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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**May 19, 2021**

***\*Due to COVID-19, this Meeting was held as a Hybrid Public Meeting***

The DeKalb County Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting in the DeKalb County Legislative Center's Gathertorium in Sycamore, Illinois as well as virtually through a cloud-based, peer-to-peer software platform called Zoom on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Frieders called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mr. Bill Cummings (in-person), Mr. Patrick Deutsch (in-person), Mrs. Laurie Emmer (in-person), Mr. Steve Faivre (virtually), Mr. Tim Hughes (virtually), Ms. Kiara Jones (virtually), Mrs. Kathy Lampkins (virtually), Ms. Dianne Leifheit (virtually), Ms. Maureen Little (virtually), Mr. Jim Luebke (virtually), Ms. Terri Mann-Lamb (virtually), Mr. Neill Mohammad (in-person), Mr. Jerry Osland (virtually), Mr. Roy Plote (in-person), Mr. Craig Roman (in-person), Ms. Linda Slabon (virtually), Mr. Larry West (virtually), Vice-Chair Suzanne Willis, Mr. Tim Bagby, Mr. Scott Campbell, Ms. Mary Cozad (in-person), Ms. Rukisha Crawford (virtually), Mrs. Karen Cribben (virtually), and Chairman John Frieders (in-person). A quorum was established with all twenty-four Members present.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Roman and seconded by Mr. Plote 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. 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, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Ms. Cozad moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021 County Board Meeting. Mrs. Emmer 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 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, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

### COVID-19 Situational Update

DeKalb County Public Health Administrator Lisa Gonzalez presented a PowerPoint to the Board that provided a situational update on the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Employee Service Awards for May 2021

The Chairman recognized the following County Staff Members celebrating Service Awards in the month of May 2021: Five Years: Andrea Smith – Health Department, Dina Bingaman – Rehab & Nursing Center, Janet George – Rehab & Nursing Center, Lindsay Smith – Sheriff’s Office; Ten Years: Greg Maurice – Health Department; Fifteen Years: Jason Pfister – Highway Department, George Gates – Rehab & Nursing Center; Twenty Years: Tammy Webb – Court Services, Andy Vanatta – IMO, Sheila Santos – IMO; Twenty-Five Years: Mary Lynn Meisch – County Clerk & Recorder’s Office.

### Proclamation P2021-01: Older Americans Month 2021

#### Motion

Vice-Chair Willis moved that the DeKalb County Board of the County of DeKalb, Illinois does hereby proclaim May 2021 to be Older Americans Month. The Board urges every resident to recognize older adults and the people who support them as essential contributors to the strength of our community. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion.

#### Roll Call Vote

Those voting yeas were 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, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

## APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Frieders recommended approval of the following appointments:

- a. **Emergency Telephone Systems Board (E-911)**: Colleen McAllister appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Tom Phillips until December 31, 2021.
- b. **Regional Planning Commission**: Mark Pietrowski, Jr. (*Cortland*) appointed for three-year term until March 31, 2024.
- c. **Regional Planning Commission - Alternates**: Cheryl Aldis (*Cortland*) appointed for three-year term until March 31, 2024.

#### Motion

It was moved by Mrs. Emmer and seconded by Mr. Hughes 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. 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, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, and Chairman Frieders. Motion carried unanimously.

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## REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

### PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

#### **Ordinance O2021-07: An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for a Public Stable in Franklin Township**

##### Motion

Mr. Faivre moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit, with conditions as outlined in the Ordinance, requested by Amy and John Klink for the establishment and operation of a public stable on property located at 6135 Baseline Road, in Franklin Township. Mrs. Lampkins seconded the motion as presented.

