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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**August 19, 2020**

***\*Due to COVID-19, this Meeting was held as a Virtual Public Meeting***

The DeKalb County Board met virtually in regular session through a cloud-based, peer-to-peer software platform called Zoom on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Those Commissioners virtually present were Mr. Jeff Whelan, Ms. Suzanne Willis, Mr. Tim Bagby, Mr. Scott Campbell, Ms. Rukisha Crawford, Mrs. Karen Cribben, Mrs. Laurie Emmer, Mr. Steve Faivre, Vice-Chairman John Frieders, Mr. Tim Hughes, Mr. Tracy Jones, Ms. Dianne Leifheit, Ms. Maureen Little, Mr. Jim Luebke, Ms. Terri Mann-Lamb, Mr. Jerry Osland, Mr. Roy Plote, Mr. Chris Porterfield, Mr. Craig Roman, Ms. Linda Slabon, Mr. Paul Stoddard, Mr. Larry West, and Chairman Mark Pietrowski. Ms. Kiara Jones was absent at the time of roll call. A quorum was established with twenty-three Members present and one absent.

Chairman Pietrowski asked Mr. Whelan to lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Faivre and seconded by Mr. Whelan to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2020 County Board Meeting. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the minutes. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

### Employee Service Awards for July 2020

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the following County Employees who were celebrating Service Awards in the month of July 2020: Five Years: Josh Clark – Forest Preserve District, Jacob Gilroy – Sheriff’s Office; Thirty Years: Bill Kaminski – Sheriff’s Office.

### Employee Service Awards for August 2020

Chairman Pietrowski additionally recognized the following County Employees who were celebrating Employee Service Awards in the month of August 2020: Five Years: Tim Bagby – County Board Member, Steve Faivre – County Board Member; Ten Years: Sarah Westlake – Sheriff’s Office; Fifteen Years: Misty Odom – Sheriff’s Office; Twenty-Five Years: Bridge Nodurft – Assessor’s Office; Thirty Years: Deb Wallace – Health Department

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

*Ms. Jones was now in attendance. All twenty-four Board Members were virtually present.*

## APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval of the following appointments:

- a. **DeKalb County Historian** Michelle Donahoe appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Sue Breese until June 30, 2022.
- b. **ETSB (E911)**: Bob Redel appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of John Petragallo until December 31, 2023.
- c. **Hinckley Fire District**: Perry Jungels appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Allen Bark until April 30, 2022.
- d. **Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb**: Jerry Wahlstrom reappointed for a five-year term beginning November 1, 2020 and expiring October 31, 2025.
- e. **Merit Commission**: Bryan Perry appointed for a term beginning August 24, 2020 to fill the unexpired term of Gene Lane until August 21, 2020.

### Motion

It was moved by Mr. Porterfield and seconded by Ms. Willis to approve the recommended appointments as presented.

### Roll Call Vote

Those Members voting yea were Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

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## REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

### PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

#### **Ordinance O2020-13: An Ordinance Amending a Special Use Permit Granted by Ordinance 2005-07, 2009-03 and 2015-03 for a Gun Club and Recreational Camp (Aurora Sportsmen Club) Located Southwest of the Village of Waterman, in Clinton Township**

##### Motion

Mr. Faivre moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves this Amendment to be granted with conditions as set forth in the Analysis and Recommendations (Exhibit "B") as outlined in the attached Ordinance. Ms. Mann-Lamb seconded the motion.

##### Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, and Chairman Pietrowski. Those opposed were Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, and Mr. Plote. Ms. Mann-Lamb abstained. The motion carried with eighteen Members voting yea, five opposed, and one abstention.

#### **Ordinance O2020-14: An Ordinance Amending a Special Use Permit Granted for Nexamp Solar Garden on Wolf Road in Kingston**

##### Motion

Mr. Faivre moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves this Amendment to be granted for the establishment and operation of a solar garden, referred to IL Kirkland Project 1, on property legally described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto with conditions as set forth in the Analysis and Recommendations (Exhibit "B") as outlined in the attached Ordinance. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

##### Roll Call Vote

A roll call vote was taken by the Clerk. Those voting yea were Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

### COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

#### **Resolution R2020-46: Award Resolution for Salt Storage Shed**

##### Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby awards the bid to Swedberg and Associates, Inc. for the construction of an 80 x 60-foot building for use as salt storage using the low bid submitted meeting specifications in the amount of Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Nine Cents (\$219,485.09). Mr. West seconded the motion.

