

DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**DEKALB COUNTY BOARD  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Executive Session Minutes  
August 12, 2015**

The DeKalb County Executive Committee of DeKalb County, Illinois held an Executive Session on August 12, 2015, in the Administration Building's Conference Room East, 110 E. Sycamore Street, Sycamore, Illinois. The session was called by a majority roll call vote of the Executive Committee at their regular meeting of the same day.

The session started at 8:52 p.m. Those Members in attendance were Mr. John Frieders, Mr. John Gudmunson, Mrs. Misty Haji-Sheikh, Mrs. Anita Turner, Mr. Whelan, and Chairman Mark Pietrowski, Jr.

Also present was County Administrator Gary Hanson, State's Attorney Richard Schmack, and County Board Members: Kevin Bunge, Dan Cribben, John Emerson, Dianne Leifheit, Maureen Little, Jim Luebke, Frank O'Barski, Chris Porterfield, Steve Reid, and Ruth Anne Tobias.

**PERSONNEL AS PROVIDED FOR IN 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1)**

Chairman Pietrowski and Vice-Chair Jones wanted to gather the Board together to evaluate the performance of Planning & Zoning Director Paul Miller.

The Committee and Board Members present provided their comments on their interactions with Mr. Miller. They provided that they would like to see him work on opening up his attitude to more of an open approach to issues as opposed to just saying "no" to things. The Board would like to see the Planning & Zoning Department as a whole, more inviting and willing to work with citizens.

Others believed that Mr. Miller is doing what his job is; enforcing the County Code and Zoning Ordinances.

It was commented that maybe the Planning & Zoning Committee will need to look within the County Code to see what changes need to be made to allow for workable solutions as opposed to "no's". This may help create a new mind-set within the Department.

The Chair reiterated that he wanted to bring awareness to all Board Members on this issue and charged the Planning & Zoning Committee to being working on possible solutions to find ways of making the County Code and the Planning & Zoning Department more user-friendly.

**Mr. Emerson moved to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Open Executive Committee Meeting at 10:05 p.m. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion. The motion carried with an 8-0-1 roll call vote.**

  
Tasha Stogsdill, Recording Secretary

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