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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
January 20, 2021

****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, January 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Frieders called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Those Commissioners virtually present were Mr. Scott Campbell, Ms. Mary Cozad, Ms. Rukisha Crawford, Mrs. Karen Cribben, Mr. Bill Cummings, Mr. Patrick Deutsch, Mrs. Laurie Emmer, Mr. Tim Hughes, Mrs. Kathy Lampkins, Ms. Dianne Leifheit, Ms. Maureen Little, Mr. Jim Luebke, Ms. Terri Mann-Lamb, Mr. Neill Mohammad, Mr. Roy Plote, Mr. Craig Roman, Ms. Linda Slabon, Vice-Chair Suzanne Willis, Mr. Tim Bagby, and Chairman John Frieders. Mr. Steve Faivre, Ms. Kiara Jones, Mr. Jerry Osland, and Mr. Larry West were absent. At the time of roll call a quorum was established with twenty Members present and four absent.

Chairman Frieders asked Mr. Campbell to lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

It was moved by Ms. Slabon and seconded by Mr. Hughes 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. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Larry West arrived. The roll now reflects twenty-one Members present and three absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. Cummings moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 County Board Meeting as well as the December 7, 2020 County Board Orientation Meeting. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders asked for a roll call vote on the approval of both sets of minutes. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, and Chairman Frieders. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Honoring Maureen A. Josh, DeKalb County Circuit Clerk from 1984 - 2020

DeKalb County Circuit Clerk Lori Grubbs and Ms. Colleen McConaughay both said a few words honoring long-time Circuit Clerk Maureen Josh. They also showed photos of a bench dedicated to Maureen outside of the DeKalb County Courthouse.

Employee Service Awards for December 2020

Chairman Frieders recognized the following County Employees who were celebrating Service Awards in the month of December 2020: Five Years: Chessa Kendrick – Health Department, Jennifer Inman – Rehab & Nursing Center; Fifteen Years: Mary Mitchell – Sheriff’s Office; Twenty Years: Joshua Merchant – Highway Department, Bradley Sorenson – Sheriff’s Office.

Employee Service Awards for January 2021

The Chairman additionally recognized the following County Employees celebrating Service Awards in the month of January 2021: Five Years: Charles Coulter – Rehab & Nursing Center; Ten Years: Benjamin Meier – Highway Department; Fifteen Years: Audra Puleo – Court Services.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Frieders recommended approval of the following appointments:

- a. **Sheriff’s Merit Commission**: Anita Turner reappointed for a six-year term beginning December 1, 2020 until November 30, 2026.
- b. **Nursing Home Foundation Board**: Carol Sherman newly appointed for a three-year term beginning December 1, 2020 until November 30, 2023; Toni Krull and Steve Lux both reappointed for three-year terms beginning December 1, 2020 until November 30, 2023.
- c. **E-911 Board (Emergency Telephone System Board)**: Roy Plote reappointed for a two-year term until November 30, 2022.
- d. **Boone, DeKalb, Ogle Extension Board**: Roy Plote reappointed for a two-year term until November 30, 2022.
- e. **Northwest Water Planning Alliance**: Suzanne Willis reappointed for a two-year term until November 30, 2022.
- f. **DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board**: Laurie Emmer reappointed for a two-year term until November 30, 2022.
- g. **Board of Health**: Erik Englehart, Patricia Faivre, and Lizy Garcia all reappointed for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2023; Rukisha Crawford reappointed until November 30, 2022.
- h. **Rehab & Nursing Center Operating Board/Supportive Living Facility Board**: Ferald Bryan, Patrick Conboy, and Steve Kuhn all reappointed for two-year terms until December 31, 2022; Bill Cummings and Karen Cribben newly appointed for terms expiring November 30, 2022.
- i. **Victor-Adams Drainage District**: Ross Adams appointed to fill the unexpired term of William Coultrip until August 31, 2023.

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Motion

It was moved by Mr. Luebke and seconded by Ms. Cozad 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. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, and Chairman Frieders. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kiara Jones arrived. The roll now reflects twenty-two Members present and two absent.

APPOINTMENTS...continued

Chairman Frieders recommended approval of the following appointment:

- j. **DeKalb County Interim Chief County Assessment Officer:** Bridget Nodurft appointed beginning February 1, 2021 until a successor is appointed or for 60 days, whichever comes first.

Motion

It was moved by Mrs. Emmer and seconded by Mrs. Cribben to approve the recommended appointment.

