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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
February 17, 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, February 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Frieders called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Those Commissioners virtually present were Ms. Mary Cozad, Ms. Rukisha Crawford, Mrs. Karen Cribben, Mr. Bill Cummings, Mr. Patrick Deutsch, Mrs. Laurie Emmer, Mr. Steve Faivre, 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, Vice-Chair Suzanne Willis, Mr. Tim Bagby, Mr. Scott Campbell, and Chairman John Frieders. A quorum was established with all twenty-four Members present.

Chairman Frieders asked Ms. Cozad to lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Plote and seconded by Mr. Roman 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 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Ms. Slabon moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 County Board Meeting. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the minutes. Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Employee Service Awards for February 2021

The Chairman recognized the following County Staff Members celebrating Service Awards in the month of February 2021: Five Years: Kaitlynn Cook – Rehab & Nursing Center; Ten Years: Debra Phillips – Rehab & Nursing Center; Fifteen Years: Crystal Harrolle – Public Defender’s Office, Annette Brooks – Rehab & Nursing Center, Min Zhang – Rehab & Nursing Center, David Aranda – Sheriff’s Office; Twenty Years: Rick Wild – Information Management Office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Attorney Jonathan Pope, representing James and Sarah Mueller, spoke in support of the text amendment to the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to allow for the keeping of chickens on residential properties of less than two (2) acres.

Ms. Sarah Mueller spoke in support of the text amendment to the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to allow for the keeping of chickens on residential properties of less than two (2) acres.

Mr. JJ Wett additionally spoke in favor of the passage of the Ordinance to allow for the keeping of chickens on residential properties of less than two (2) acres.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Frieders recommended approval of the following appointments:

- a. **Kane, Kendall, DeKalb Workforce Development Board**: Paul Borek and Joanne Kantner both reappointed and Joe Barbic newly appointed immediately until September 30, 2022.

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Osland and seconded by Mr. Cummings 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 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Ordinance O2021-02: An Ordinance Amending Article 5 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Keeping of Chickens on Residential Lots

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the Zoning Text Amendments as set forth in the Ordinances related to allowing for the keeping of chickens on residential properties of less than two (2) acres. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

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Roll Call Vote

After discussions, clarifications, and opinions from Board Members, the Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2021-11: Adopting an Update to the DeKalb County All Hazards Mitigation Plan

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves and adopts the DeKalb County All Hazard Mitigation Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and further authorizes the submittal, on behalf of the participating municipalities, of the adopted All Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for final review and approval. Mr. Roman seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a roll call to approve the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Resolution R2021-07: Encumbering Federal Highway Matching Tax Funds

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby notes that the Federal Highway Matching Tax Fund fund balance on December 31, 2020 is estimated to be approximately \$3,070,000 and is encumbered for the projects listed within this Resolution anticipated to be completed in the next three fiscal years and further recognizes that many necessary additional projects are already in the planning stages for years 2023 through 2025 that will take additional money from what is available in the existing fund balance and those are delineated on the attached schedule with notice now made to the public that the County Board will, as reasonably practical, seek to begin saving money in order to address those future needs. Mr. Osland seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Resolution R2021-08: Local Agency Agreement with the State of Illinois for Suydam Road Bridge

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County board hereby approves to enter into an agreement with the State of Illinois for certain improvements to the bridge over Indian Creek carrying Suydam Road, with said improvements estimated to cost \$1,270,000.00 with the local share to be estimated at \$430,000.00, and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois. Mrs. Lampkins seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

A roll call vote was taken by the Clerk. Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution R2021-09: Award Resolution for Furnishing and Installing Equipment on a 2022 Peterbilt Cab and Chassis and One New Kubota Utility Tractor

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the sole bid meeting specifications to Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc. of Monroe, Wisconsin for the provision of furnishing and installing a new snow plow, frame, hydraulic system, dump body, patrol wing, spreader and pre-wet tank on a 2022 Peterbilt 348 series Cab and Chassis in the amount of \$120,973.00; the DeKalb County Board additionally hereby approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to DeKane Equipment Corporation of Big Rock, Illinois for the provision of a new 2021 Kubota M5-111HD 12-1 utility tractor in the total amount, after trade allowance, of \$35,500.00. Mr. Deutsch seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2021-10: Engineering Agreement for the Design of the New Lebanon Road Bridge

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an agreement with the Engineering Firm of Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc., from Elgin, Illinois for certain Engineering Services associated with the removal and replacement to the bridge over Coon Creek carrying New Lebanon Road, in Genoa Road District, for an amount not to exceed \$44,842.00; and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc. Ms. Cozad seconded the motion.

