieders, Chairman of the Law & Justice Committee shared that his Committee met for the first time and because there are so many new members on the Committee, that had mostly informational reports from Tom McCulloch, Public Defender, Margi Gilmour, Director of Court Services, and Richard Schmack, State's Attorney. He also noted that they will be receiving a more in-depth report of Court Services' Pretrial Program in February.

Mr. Gudmunson, Chairman of the County Highway Committee shared that they forwarded two resolutions to the full County Board for approval. The first resolution is for the purchase of twice pieces of equipment and the other is for the utilization of MFT funds for the County's 2015 Seal Coat Project. Mr. Gudmunson also reiterated that he commended the County Highway Department for their excellent work keeping the County roads cleared after the last major snowfall that occurred at the beginning of February.

Mr. Stoddard, Chairman of the Finance Committee shared that his committee received a report from Andy Vanatta regarding the County's Network Security and he noted that he feels that Mr. Vanatta and all of IMO are doing a great job with the security of the County's Network. They also reviewed the quarterly contracts report update and reviewed the CPI Index numbers relating to the County's Financial Planning. Mr. Stoddard indicated there was some general discussions had about the County being self-insured and also what may happen if the County were to lose the Airline Fuel Tax. Lastly, the Committee forwarded to resolutions to the full County Board for approval for abating bond issues. Lastly,

Mrs. Turner, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee noted that her Committee received an introduction presentation from Forest Preserve Superintendent Terry Hannan. They also received an IDNR Wildlife Biologist Chronic Wasting Disease Report. Mrs. Turner also noted that they had about 300 people come to the Annual Winterfest and lastly, the Committee went into Executive Session.

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee shared that they had a very informative report from Vicky Broos from the University of Illinois Extension. She also noted that next month the Committee will be receiving a report from the Mental Health Board and the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center.

It was moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mr. Frieders 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 shared with the Committee that the County was going to placing a bus route shelter at the Sycamore Campus and also the Health Facility Campus. He noted that it was not an issue obtaining funds to construct the shelters but the County would have to conduct the maintenance of the shelters themselves. Most existing shelters are maintained by the shelter's advertiser.

Mr. Hanson also noted that space for employees and records is a constant problem for the County. He wanted the Board to be away if they hear of anything or see dust that the County is remodeling the basement of the Courthouse to house a few Pretrial Officers and some Drug Court Staff. He also reminded if they are talking about any County Jail Expansions, that he always wants people to be aware that they need to have basements to house records.

He also shared a recent incident where a DeKalb County Sheriff's van was taking inmates to Kendall County jail when it was hit by a semi in Yorkville. Two inmate were taken to the hospital where they were treated and released and another inmate and a DeKalb County Sheriff's Deputy were treated on the scene. Mr. Hanson noted this just another reminder of the hidden

costs of not have sufficient County Jail space. This could have been potentially a huge liability had the accident been any more severe.

911 surcharge money is in jeopardy and that has some effect on the County because of dispatching costs, Mr. Hanson shared. There has been a State-wide effort to increase the wireless surcharge on resident's cell phone bills. He also reminded that there are some very heavy technology costs coming with new 911 systems because they will now have to be able to receive text messages and videos and that all has to happen in a certain timeframe. He noted that the County has been setting aside money for the past few years and that is possibly going to cover the cost of the new systems but will not cover maintenance charges. Mr. Hanson reiterated that whatever the State decides to do with that surcharge money could affect the County.

Mr. Hanson shared that in late January, him and Mr. Paul Miller toured the Landfill and were able to see the construction process. He noted that it was quite and operation out there, very professional and it was quite a science. Over the next serval months he would like to set up times and encouraged County Board Members to take a tour of the Landfill as well.

Lastly Mr. Hanson shared that no Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday he conducted a County Department Head Meeting. Coupling that holiday and New Year's resolutions, he challenged the Department Heads to think about how they might be changing the world as they go forward. They also coupled that with Sheriff Roger Scott talking about one of his initiatives which is moving from good to great. Mr. Hanson noted that the Sheriff gave a very encouraging presentation and he thought it was a really neat challenge and he hope that many people will follow in that thinking. Mr. Hanson ended the meeting with challenging and encouraging all County Board Members to make good things happen.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



Tasha Stogsdill, Recording Secretary



Chairman Mark Pietrowski, Jr.

