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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING PROCEEDINGS  
December 7, 2020**

The County Board of DeKalb County, Illinois met virtually for the 2020 Organizational Meeting through a cloud-based, peer-to-peer software platform called Zoom on Monday, December 7, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Pro-Tem, Paul Stoddard.

Mr. Tim Bagby led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS**

DeKalb County Clerk & Recorder Douglas J. Johnson individually administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected County Board Members:

Kathy Lampkins (R) – District #1  
Tim Hughes (R) – District #2  
Patrick Deutsch (R) – District #3  
Laurie Emmer (R) – District #4  
Kiara Jones (D) – District #5  
Craig Roman (D) – District #6  
Terri Mann-Lamb (D) – #7  
Bill Cummings (R) – District #8  
Neill Mohammad (D) – District #9  
Mary Cozad (D) – District #10  
Karen Cribben (R) – District #11  
Roy Plote (R) – District #11  
Jerry Osland (R) – District #12

**ROLL CALL**

Chair Pro-Tem Stoddard asked the Clerk to call the roll for the newly seated DeKalb County Board. Those present were Mr. Tim Bagby, Mr. Scott Campbell, Ms. Mary Cozad, Ms. Rukisha Crawford, Mrs. Karen Cribben, Mr. Bill Cummings, Mr. Patrick Deutsch, Mrs. Laurie Emmer, Mr. Steve Faivre, Mr. John Frieders, Mr. Tim Hughes, Ms. Kiara Jones, Mrs. Kathy Lampkins, Ms. Dianne Leifheit, Ms. Maureen Little, Mr. Jim Luebke, Ms. Terri Mann-Lamb, Mr. Neill Mohammad, Mr. Jerry Osland, Mr. Roy Plote, Mr. Craig Roman, Ms. Linda Slabon, Mr. Larry West, and Ms. Suzanne Willis. A quorum was established with all twenty-four County Board Members present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved to approve the agenda and Ms. Crawford seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Clerk called the roll on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, and Ms. Willis. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Pro-Tem Stoddard provided the new Board with his well wishes as well as reflected on his experiences as a Board Members for over the past 13 years.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **ELECTION OF COUNTY BOARD CHAIR**

### Nominations

The Chair Pro-Tem called for Nominations for County Board Chair.

### Motion

Mr. Plote nominated Mr. John Frieders for County Board Chair. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

*Chair Pro-Tem Stoddard asked three times if there were any other nominations.*

### Close Nominations

Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Osland moved to close the nominations for County Board Chair and Ms. Crawford seconded the motion.

### Vote to Close Nominations

Chair Pro-Tem called for a roll call vote to close nominations. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, and Ms. Willis. The motion carried unanimously.

### Vote to Elect Board Chairman

The Chair Pro-Tem called for a roll call vote on the election of Mr. John Frieders as County Board Chairman until November 30, 2022. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, and Ms. Willis. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

## **ELECTION OF COUNTY BOARD VICE-CHAIR**

### Nominations

Chair Pro-Tem Stoddard called for nominations of a County Board Vice-Chair.

### Motion

Mr. Luebke moved to nominate Ms. Suzanne Willis as Vice-Chair. Ms. Slabon seconded the motion.

*Chair Pro-Tem Reid asked three times if there were any other nominations for a Vice-Chair.*

### Close Nominations

Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Bagby moved to close nominations and Mr. West seconded the motion.

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Vote to Close Nominations

Chair Pro-Tem called for a roll call vote to close nominations. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call Vote to Nominate Vice-Chairman

The Chair Pro-Tem called for a roll call to elect Ms. Suzanne Willis as County Board Vice-Chair until November 30, 2022. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Frieders. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

**PASSING OF THE GAVEL**

DeKalb County Administrator Gary Hanson spoke on the “tradition” of passing the ceremonial gavel from one County Board to the next. He explained that the gavel was used as a symbol of conducting “the people’s business” in an orderly and respectful manner, which is thankfully more often than not the norm in DeKalb County, even while other levels of government often appear to be in constant turmoil and not moving forward.