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Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Resolution R2021-12: Selecting DeKalb County Convention & Visitors Bureau as the County's Agency of Record for Tourism Promotions

Motion

Mrs. Emmer moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby selects the DeKalb County Convention & Visitors Bureau as DeKalb County's Agency of Record for Tourism Promotions for the Illinois Office of Tourism for the 2021 Fiscal Year (January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021). Mrs. Lampkins seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, 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, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2021-13: A Resolution Abating the Entire Property Tax levy for the 2020 Tax year for the 2017 Jail Expansion Bond Issue

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved the DeKalb County Board approves that the \$1,599,106.26 property tax levy for the 2020 Tax Year (payable in 2021), which was levied for the retirement of the debt of the County of DeKalb, Illinois General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017 (i.e. the Jail Expansion Bonds), is hereby abated in its entirety in the amount of \$1,599,106.26, and that a certified copy of this resolution should be filed with the DeKalb County Clerk within fifteen days. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, 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, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2021-14: A Resolution Abating the Entire Property Tax Levy for the 2020 Tax Year for the 2020 Nursing Home Expansion Bond Issue

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved DeKalb County Board approves that the \$680,449.17 property tax levy for the 2020 Tax Year (payable in 2021), which was levied for the retirement of the debt of the County of DeKalb, Illinois General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020 (i.e. the Nursing Home Expansion Bonds), is hereby abated in its entirety in the amount of \$680,449.17, and that a certified copy of this resolution should be filed with the DeKalb County Clerk within fifteen days. Mr. Roman seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, 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, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2021-15: A Resolution Abating the Entire Property Tax Levy for the 2020 Tax Year for the 2020A Refunding Bond Issue

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved the DeKalb County Board approves that the \$1,046,175 property tax levy for the 2020 Tax Year (payable in 2021), which was levied for the retirement of the debt of the County of DeKalb, Illinois General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A (i.e. the Refunding Bonds for the Courthouse Expansion & Jail Planning), is hereby abated in its entirety in the amount of \$1,046,175, and that a certified copy of this resolution should be filed with the DeKalb County Clerk within fifteen days. Mrs. Cribben seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2021-16: Appointment of an Interim Finance Director

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby appoints Robert Miller as the Interim Finance Director as of March 6, 2021, at a rate of \$54.50 per hour, with said appointment ending with the starting date of the new Finance Director. Mr. Osland seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Clerk called the roll. Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution R2021-17: Appointment of an Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Authorized Agent

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby appoints Brian Gregory, as its Authorized Agent to IMRF and further delegates the powers and duties to its Authorized Agent, as outlined in this Resolution, effective as of March 1, 2021. Ms. Leifheit seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

Claims – February 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 \$8,240,733.29. Mr. Plote seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the February 2021 Claims. Those Members voted yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, 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 – January 2021
2. Public Defender's Report – January 2021
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – January 2021
4. Pretrial Report – January 2021
5. Sheriff's Jail Report – January 2021
6. Building Permits & Construction Reports – January 2021

Mr. Osland 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 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

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OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Frieders shared that the DeKalb County Health Department was notified that their first dose vaccine allotment for the next three weeks will be reduced by approximately 75%. This means their previous 1,200 dose per week allotment will be reduced between 200 and 300 doses per week. The second doses will be available but there have been a few backups due to weather-related delivery issues. He thanked the Health Department for all their continued work over the past year relating to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

This being his last official County Board Meeting, the Chairman and the Board thanked Mr. Gary Hanson for his 37+ years of service to DeKalb County Government and wished him the very best in his retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Mr. Luebke moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. and Ms. Crawford seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

Douglas J. Johnson
DeKalb County Clerk

John Frieders
DeKalb County Board Chairman