RESOLUTION
R2015-10

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Jail Committee, appointed September 15, 2010, completed their work in September of 2012 with a report and recommendation to the County Board, and

WHEREAS, the County Board, at their September 19, 2012 meeting did approve the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Jail Committee which included the site location, building design and size, and a project budget, and

WHEREAS, during the interim period since 2012, while the County was unable to move forward because of outstanding lawsuits against the Landfill Expansion, costs for the Jail Expansion increased to a level which was significantly greater than the County's ability to sell bonds for the construction work based on the level of guaranteed Landfill revenues, and

WHEREAS, the County has faced the challenge of identifying means to pay for additional operating costs of an expanded Jail facility, and

WHEREAS, the County Board has expressed concern about some long-term revenues of the County given the pending lawsuit which could impact the receipt of significant sales tax monies tied to the sale of airline fuel in the County, which is a General Fund revenue source, and at the same time has equal concerns about the financial stability of the State of Illinois and how the addressing of those issues may impact local County government, and

WHEREAS, the County still spends about \$1,000,000 per year in out-sourcing inmates to other Counties and recognizes that out-of-county space availability at a reasonable cost is a continuing concern and could also negatively impact the County's financial resources, and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the current economic climate has produced historically favorable bonds rates to make long-term financing attractive at this time, and

WHEREAS, construction costs continue to escalate each year with inflation and possible changes in Jail standards, while at the same time monies spent on out-sourcing inmates does nothing to help with the growth of the local economy, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the County Board has determined that it is imperative that the County take action as soon as possible to resolve the Jail Space issue in DeKalb County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Board does hereby create a "Jail Solutions Committee" to build from the work already completed by the previous Ad Hoc Jail Committee and approved by the County Board on September 19, 2012, with the mission to address these specific areas:

1. Seek opportunities to reduce the jail population
2. Prioritize options for how much of the approved building design should be constructed and then constructed as either shelled or finished space
3. Design financing plans for constructing the various building options
4. Identify resources to pay for operating costs
5. Evaluate risk of losing various financial resources

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership on this Committee will consist of the following individuals: Tracy Jones (Chairman), Marjorie Askins, Kevin Bunge, Dan Cribben, John Frieders, Lt. Joyce Klein, Frank O'Barski, Riley Oncken, Steve Reid, Sheriff Roger Scott, Paul Stoddard, and Anita Turner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Jail Solutions Committee may utilize advisors to their Committee as needed, but this resolution carries no authorization to expend monies other than the incidental costs associated with conducting meetings. The Committee is charged with presenting a report for action to the County Board on or before December 16, 2015. These appointments, and the Committee, will expire on December 31, 2015.

PASSED THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRYARY, 2015 AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Douglas J. Johnson
DeKalb County Clerk

Mark Pietrowski, Jr.
County Board Chairman

**RESOLUTION
R2015-11**

WHEREAS, the County of DeKalb has made a commitment to assist the DeKalb County Drug Court with the acquisition of a home in Sycamore that could be used as a Sober Living Home for male residents, and

WHEREAS, funds are available within the Opportunity Fund for the acquisition of such a home should the location be appropriate and should a special use permit be obtained from the City of Sycamore, and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Executive Committee has been informed that the property located at 491 East State Street in Sycamore, Illinois (PIN 06-33-301-009) is available for purchase at a price of \$145,000.00 and the Executive Committee did recommend that the property be acquired at that price;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Board does concur in the findings and recommendations of the Executive Committee and does hereby authorize the acquisition of the property located at 491 East State Street in Sycamore, Illinois (PIN 06-33-301-009) for a price of \$145,000.00 contingent on the County obtaining a Special Use Permit from the City of Sycamore to operate a “Sober Living Home” for the DUI/Drug Court Program.

PASSED THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015 AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Douglas J. Johnson
DeKalb County Clerk

Mark Pietrowski, Jr.
County Board Chairman

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WHEREAS, the members of the DeKalb County Executive Committee have determined the need for the County to develop a Legislative Agenda, and

WHEREAS, the County Board members and departments were invited to submit ideas for the State Legislative Agenda which would improve services to citizens or increase the efficiency and effectiveness in operating county departments, and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Executive Committee have resulted in the State Legislative Agenda which is attached to this resolution and herein incorporated by reference, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Board does hereby endorse and adopt the State Legislative Agenda prepared, refined and recommended by the DeKalb County Executive Committee and does direct the County Administrator to provide copies of the attached State Legislative Agenda to all State Senators and State Representatives serving the citizens of DeKalb County.

PASSED AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS, THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015,
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Chairman, DeKalb County Board

ATTEST:

County Clerk

O:Legislative Agenda/2015 Legislative Agenda.

DEKALB COUNTY
2015
STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



Draft as of February 11, 2015

**DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNMENT
SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS**

STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Introduction

It is the DeKalb County Board's policy to support legislation granting additional authority to counties. We also may support legislation which allows counties to expand non-property tax revenue sources.

In general, we ask the Governor and all Legislators to adhere to the following principles:

- Oppose unfunded mandates imposed by State and Federal governments, and fund programs as mandated by state law;
- Oppose legislation that reduces our existing authority;
- Oppose legislation that erodes our existing revenue base;
- Honor all of the state's financial obligations;
- Do not divert dedicated revenues including, but not limited to, sales, gasoline, and income taxes, that should come to the county.