*Former County Board Chairman Mark Pietrowski, Jr. virtually passed the gavel to newly-elected Board Chairman Mr. John Frieders. Both Mr. Pietrowski and Mr. Frieders said a few words.*

**COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

All County Board Members reviewed the proposed County Board Standing Committee Appointments.

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved to approve the Standing Committee Appointments as presented. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a roll call on the approval of the County Board Standing Committee Appointments. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Frieders. None were opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

The Chair reminded all County Board Members that the County Board Committee of the Whole County Board Orientation Night was scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

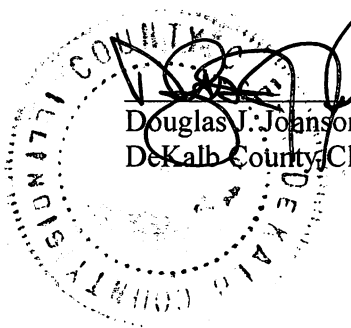
Mr. Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. and Mrs. Lampkins seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.



Douglas J. Johnson  
DeKalb County Clerk



John Frieders  
DeKalb County Board Chairman

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**DeKalb County Board Standing Committees**  
**December 7, 2020 Through November 30, 2022**  
 Updated as of December 7, 2020

	Economic Development	Executive Committee	Finance Committee	Forest Preserve Committee	Health & Human Services	Highway Committee	Law & Justice Committee	Planning & Zoning
<b>MEETINGS:</b>	1st Tues @ 7pm	2nd Wed @ 7pm	1st Wed @ 7pm	4th Tues @ 6pm	1st Mon @ 6:30pm	1st Thurs @ 6pm	4th Mon @ 6:30pm	4th Wed @ 6:30pm
<b>CHAIR:</b>	Laurie Emmer	John Frieders	Tim Bagby	Craig Roman	Rukisha Crawford	Roy Plote	Dianne Leifheit	Steve Faivre
<b>VICE-CHAIR:</b>	Kiara Jones	Suzanne Willis	Scott Campbell	Maureen Little	Karen Cribben	Jim Luebke	Linda Slabon	Larry West
	Rukisha Crawford	Tim Bagby	Bill Cummings	Mary Cozad	Bill Cummings	Patrick Deutsch	Karen Cribben	Tim Bagby
	Tim Hughes	Rukisha Crawford	Steve Faivre	Patrick Deutsch	Scott Campbell	Laurie Emmer	Mary Cozad	John Frieders
	Kathy Lampkins	Laurie Emmer	John Frieders	Tim Hughes	Maureen Little	Kiara Jones	Kathy Lampkins	Jerry Osland
	Terri Mann-Lamb	Steve Faivre	Dianne Leifheit	Terri Mann-Lamb	Neill Mohammad	Jerry Osland	Neill Mohammad	Roy Plote
		Dianne Leifheit	Jim Luebke	Suzanne Willis	Linda Slabon	Suzanne Willis	Larry West	Craig Roman
		Roy Plote						
		Craig Roman						
<b>DEPARTMENTS:</b>	County Clerk & Recorder; Supervisor of Assessments; Treasurer	Administration; Elections	Facilities Management Office; Finance Office; Information Management Office	Forest Preserve	Mental Health; Public Health; Regional Superintendent of Schools; Rehab & Nursing Center; Senior Services; Veteran's Assist.	Highway Department	Circuit Clerk; Coroner; Court Services; ESDA; Judiciary; Public Defender; Sheriff's Office; State's Attorney	Community Development
<b>OUTSIDE AGENCIES:</b>	Economic Development Corporation; Convention & Visitors Bureau				DeKalb County Extension Service; VAC		Children's Waiting Room; Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)	DeKalb County Soil & Water