Roll Call Vote

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

APPOINTMENTS...continued

Chairman Frieders recommended approval of the following appointment:

- k. **DeKalb County Treasurer:** Becky Springer appointed beginning February 5, 2021 until November 30, 2022.

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. West to approve the recommended appointment.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call to approve the appointment. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, and Chairman Frieders. Mrs. Lampkins abstained. The motion carried.

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REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Resolution R2021-01: Award Resolution for the Purchase of One New Cab and Chassis

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to JX Peterbilt of Rockford, Illinois for the provision of one new Peterbilt 348 Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis in the total amount, with warranty options, of \$103,777.00. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, and Chairman Frieders. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance O2021-01: Establishment of an Altered Speed Zone on Lincoln Road Between Derby Line Road and South of Eagle Drive

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves establishing an altered speed zone of 45 mph (previously 55 mph) on Lincoln Road from Derby Line Road to 410 feet South of Eagle Drive (a distance of .5 miles). Mrs. Lampkins seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

A roll call vote was taken by the Clerk. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2021-02: Encumbering FY 2020-21 Rebuild Illinois Funds for Future Road Projects

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board notes that the distribution of Rebuild Illinois Bond Funding for FY 2020 was received after the 2020 construction projects were approved and awarded and hereby authorizes the approximate \$2,303,621.72 to be encumbered for the projects listed within this Resolution to be completed during the County's Fiscal Year 2021. Mr. West seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Resolution R2021-03: A Resolution Authorizing the Execution & Amendment of a Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement for FY 2021

Motion

Ms. Crawford moved the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes and directs the County Administrator of DeKalb County to execute and file a Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Agreement with the State of Illinois and amend such Agreement, if necessary, for Fiscal Year 2021 in order to obtain grant assistance under the provisions of the Downstate Public Transportation Act. Mr. Mohammad seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2021-04: Approval of the Participation in the Service Program of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved the DeKalb County Board hereby supports the continued participation in the service program of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, commencing December 1, 2020 and ending November 30, 2021 in the amount of \$28,000.00. Ms. Leifheit seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Clerk called the roll. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, and Chairman Frieders. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jerry Osland arrived. The roll now reflects twenty-three Members present and one absent.

Resolution R2021-05: DATA Fiber Divestment Resolution

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby authorize the County Board Chair to sign the attached agreement between DeKalb County Government and Syndeo Networks, Inc., including all ancillary documents so incorporated, which will allow for the transfer of assets and liabilities of the County's fiber optic network known as "DATA" and acknowledges that (1) the County will continue to enjoy free fiber services via Syndeo Networks, Inc. throughout the anticipated life of the fiber network at current levels of service and with allowances for future growth, and (2) that this agreement only becomes effective and operative upon the approval of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), an agency under the United States Department of Commerce and (3) that should NOAA require changes pertinent to DeKalb County Government to this agreement, the Chair is further authorized to approve those changes with the concurrence of the DeKalb County State's Attorney and the County Administrator. Ms. Leifheit seconded the motion as presented.

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Roll Call Vote

Information Management Director Sheila Santos provided some background on the proposed Resolution. After deliberations and questions, as well as a motion and a withdrawal of tabling the item, the Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, and Chairman Frieders. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Claims – December 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 \$15,788,656.73. Ms. Slabon seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the December 2020 Claims. Those Members voted yea were Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, and Chairman Frieders. Mrs. Lampkins abstained. The motion carried.

Claims – January 2021

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 \$9,837,095.66. Ms. Cozad seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the January 2021 Claims. Those Members voted yea were Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, and Chairman Frieders. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

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 – November & December 2020
2. Public Defender's Report – November & December 2020
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – November & December 2020
4. Pretrial Report – November & December 2020
5. Sheriff's Jail Report – November & December 2020
6. Building Permits & Construction Reports – November & December 2020

Mr. West seconded the motion.

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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. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2021-06: Appointment of a County Administrator

Motion

Vice-Chair Willis moved the DeKalb County Board does concur in the findings and recommendations of the DeKalb County Executive Committee and does hereby appoint Brian J. Gregory of Sycamore, Illinois as DeKalb County Administrator effective March 1, 2021, and further approves and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign the Employment Agreement attached to this Resolution. Mr. Roman seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

The Clerk called the roll. Those Members voted yea were Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, and Chairman Frieders. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

County Administrator Gary Hanson provided an update on the status of the COVID-19 outbreak that is occurring within the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Mr. Luebke moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. and Vice-Chair Willis seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members voting yea were Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

Douglas J. Johnson
DeKalb County Clerk

John Frieders
DeKalb County Board Chairman

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