##### Roll Call Vote

The Chairman called for a roll call on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were 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, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, and Chairman Frieders. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Resolution R2021-37: A Resolution Adopting the Upper South Branch Kishwaukee River Improvement Watershed Plan as an Amendment to the Stormwater Management Plan for DeKalb County, IL**

##### Motion

Mr. Faivre moved that in accordance with the recommendation of the Stormwater Management Committee, the DeKalb County Board does hereby adopt the Upper South Branch Kishwaukee River Watershed Improvement Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", as an Amendment to the DeKalb County Stormwater Management Plan, and hereby endorses the policies and recommendations contained therein. Further, the County Board encourages the adoption of the Watershed Improvement Plan by those governmental entities within the boundaries of the Watershed; the County Board further directs the Stormwater Management Planning Committee to consider and recommend possible changes to the DeKalb County Countywide Stormwater Management Ordinance needed to adopt the regulatory and best management practices set forth in the Upper South Branch Kishwaukee River Watershed Improvement Plan. Mr. Plote seconded the motion.

##### Roll Call Vote

The Chairman called for a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were 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, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, and Chairman Frieders. Motion carried unanimously.

*Mr. Osland was experiencing technical difficulties and was unable to provide a vote from this point forward.*

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**COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2021-34: Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois for the Maintenance of Traffic Signals on the State System that Intersect with a County Road**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an agreement with the State of Illinois for the maintenance and apportionment of energy costs for traffic control devices located on State Highways shared with DeKalb County and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois. Mr. Deutsch seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chairman called for a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, and Chairman Frieders. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2021-35: Vacation of "A" Street Located in Highland Meadows off of Rich Road in DeKalb Township**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the Highway Committee's recommendation to vacate a right-of-way, as described in the Resolution, located within the Highland Meadows Subdivision along Rich Road, in DeKalb Township. Ms. Cozad seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, and Chairman Frieders. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance O2021-06: An Ordinance of the County of DeKalb, Providing for the Establishment of an Altered Speed Zone**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves establishing an altered speed zone of 45 mph on Perry Road from Illinois State Route 23 east for 3,210 feet (a distance of .6 miles). Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, and Chairman Frieders. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Resolution R2021-36: Engineering Agreement for Phase I and II Services for the Bridge on Peace Road over the Kishwaukee River**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an agreement with the Engineering Firm of Chastain & Associates, LLC, from Rockford, Illinois for certain Phase I and II Engineering Services associated with the widening of the existing bridge carrying Peace Road over the Kishwaukee River and the related approach roadway widening from 2 lane to 5 lanes between Illinois State Route 64 and Freed Road, in the Road District of Sycamore, for an amount not to exceed \$372,430.76; and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Chastain & Associates, LLC. 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 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, and Chairman Frieders. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2021-38: Award of the Senior Services Tax Levy Funding**

Motion

Ms. Crawford moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee and agrees to purchase services from the agencies listed within the Resolution in a total amount not exceeding \$460,000 for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. Mr. Mohammad seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a vote on the motion. Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, and Chairman Frieders. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Claims – May 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 \$7,335,597.84. Ms. Leifheit seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the May 2021 Claims. Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, and Chairman Frieders. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

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## **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 – April 2021
2. Public Defender’s Report – April 2021
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – April 2021
4. Pretrial Report – April 2021
5. Sheriff’s Jail Report – April 2021
6. Building Permits & Construction Reports – April 2021

Mr. Roman 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 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, and Chairman Frieders. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Resolution R2021-39: Resolution Urging the General Assembly and Governor to Assist Counties Required to Meet Deadlines to Reapportion County Board Districts Without Updated Federal Census Data**

#### **Motion**

Vice-Chair Willis moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby urges the General Assembly and Governor to work with County Leaders toward a viable solution intended to address the delay in federal census data and to ensure that County Board Districts can be reapportioned using the most accurate numbers or estimates available and further urges the General Assembly and Governor enact a viable solution to the delay in federal census data in an expeditious manner that provides County Leaders with the direction and certainty necessary to fulfill their statutory obligations to reapportion County Board Districts. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Frieders provided a brief Digital Radio update, encouraged Board Members to attend the meetings in-person and reviewed the upcoming appointments for the months of June and August.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. and Mr. Deutsch seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members voting yea were 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, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, 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