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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Executive Committee Minutes
May 12, 2021**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium as well as via Zoom on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. Chairman Frieders called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m. Those Members present were Mr. Tim Bagby (in-person), Ms. Rukisha Crawford (virtually), Mrs. Laurie Emmer (in-person), Mr. Steve Faivre (virtually), Ms. Dianne Leifheit (in-person), Mr. Roy Plote (virtually), Mr. Craig Roman (in-person), Vice-Chair Suzanne Willis (virtually), and Chairman John Frieders (in-person). A quorum was established with all nine Members present.

Others present included Brian Gregory, Derek Hiland, Nathan Schwartz, Sheila Santos, David Berault, Greg Millburg, Scott Campbell, Linda Slabon, Kathy Lampkins, Larry West, Karen Cribben, Terri Mann-Lamb, Jerry Osland, Bill Cummings, and Mary Cozad.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Emmer moved to approve the Executive Committee Agenda as presented. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Those voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Leifheit, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Vice-Chair Willis, and Chairman Frieders. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Bagby and seconded by Mrs. Emmer to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Leifheit, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Vice-Chair Willis, and Chairman Frieders. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTION URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR TO ASSIST COUNTIES REQUIRED TO MEET DEADLINES TO REAPPORTION COUNTY BOARD DISTRICTS WITHOUT UPDATED FEDERAL CENSUS DATA

County Administrator Brian Gregory reviewed that Illinois law requires that County Board Districts be redrawn every ten years. County Leaders utilize federal census data to properly reapportion County Board Districts. The COVID-19 pandemic has interfered with the decennial census process and caused the U.S. Census Bureau to miss its statutory deadline of December 31, 2020, to deliver population counts to the President and Congress. The delay in data also caused the U.S. Census Bureau to miss its April 1, 2021, deadline to send redistricting counts to the states and the U.S. Census Bureau announced that it will not release the new census data until September 2021. Illinois statute requires County Board Districts to be reapportioned by July 2021. Without updated federal census data counties will not be able to fulfill statutory obligations and timetables to redraw County Board Districts in a manner that utilizes the most recent and updated population counts.

The proposed Resolution 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.

It was moved by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Roman to forward the Resolution to the full County Board recommending its approval. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Leifheit, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Ms. Willis, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN HUCHER V. DEKALB 17L16 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,500

Chief Civil Assistant State Attorney David Berault explained that the Plaintiff Debbie Hucher filed a lawsuit against the County of DeKalb in the Circuit Court for the 23rd Judicial Circuit, DeKalb County, Illinois, Case No. 17 L 16 alleging that the County is liable for claimed injuries and damages arising out of the condition and/or maintenance of County property. The County has denied, and continues to deny, any and all fault, wrongdoing, and liability, and yet desires to resolve the lawsuit without the further expense and uncertainty of continuing litigation. The DeKalb County Board, by and through the DeKalb County Executive Committee, being duly advised and after due consideration, and upon the advice and recommendation of counsel hereby resolve as follows:

Mr. Bagby moved to approve that for the purpose of compromise of the disputed claim alleged in Case No. 17 L 16, wherein settlement and payment are not to be construed as conceding any defense, or as an admission of liability, fault or error on behalf of the County, the settlement with Plaintiff Debbie Hucher in the sum of \$27,500.00 (Twenty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars and 00/100 Cents) as full and final settlement of the DEBBIE HUCHER vs. COUNTY OF DEKALB, ILLINOIS, a body politic matter, is approved and the DeKalb County Board Chairman is authorized to sign the accompanying Settlement Agreement for same. Ms. Leifheit seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Leifheit, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Vice-Chair Willis and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Frieders recommended the 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.

Mr. Roman moved to forward to recommended appointments to the full County Board for approval. Vice-Chair Willis seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Leifheit, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Vice-Chair Willis, and Chairman Frieders. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Mrs. Emmer moved to approve the Draft County Board Agenda and to forward it to the full County Board. Mr. Bagby seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Leifheit, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Vice-Chair Willis, and Chairman Frieders. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Roman and it was seconded by Mrs. Emmer to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Those voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Leifheit, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Vice-Chair Willis, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Chairman John Frieders

Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary