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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
October 21, 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, October 21, 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. Tim Bagby, Mr. Scott Campbell, Ms. Rukisha Crawford, Mrs. Karen Cribben, Mrs. Laurie Emmer, Mr. Steve Faivre, Vice-Chairman John Frieders, Mr. Tracy Jones, Ms. Dianne Leifheit, Ms. Maureen Little, Mr. Jim Luebke, Ms. Terri Mann-Lamb, Mr. Roy Plote, Mr. Chris Porterfield, Mr. Craig Roman, Ms. Linda Slabon, Mr. Paul Stoddard, Mr. Larry West, Mr. Jeff Whelan, Ms. Suzanne Willis, and Chairman Mark Pietrowski. Mr. Tim Hughes, Ms. Kiara Jones, and Mr. Jerry Osland were absent at the time of roll call. A quorum was established with twenty-one Members present and three absent.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

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

Roll Call

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. Porterfield moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 County Board Meeting. Mrs. Emmer 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. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chair Frieders, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Plote, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. West, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kiara Jones arrived. There were now twenty-three Members virtually present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Pietrowski reminded the Board Members to be conscientious of their backgrounds when on Zoom Meetings and to ensure there are no political sign or party affiliations that can be seen.

Employee Service Awards for October 2020

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the following County Employees who were celebrating Service Awards in the month of October 2020: Five Years: Deborah Hines – Rehab & Nursing Center; Thirty Years: Sarah Lief – Assessor’s Office; Forty Years: Joyce Klein – Sheriff’s Office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

County Board Member Rukisha Crawford wanted fellow County Board Member Tim Hughes to address a recent comment he made in the DeKalb County Farm Bureau’s Voters Guide Magazine about Black Lives Matter. Ms. Crawford expressed that Mr. Hughes’s comments were offensive. – Mr. Hughes was not present at the time to address the comments.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval of the following appointments:

- a. **Board of Review**: John Linderoth appointed immediately to fill an unexpired term until May 31, 2021.
- b. **Public Building Commission**: Mike Larson reappointed for a five-year term beginning October 1, 2020 and expiring September 30, 2025.
- c. **Community Mental Health Board**: Meghan Cook and Perry Maier both reappointed for four-year terms beginning January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2024.

Motion

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

Roll Call Vote

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

Mr. Tim Hughes, Ms. Kiara Jones, and Mr. Jerry Osland arrived. All twenty-four Board Members were now present.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Ordinance O2020-38: An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for a Private Runway on Property Located at 15162 Harter Road in Pierce Township

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit, with conditions as outlined in the Ordinance, requested by Kevin Marshall for a private runway, to the located at 15162 Harter Road, in Pierce Township. Mr. Plote seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

After brief discussion, the Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were 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, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

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Ordinance O2020-39: An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for an Agribusiness on Property Located at the Northeast Corner of State Route 38 and Willrett Road in Malta Township
Motion

Mr. Faivre moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit to Syngenta Seeds, LLC to allow for the construction and operation of a Research & Development Innovation and Customer Service Experience Center on property located on the northeast corner of State Route 38 and Willrett Road, in Malta Township, and further approves Variations for the associated signage plan, with conditions as outlined in the Ordinance. Mr. Roman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

A roll call vote was taken by the Clerk. Those Members voting yea were 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, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2020-62: Approval and Adoption of the Twenty-Five Year Update to the DeKalb County Solid Waste Management Plan
Motion

Mr. Faivre moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves and adopts the Twenty-Five Year Plan Update to the DeKalb County Solid Waste Management Plan. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were Those Members voting yea were 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, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance O2020-40: An Ordinance Amending Articles 2, 4, and 8 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance Regarding Agricultural Uses
Motion

Mr. Faivre moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the Zoning Text Amendments as set forth in the Ordinance related to the agricultural uses within the unincorporated portions of DeKalb County (commonly referred to as the "40-acre Rule"). Mr. Stoddard moved to approve the motion.

