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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Executive Committee Minutes
March 11, 2015**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met Wednesday, March 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, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Mr. Stoddard, and Mrs. Turner. Mr. Emerson and Mr. Gudmunson were absent. Seven members were present and two were absent.

Others present were Gary Hanson, Paul Miller, Christine Johnson, Richard Schmack, Steve Reid, Ruth Anne Tobias, Frank O'Barski, Dianne Leifheit, Sandra Polanco, Chris Porterfield, Jeff Whelan, Kevin Bunge, and the Press.

It was moved by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, seconded by Mrs. Turner and it was moved unanimously to invite Mr. O'Barski to the table to represent the County Highway Committee in the absence of Mr. Gudmunson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Frieders and it was moved unanimously to approve the minutes from February 11, 2015.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski shared with the Committee that he attended a meeting earlier that morning with Mr. Gary Hanson, City of DeKalb's Mayor, Mr. John Rey, President of Metro West Counsel and Mayor of the City of Elgin, Mr. Dave Kaptain. They discussed their priorities and concerns regarding Governor Rauner's proposed budget and how it could impact local Governments. They also engaged in other discussions that pertained to DeKalb County and what Metro West is currently turning their focus on.

Mr. Frieders asked if the County Board will be taking a public position on the Governor's proposed budget. Chairman Pietrowski announced that he will be bringing a resolution forward next month for the County Board to consider that would be calling for the Governor and General Assembly to protect necessary funding for County Government. Their concerns will also be expressed at the Legislative Agenda Forum that will take place April 8th at 6 p.m. prior to next month's Executive Committee meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended the following appointments for approval:

1. **Regional Plan Commission:** City of Sycamore: Brian Gregory, Village of Hinckley: Dawn Grivetti, Village of Lee: Martha May, Village of Shabbona: Don Partridge, Town of Cortland: Cheryl Aldis all appointed for terms beginning April 1, 2015 and expiring March 31, 2018.
2. **Regional Plan Commission – Alternates:** City of Sycamore: Adam Orton, Village of Hinckley: James Roderick, Village of Lee: John Montgomery all appointed for terms beginning April 1, 2015 and expiring March 31, 2018.
3. **DeKalb Sanitary District:** Tim Struthers reappointed for a three year term beginning May 1, 2015 and expiring April 30, 2018.
4. **Fairdale Light District:** Edward Silvers reappointed for a three year term beginning May 1, 2015 and expiring April 30, 2018.
5. **Cortland Community Fire Protection District:** Mark Yaeger reappointed for a three year term beginning May 1, 2015 and expiring April 30, 2018.
6. **DeKalb Community Fire Protection District:** Daniel L. Faivre reappointed for a three year term beginning May 1, 2015 and expiring April 30, 2018.
7. **Genoa-Kingston Fire Protection District:** Tony Woodson reappointed for a three year term beginning May 1, 2015 and expiring April 30, 2018.
8. **Hinckley Community Fire Protection District:** Bruce Thorp reappointed for a three year term beginning May 1, 2015 and expiring April 30, 2018.
9. **Kirkland Community Fire Protection District:** Kevin Aves reappointed for a three year term beginning May 1, 2015 and expiring April 30, 2018.
10. **Lee Community Fire Protection District:** Randy Dolister reappointed for a three year term beginning May 1, 2015 and expiring April 30, 218.
11. **Malta Fire Protection District:** David Gommel reappointed for a three year term beginning May 1, 2015 and expiring April 30, 2018.
12. **Maple Park & Countryside Fire Protection District:** Philip Foster reappointed for a three year term beginning May 1, 2015 and expiring April 30, 2018.
13. **Shabbona Community Fire Protection District:** Steve Probst reappointed for a three year term beginning May 1, 2015 and expiring April 30, 2018.
14. **Sycamore Community Fire Protection District:** Todd Cambier reappointed for a three year term beginning May 1, 2015 and expiring April 30, 2018.
15. **Waterman Fire Protection District:** Ken Boldt appointed for a three year term beginning May 1, 2015 and expiring April 30, 2018.

It was moved by Mr. Jones, 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

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 and/or what they are anticipating in the month to come.

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Mr. O'Barski, Vice-Chairman of the County Highway Committee summarized that the Committee is forwarding five resolutions to the full County Board recommending approval. The resolutions have to do with the Annual County Letting, equipment purchasing, and MFT utilization for the resurfacing of Chicago Road.

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee indicated that they had a real good meeting last week. He indicated that they had multiple presentations which included a visit from Ellen DiVita, City of DeKalb's Economic Development Director, Dan Kenney who updated the Committee regarding the status of a Food Hub in DeKalb, Dianne Leifheit gave an informative update regarding projects surrounding Lake Shabbona, and Mary Supple presented her monthly reports to the Committee. Mr. Brown also noted that looking ahead they were looking at the planning of a County-wide Economic Development Summit for later this year.

Mr. Frieders, Chairman of the Law & Justice Committee shared that Sheriff Scott gave a report regarding the Communication Center and the Committee voted in favor of allow a Communications Center Advisory Committee to form to continue discussions regarding cost allocations associated with the Sheriff's Communication Center. They also appointed Mr. Cribben to sit on that Committee and be a County Board Member/Law & Justice Committee liaison. Mr. Frieders also shared that the Committee received a very excellent report from Michael Venditti and Jackie Hunt regarding the Court Service's newest Pretrial Program. He encouraged everyone to look at the minutes which includes their PowerPoint presentation in order to better understand the Pretrial Program. In March, Mr. Steve Reid will be joining the Committee and bringing forth some information regarding the Criminal Justice System.