Topic:	Allow Illinois Counties to have Access to Sales Tax Information for Businesses located within their County. (Submitted by: Finance Department)
Issue:	To allow Illinois Counties to have access to sales tax information for businesses located within their County in the same fashion as municipalities are allowed access to sales tax information for businesses located within their corporate boundaries.
Solution:	Introduce legislation giving Counties access to sales tax information for businesses located within their County. This would give counties the same rights as were just granted to municipalities in the last legislative session.
Action:	Language has been drafted and a bill will be introduced by Rep. Tom Demmer, to implement the solution above.
	Number 1

Topic:	Court Security Cost Study (Submitted by: Administration Office and Sheriff's Department)
Issue:	A county board may enact by ordinance or resolution a court services fee dedicated to defraying court security expenses incurred by the sheriff in providing court services or for any other court services deemed necessary by the sheriff to provide for court security, including without limitation court services provided pursuant to Section 3-6023, as now or hereafter amended.
Solution:	Senate Bill 804 has been filed. It would allow Counties to change the fee that they charge to defray the cost of providing court security, only if an acceptable cost study is done.
Action:	Support SB 804
	Number 2

Topic:	Reduce fees paid to Jurors (Submitted by: County Board Member John Freiders)
Issue:	During the lame duck session, legislation passed that reduced the number of jurors for a civil trial, and increased the fees that jurors are paid. This would cost DeKalb County an estimated additional \$30,000 to \$50,000 per year.
Solution:	Senate Bill 59 has been filed to give counties flexibility in setting juror fees.
Action:	Support language in SB 59 to rescind the pay increase for jurors that will otherwise be effective on June 1, 2015.
	Number 3

Topic:	Change in Notification of Taxing Bodies for Complaints exceeding \$100,000 in value change (35 ILCS 200/16-55(i)). (Submitted by: Assessor's Department)
Issue:	We find that many small districts (such as cemetery districts or mosquito abatement districts) never intervene in assessment complaint proceedings, yet are required to receive written notices at significant cost in time, supplies, and postage.
Solution:	Therefore, we propose that the notification statutes be aligned with the requirements for non-homestead exemptions with \$100,000 reductions (school districts, community college districts, municipalities and fire protection districts), and we further propose that these notices may be sent electronically.
Action:	Seek that the notification statutes be aligned with the requirements for non-homestead exemptions with \$100,000 reductions, and that these notices may be sent electronically.
	Number 4

Topic:	Certificate of Status (35 ILCS 200/15-10) (Submitted by: Assessor's Department)
Issue:	We find that each year, many thousands of exempt property certificates of status are required to be sent out to and returned by units of local government. However, even if they are not returned, they cannot be placed on the tax rolls because they cannot ever go to tax sale.
Solution:	Therefore, we propose that any exempt property owned by a unit of state or local government join the current list (churches, cemeteries, and property of the United States) of properties that are not required to file an annual certificate of status.
Action:	Propose that any exempt property owned by a unit of state or local government join the current list (churches, cemeteries, and property of the United States) of properties that are not required to file an annual certificate of status.
	Number 5

Topic:	Homestead Exemption Simplification and Recodification (Submitted by: Assessor's Department)
Issue:	The State of Illinois Homestead Exemption laws, while well-intended, lack the necessary consistency and uniformity to be easily enforced.
Solution:	Support the efforts of the Property Tax Advisory Committee to simply and recodify the State of Illinois homestead exemption statutes (35 ILCS 200/15-165, et seq.).
Action:	To simplify the Illinois Homestead Exemption Laws.
	Number 6

Topic:	Allowance of delinquent tax bills to be sent by First Class Mail rather than Certified Mail. (Submitted by: Treasurer's Department)
Issue:	Each year counties mail out thousands of Certified Delinquent Tax bills that are later returned to the county. Since this is a costly notification and could be accomplished by sending the notices First Class.
Solution:	Support a Bill that would allow counties to mail Delinquent Tax bills by First Class Mail instead of Certified.
Action:	Support a House or Senate Bill being introduced to allow counties to mail Delinquent Tax bills by First Class Mail.
	Number 7

Topic:	Support Transportation Funding (Submitted by: Highway Department)
Issue:	The Transportation for Illinois Coalition (TFIC) is a group of many different organizations statewide which support additional transportation funding. Their website explains their current proposal to provide additional revenues for transportation. It is primarily based on ending divisions such as sales tax on motor fuel going to the General Revenue Fund instead of the Road Fund.
Solution:	Amendment to HB 404 was legislation proposed in 2014 to support additional transportation funding. In January 2014 both the DeKalb County Board and the DeKalb Township Road Commissioners Association passed resolutions supporting an equitable, reliable and sustainable revenue source for our transportation needs.
Action:	Support any bills that enhance Transportation Funding.
	Number 8

Topic:	Allow Counties to Impose a Telecommunications Tax on Residents in Unincorporated areas of the County (Submitted by: Finance Department)
Issue:	Currently, municipalities can impose such a tax on residents within their corporate boundaries, but residents living in unincorporated areas are not allowed to be taxed by Counties and, accordingly, may not be paying their fair share for government services they receive.
Solution:	It would merely allow any County to impose such a tax and would not automatically result in the imposition of the tax. This would still require approval of each County Board.
Action:	Ask legislators to amend 35 ILCS 636, Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax to allow any County to impose such a tax.
	Number 9