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Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2020-47: Award for a Replacement of South First Street Concrete Box Culvert**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby wards the bid to Martin and Company Excavating, for the construction of an eight by eight feet reinforced concrete box culvert replacing the existing eight by eight feet box culvert and the associated roadwork at the intersection of South First Street and Gurler Road in Afton Road District, using the low bid submitted meeting specifications in the amount of Four Hundred One Thousand Seventy-Eight Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$401,078.63). Mrs. Cribben seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2020-48: Award of One New Bobcat All-Wheel Skid Steer**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby awards the bid to CSR Bobcat, Inc. of DeKalb, Illinois, submitting the low bid meeting specifications, for the following equipment: (a) Provision of a new A770 T4 Bobcat All-Wheel Steer as specified in the amount of Sixty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$64,434.55), (b) Trade Allowance for one 2008 A3000 Bobcat with 80" Low Profile Bucket and one Tilt-Tatch Accessory in the amount of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$22,000.00), (c) Provision of one additional attachment – 80 inch Grapple, Root Attachment in the amount of Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents (\$3,398.00), and (d) Approved for a net Cost of Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Fifty-Three Cents (\$45,833.53). Mr. Stoddard seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

A roll call vote was taken by the Clerk. Those voting yea were Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

### Resolution R2020-43: Resolution Authorizing Submittal for a Public Transportation Capital Assistance Grant

#### Motion

Mr. Porterfield moved the Illinois Department of Transportation has grant monies available to offset eligible capital costs required for providing and improving public transportation facilities, rolling stock, equipment, and services and that the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes and directs the County Administrator to sign and submit such application, execute awarded agreements and amendments, and timely submit bay requests on behalf of the County of DeKalb, in cooperation with the Voluntary Action Center. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion as presented.

#### Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those voting yea were Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Claims – July 2020

#### Motion

Mr. Bagby moved to approve the payment of claims for last month, and the off-cycle claims paid during the previous month, including all claims for travel, meals, and lodging, in the amount of \$9,582,860.40. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

#### Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the July 2020 Claims. Those Members voted yea were Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

### Claims – August 2020

#### Motion

Mr. Bagby moved to approve the payment of claims for this month, and the off-cycle claims paid during the previous month, including all claims for travel, meals, and lodging, in the amount of \$9,449,014.63. Mr. Osland seconded the motion.

#### Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the August 2020 Claims. Those Members voted yea were Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

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## **Reports of County Officials**

### **Motion**

Mr. Bagby moved to accept and place on file the following Reports of County Officials:

1. Cash & Investments in County Banks – June & July 2020
2. Public Defender’s Report – June & July 2020
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – June & July 2020
4. Pretrial Report – June & July 2020
5. Sheriff’s Jail Report – June & July 2020
6. Building Permits & Construction Reports – June & July 2020
7. Circuit Clerk Report -Six-month period ending June 30, 2020
8. County Clerk Report -Six-month period ending June 30, 2020

Ms. Slabon seconded the motion.

### **Roll Call Vote**

The Chairman requested a roll call vote to accept the Reports of County Officials as presented. Those Members voted yea were Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Resolution R2020-49: A Resolution Designating Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, as a County Holiday**

#### **Motion**

Vice-Chairman Frieders moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby declares “2020 General Election Day” as an official holiday for DeKalb County Government and stipulates that the County Offices, including the Court System, will be closed on that day, November 3, 2020 for all non-election related business. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion as presented.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those voting yea were Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, and Chairman Pietrowski. No Members opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

Deputy County Administrator Derek Hiland provided the Board Members with an update on the current response rate for the 202 Census. In 2010, the response rate for DeKalb County was 71.7% and thus far for 2020, the response rate for the County is up to 73.5%. The State of Illinois response rate is currently 69.9%.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

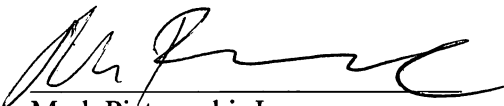
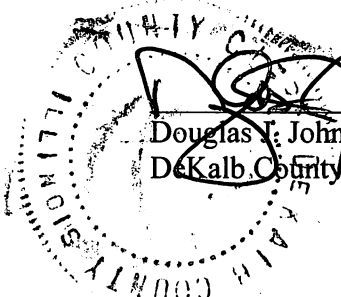
Mr. Luebke moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. and Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski call for a roll call vote. Those voting yea were Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chair Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.



Douglas N. Johnson  
DeKalb County Clerk



Mark Pietrowski, Jr.  
DeKalb County Board Chairman

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