Mr. Stoddard, Chairman of the Finance Committee noted that the Committee met last week and is forwarded the Year-End FY 2014 Budget Transfers as well as a couple of Delinquent Property Tax resolutions to the full County Board recommending approval. He also shared that the Committee spend the rest of the time discussing budget shortfalls and proposed cuts to the budget, as well as State claw backs. Mr. Stoddard additionally mentioned that the Committee will be looking at potentially having some serious and difficult discussions in the months ahead regarding the County's FY 2016 budget.

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee shared that Ms. Jane Lux came and provided the Committee with recommendations and a timeline of implementation for the County's Smoke and Tobacco-Free Worksite Policy which is to go in effect on July 1, 2015. They also received an introduction and annual report from Mental Health Board Director, Deanna Cada and Board President, Chuck Rose. Cathy Anderson, Administrator of the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center also reported to the Committee. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh also informed everyone that Ms. Anderson announced early that day that she will be retiring sometime in September. Lastly, she shared that the Senior Service Tax Levy meetings will be held on April 6th and April 13th next month at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Turner, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee noted that Winterfest had over 300 attendees this year. Also there was a Pileated Woodpecker at Russell Woods, it was said that the last time one of these birds was seen in DeKalb County was over 30 years ago. The Committee also received some historical information regarding the Sannauk Country Club located in Sandwich, which is now the forest preserve. Lastly, Mrs. Turner shared that the Committee is forwarding the Year-End Budget Transfers resolution to the full Board of Commissioners.

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Mr. Emerson, Chairman of Planning & Zoning Committee was absent but Vice-Chairman Frank O'Barski shared that the Committee did not meet in February.

It was moved by Mr. O'Barski, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. O'Barski and it was approved unanimously by roll call vote (7-0) for the Executive Committee to enter into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining and Litigation.

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. O'Barski and it was approved unanimously by roll call vote (7-0) to enter back into the open Executive Committee meeting.

ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. O'Barski moved to add Adoption of Labor Contract for International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150 to the full County Board agenda under Executive Committee. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion and it was approval unanimously by voice vote.

SOBER LIVING HOME

Chairman Pietrowski shared that he, Mr. Jones, Judge Stuckert, Mr. Schmack, and Mr. Douglas were all present at the Sycamore City Council Meeting when they voted down the special use permit to operate a Sober Living Home at 491 E. State Street in Sycamore. He continued that he would like to ask the City of Sycamore to reconsider and table the issue at their next meeting in order to work with the City to come up with an intergovernmental agreement. Chairman Pietrowski noted that his is a very good program for the Community.

Mr. Jones added that the reason they keep wanting to go back to this particular house is because it is such a good deal. The County's outlay is going to be \$145,000 and from there the Drug Court will pay for everything else. He addressed that building anything on the County's own property would potentially costs twice as much and it would still have to be zoned by the City of Sycamore regardless. Mr. Jones reiterated that the purposed house is the most cost effective way for them to pursue.

Chairman Pietrowski noted that if the City Council doesn't reconsider this issue at their next meeting, the County would have to wait a full year to pursue this topic again.

Mr. Jones moved to authorize Mr. Gary Hanson, County Administrator, to write a letter to the Sycamore City Council asking them that they reconsider the issue of approving a Special Use Permit to operate a Sober Living Home at 491 E. State Street, Sycamore, IL. Mr. Frieders seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hanson shared with the Committee that the Sheriff's Office was involved in another accident while transporting inmates to Boone County. There were no injuries and the accident was not the Sheriff's Deputies fault, but the squad car did sustain damages. Mr. Hanson noted that these accidents really outline the risks and liabilities associated with these transportation processes.

He also shared that Monday evening he attended a Veteran's Assistance Commission meeting for the first time and what he had heard was that many other Board Members had been visiting in the past couple of months as well. He added that the Commissioners were very appreciative of the visitors and he encouraged other Board Members to attend if they had the chance.

Last Friday, Mr. Hanson attended an event at the DeKalb Library called "Literacy Outside the Walls". He noted that one of the topics discussed was the jail population and how the library is looking to reduce jail population by increase literacy. With that idea, the library is looking at the possibility of apply for a large grant. Mr. Hanson noted it was also nice to see other areas of the Community are aware of the jail problem and are wanting to help.

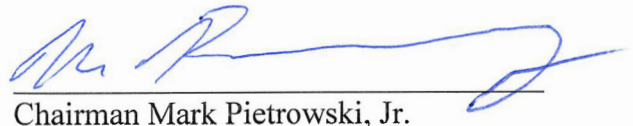
He also mentioned that last Friday he, Ms. Johnson, Chairman Pietrowski, and Mrs. Haji-Sheikh were all in attendance to meet Governor Rauner in DeKalb. He also added that along with legislation, Ms. Johnson is organizing a Legislative Agenda Forum. The Forum is tentatively being scheduled next month on April 8th at 6 p.m. prior to the Executive Committee Meeting.

Lastly, Mr. Hanson shared some photos and a video with the Committee from his recent trip to Washington D. C. for a National Association of Counties (NACO) Legislative Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Tasha Stogsdill, Recording Secretary


Chairman Mark Pietrowski, Jr.