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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**March 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, March 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. 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. Craig Roman, Ms. Linda Slabon, Mr. Larry West, Mr. Tim Bagby, Mr. Scott Campbell, Ms. Mary Cozad, and Chairman John Frieders. A quorum was established with twenty-one Members present and three absent.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

It was moved by Ms. Crawford and seconded by Mrs. Lampkins 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. 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. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Mr. Hughes moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2021 County Board Meeting. Ms. Cozad 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. 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. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Employee Service Awards for March 2021

The Chairman recognized the following County Staff Members celebrating Service Awards in the month of March 2021: Five Years: Suzanne Willis – County Board Member; Twenty Years: Kathy Ostdick – Mental Health Board, Naomi Faivre – Sheriff’s Office.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

*Mr. Plote arrived. There were now twenty-two Members present and two absent.*

## APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Frieders recommended approval of the following appointments:

- a. **County Board Ad Hoc Rules Committee:** Tim Bagby, Scott Campbell, Steve Faivre, John Frieders, Kathy Lampkins, Dianne Leifheit, Craig Roman, Suzanne Willis all appointed until November 30, 2022.
- b. **Fairdale Light District:** Ed Silvers reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2021 and expiring April 30, 2024.
- c. **Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District:** Tim Struthers reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2021 and expiring April 30, 2024.
- d. **Cortland Community Fire Protection District:** Mark Yeager and John Longeville both reappointed for three-year appointments beginning May 1, 2021 until April 30, 2024.
- e. **DeKalb Community Fire Protection District:** Daniel Faivre reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2021 and expiring April 30, 2024.
- f. **Genoa-Kingston Fire Protection District:** Tony Woodson reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2021 and expiring April 30, 2024.
- g. **Hinckley Community Fire Protection District:** Bruce Thorp reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2021 and expiring April 30, 2024.
- h. **Kirkland Community Fire District:** Kevin Aves reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2021 and expiring April 30, 2024.
- i. **Lee Community Fire Protection District:** Cass Larson reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2021 and expiring April 30, 2024.
- j. **Malta Community Fire Protection District:** Thomas Plote newly appointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2021 and expiring April 30, 2024.
- k. **Maple Park and Countryside Fire Protection District:** Philip Foster reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2021 and expiring April 30, 2024.
- l. **Shabbona Community Fire Protection District:** Steve Probst reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2021 and expiring April 30, 2024.
- m. **Sycamore Community Fire Protection District:** Todd Cambier reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2021 and expiring April 30, 2024.
- n. **Waterman Fire Protection District:** Brian Minick newly appointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2021 and expiring April 30, 2024.

### Motion

It was moved by Mr. Luebke and seconded by Mr. Deutsch 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. 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. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

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## REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

### PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

#### Ordinance O2021-03: An Ordinance Approving a Special use Permit for a Solar Garden for Property Located on Bethany Road in Cortland Township

##### Motion

Mr. Faivre moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit (CO-21-02), with conditions as outlined in the Ordinance, requested by USS Solar, for the construction and operation of a 2-megawatt, 16-acre Solar Garden (USS Sycamore Solar) on property located on the south side of Bethany Road, approximately 600 feet west of Airport Road, in Cortland Township (P.I.N.: 09-09-200-010). Mr. Luebke seconded the motion as presented.

##### Motion to Amend

Mr. Hughes moved to amend Section Three, Condition 18 within the Ordinance to read: *"All pile driving activity during the project may only occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m."*. Mr. Bagby seconded the motion.

##### Roll Call Vote on Amendment #1

After discussion, the Chair called for a roll call vote on the proposed amendment. Those Members voting yea were Ms. Crawford, Ms. Little, Ms. Slabon, Mr. Bagby, and Mr. Campbell. Those opposed were Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Mr. West, Ms. Cozad, and Chairman Frieders. Five Members voted yea and seventeen were opposed. The motion failed.

##### Motion to Amend

Mr. Bagby moved to amend Section Three, Condition 18 within the Ordinance to read: *"All pile driving activity during the project may only occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m."*. Mr. West seconded the motion.

##### Roll Call Vote on Amendment #2

After further discussion, Chairman Frieders called for a roll call vote on the second proposed amendment to the Ordinance. Those voting yea were Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Jones, Mrs. Lampkins, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, and Chairman Frieders. Those opposed were Ms. Crawford, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Ms. Mann-Lamb, and Mr. Plote. The motion carried with seventeen Members in favor and five opposed.

##### Roll Call Vote on Motion as Amended

Chairman Frieders called for a vote on the motion now as amended. Those Members voting yea were 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. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Ms. Cozad, and Chairman Frieders. Those opposed were Mr. Bagby and Mr. Campbell. The motion carried with twenty Members voting yea and two opposed.