Amendment

The Planning & Zoning Committee met in special session prior to the full Board Meeting to present proposed changes to the language that originally came out of the Committee. Mr. Jones moved to adopt the proposed amendments to the Ordinance as outlined in the Red Line Version that was proposed at the Board Meeting ([Link to Red Line Version](#)). Vice-Chair Frieders seconded the motion.

Roll Call on Amendment

The Clerk took a roll call vote on the motion to amend. Those Members voting yea were 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, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

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Roll Call Vote on Motion as Amended

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the original motion now as amended. Those Members voting yea were 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, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously with all Board Members voting yea.

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Resolution R2020-60: Anticipation of Township Bridge Funds for Motel Road Bridge

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the payment from the County Highway's Federal Matching Tax Fund in the sum of \$300,436.42 thereby creating an indebtedness in the Township Bridge Fund for Mayfield Road District for the purpose of constructing Motel Road Bridge. Mrs. Emmer 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. 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, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2020-61: Jurisdictional Transfer of a Portion of Somonauk Road to the Town of Cortland

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves that approximately 9,897 feet (1.874 miles) of Somonauk Road from North Avenue to Barber Greene Road be permanently removed from the County Highway System with the agreement that the Town of Cortland assume jurisdiction of said described highway. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were 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, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2020-63: A Resolution Approving a Delinquent Property Tax Sale

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest or authorizes the cancellation of the appropriate Certificate(s) of Purchase, as the case may be, on parcel # 06-32-203-003, for the sum of \$815.00 to be paid to the Treasurer of DeKalb County Illinois, to be disbursed according to law. Ms. Slabon seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were 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, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance O2020-41: Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A, of the County of DeKalb, Illinois

Motion

Mr. Babgy moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby approve the Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A, of the County of DeKalb, Illinois. Ms. Leifheit seconded the motion.

DeKalb County Finance Director Pete Stefan updated the Board Members on the bond sale that occurred earlier in the day.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were 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, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Pietrowski. All twenty-four County Board Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously

Claims

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 \$35,161,118.37. Ms. Leifheit seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the October 2020 Claims. Those Members voted yea were 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, Ms. Willis, Mr. Whelan, 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 – September 2020
2. Public Defender’s Report – September 2020
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – September 2020
4. Pretrial Report – September 2020
5. Sheriff’s Jail Report – September 2020
6. Building Permits & Construction Reports – September 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. 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, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

In regards to the public comment that was made at the beginning of the meeting, it was noted that last month County Department Heads participated in an Implicit Bias Training conducted by Dr. Kimberly A. Hart. Mr. Hanson confirmed that he would be reaching out to Dr. Hart again in regards to offer similar trainings to County Employees and Board Members. He also shared that the DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board was working on hosting/facilitating various diversity trainings throughout the community.

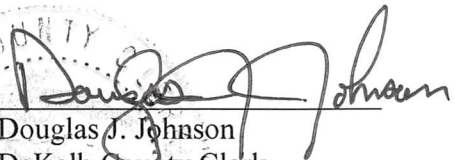
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Motion

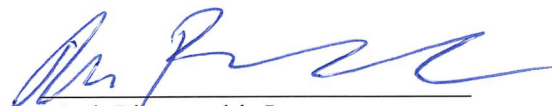
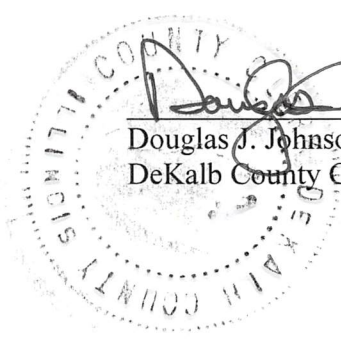
Ms. Crawford moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. and Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Clerk called the roll. Those Members voting yea were 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, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.



Douglas J. Johnson
DeKalb County Clerk



Mark Pietrowski, Jr.
DeKalb County Board Chairman

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