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**COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2021-18: Appropriation of MFT Funds for Peace Road Bridges Preliminary**

**Engineering**

**Motion**

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of MFT Funds in the total amount of \$120,000.00 for the phase I and II engineering services for the widening of two existing bridge structures on Peace Road on the west side of Sycamore. Ms. Cozad seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those Members voting yea were 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. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, and Chairman Frieders. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Resolution R2021-19: Local Agency Agreement with the State of Illinois for Suydam Road**

**Motion**

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an agreement with the State of Illinois for certain improvements to Suydam Road from Illinois Route 23 to Sandwich City Limits, with said improvements to be estimated at a cost of \$1,312,500.00 with the local share to be estimated at a cost of \$262,000.00; and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute to appropriate Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois. Mr. Deutsch seconded the motion as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

A roll call vote was taken by the Clerk. Those Members voting yea were 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. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Resolution R2021-20: Award Resolution for 2021 General County Letting**

**Motion**

Mr. Plote moved that the Dekalb County Board hereby awards the 2021 General County Letting for aggregate, patching materials, and hot-mix to the following companies who submitted the lowest bids meeting specifications: Curran Contracting, Peter Baker, Macklin Inc. of Rochelle, Illinois, Vulcan Materials of Sycamore/DeKalb, Illinois, and Wagner Aggregate, Inc of DeKalb, Illinois; the Board further approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Sicalco, LTD of Hinsdale, Illinois for liquid calcium chloride. Mr. West seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

Chairman Frieders called for a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were 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. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, and Chairman Frieders. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Resolution R2021-21: Award Resolution for 2021 Aggregate Projects, Crack Route and Fill Projects and Drainage Pipes**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Macklin Inc. from Rochelle, Illinois for 4,000 tons of aggregate SOR to be placed on Preserve Road in Clinton Road District in the amount of \$50,000.00 and for 5,000 tons of aggregate SOR to be placed on East Paw Paw and Goble Roads in Paw Paw Road District in the amount of \$67,500.00; Wagner Aggregate, Inc. from DeKalb, Illinois for 5,000 tons of aggregate surface course SOR to be placed on Gurler Road in Malta Road District in the amount of \$52,500.00, for 3,300 tons of aggregate surface course SOR to be placed on Weiherman, Rimsnider, and Owens Road in Pierce Road District in the amount of \$40,986.00, for 5,000 tons of aggregate surface course SOR to be placed on McQueen Road in South Grove Road District in the amount of \$44,650.00; Metal Culverts, Inc. from Jefferson City, Missouri for 2,559 feet of various size culvert pipe and 36 connecting bands of various sizes for use in DeKalb County and Franklin, Malta and Milan Road Districts in the amount of \$61,883.04; Denler, Inc. from Joliet, Illinois for 91,042 feet of crack routing and filling on various roads and streets in DeKalb Road District, the City of DeKalb and the City of Sandwich in the amount of \$37,327.22. Mr. Bagby seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were 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. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, and Chairman Frieders. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2021-22: Appointment of a Supervisor of Assessments**

Motion

Mrs. Emmer moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby appoint Bridget Nodurft as DeKalb County Supervisor of Assessments for a four-year term effective April 1, 2021 at a salary of \$85,000. Mrs. Cribben seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were 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. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2021-23: A Resolution Approving Appropriations and Budget Transfers for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020**

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the unexpected and emergency appropriations and budget transfers as set forth on Attachment A for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2020. Mr. Roman seconded the motion as presented.

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### Roll Call Vote

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were 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. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Claims – March 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 \$6,022,059.30. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

#### Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the March 2021 Claims. Those Members voting yea were 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. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, 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 – February 2021
2. Public Defender's Report – February 2021
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – February 2021
4. Pretrial Report – February 2021
5. Sheriff's Jail Report – February 2021
6. Building Permits & Construction Reports – February 2021

Ms. Leifheit seconded the motion.

#### Roll Call Vote

The Chairman requested a roll call vote to accept the Reports of County Officials as presented. Those Members voting yea were 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. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Frieders shared that the County was still accepting Finance Director applications until Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. The Finance Committee will be reviewing those applications with a hope to interview in the beginning of April.

He also shared that in May he would like to see the Board and Committees conduct hybrid meetings in order to start moving back to meeting in-person.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

Mr. Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. and Ms. Slabon seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members voting yea were 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. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Slabon, Mr. West, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

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Douglas J. Johnson  
DeKalb County Clerk

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John Frieders  
DeKalb County Board Chairman

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