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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**August 18, 2021**

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Frieders called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Those Commissioners present were Mrs. Laurie Emmer, Mr. Steve Faivre, Mr. Tim Hughes, 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, Mr. Larry West, Vice-Chair Suzanne Willis, Mr. Tim Bagby, Mr. Scott Campbell, Ms. Mary Cozad, Ms. Rukisha Crawford, Mr. Bill Cummings, Mr. Patrick Deutsch, and Chairman John Frieders. Those absent were Ms. Kiara Jones, Ms. Linda Slabon, and Mrs. Karen Cribben. A quorum was established with twenty-one Members present and three absent.

Chairman Frieders asked Mrs. Emmer to lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Faivre and seconded by Mr. Roman to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a voice vote to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Ms. Cozad moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2021 County Board Meeting. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Frieders asked for a voice vote on the approval of the minutes. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

DeKalb County Public Health Administrator Lisa Gonzalez provided the Board and the public with a COVID-19 Situational Update. The PowerPoint presentation illustrated the current local numbers, a detailed look at the newest Delta Variant, and the continued work that the Health Department is doing to vaccinate the public. The full PowerPoint presentation is attached as **Exhibit A**.

Employee Service Awards for July 2021

Chairman Frieders recognized the following County Employees who celebrated Service Awards in the month of July 2021: Five Years: Andrea Morales – Rehab & Nursing Center; Ten Years: Timothy Boyd – Sheriff's Office; Fifteen Years: Rebecca Taft – Sheriff's Office; Twenty Years: Kathryn West – Community Development; Twenty-Five Years: Andrew Sullivan – Sheriff's Office.

### Employee Service Awards for August 2021

Chairman Frieders additionally recognized the following County Employees who are celebrating Service Awards in the month of August 2021: Five Years: Pamela Olsen – Rehab & Nursing Center; Ten Years: Matthew Mills – Court Services, Nicole Gorham – Public Defender’s Office; Twenty Years: Stephen Rubeck – Sheriff’s Office.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Larry Forsberg, South Grove Township, addressed the County Board regarding Solar Energy Systems County-Wide Acreage Limitation. Please see **Exhibit B** for detailed comments.

Ms. Katherine Andraski, Franklin Township, addressed the Board in regards to industrial solar projects and the Solar Energy Systems County-Wide Acreage Limitation. Please see **Exhibit C** for detailed comments.

Mr. Brad Belanger, South Grove Township, addressed the County Board regarding Solar Energy Systems County-Wide Acreage Limitation evaluation period. He additionally requested that the County establish a period of assessment for industrial Solar Energy Systems. Please see **Exhibit D** for detailed comments.

Mr. John Lyon, Mayfield Township, addressed the Board regarding Solar Energy Systems County-Wide Acreage Limitation evaluation period.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Frieders recommended approval of the following appointment:

- a. **DeKalb County Sheriff**: Andrew Sullivan appointed immediately to fill out the unexpired term until November 30, 2022.

### Motion

It was moved by Mr. Faivre and seconded by Mr. Osland to approve the recommended appointment for County Sheriff as presented.

### Voice Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

The Chair additionally recommended approval of the following appointments:

- b. **Regional Planning Commission**: Terri Voitik (*Lee*) and Todd Latham (*Sandwich*) both appointed until March 31, 2024.
- c. **Stormwater Management Committee**: Kevin Bunge, Paul Stoddard, Todd Latham, Patricia Vary, Zak Gill, and Mark Bushnell all reappointed for two-year terms until June 30, 2023; Jan Melton appointed immediately to fill an unexpired term until June 30, 2022.
- d. **General Assistance Appeal Board**: Jim Hanson, Amy Mathey, Randy Bourdages, Garry Smith, and John Frieders all reappointed for three-year terms until June 30, 2024.
- e. **Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb**: Ronald Bemis reappointed for a five-year term beginning November 1, 2021 and expiring October 31, 2026.
- f. **DeKalb County Public Building Commission**: Kevin Bunge appointed to fill the unexpired term of Michael Larson until September 30, 2025.

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- g. **Somonauk Cemetery Association:** A. A. Burgin, III, Gerald Lundeen, Howard Rosenwinkel, Pat Schuh, Dennis Stahl, and Roy Wahlgren all reappointed for six-year terms beginning September 1, 2021 and expiring August 31, 2027.
- h. **South Grove Cemetery Association:** Henry Burgweger, Barbara Koehnke, and Tiffany Rauman all reappointed for six-year terms beginning September 1, 2021 and expiring August 31, 2027.
- i. **Coon Creek Drainage District:** John Emerson reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2021 and expiring August 31, 2024.
- j. **Clinton-Shabbona Drainage District:** Robert Buchholz reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2021 and expiring August 31, 2024.
- k. **Normal Drainage District:** Scott Drake reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2021 and expiring August 31, 2024.
- l. **Shabbona, Milan, Union Drainage District:** Robert Mullins reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2021 and expiring August 31, 2024.
- m. **Somonauk-Victor Drainage District:** Wayne Nelson reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2021 and expiring August 31, 2024.
- n. **Squaw Grove Drainage District:** Bill Pfau reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2021 and expiring August 31, 2024.
- o. **Union Drainage District #4:** Alan Wiesbrook reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2021 and expiring August 31, 2024.
- p. **Victor-Clinton Drainage District:** Richard Erickson reappointed for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2021 and expiring August 31, 2024.

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Plote and seconded by Mr. Luebke to approve the recommended appointments as presented.

Voice Vote

The Chair called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

**Ordinance O2021-09: An Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment for 100 Gletty Road in Sandwich Township**

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves, with conditions as outlined in the Ordinance, a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone the property located at 100 Gletty Road in Sandwich Township from BC, Business Conservation to PD-I, Planned Development – Industrial in order to allow for the operation of a vehicle repair facility and the establishment and operation of a 30,000-gallon propane storage tank to be used in conjunction with a propane business owned by Arneson Oil. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a voice vote on the motion. The Motion carried unanimously.

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**COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2021-45: Local Agency Agreement with the State of Illinois for Federal Participation in the Construction of New Lebanon Road Bridge**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an agreement with the State of Illinois for certain improvements to the bridge over Coon Creek carrying New Lebanon Road, located in Genoa Road District, with said improvements to be estimated at a cost of \$475,000.00 with the local share to be estimated at \$19,000.00, and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute to appropriate Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois. Mr. Osland seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Those voting yea were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, and Chairman Frieders. All Members present voted yea. Those motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2021-46: Local Agency Agreement with the State of Illinois for TARP Funding in Conjunction with the Resurfacing of South First Street, Perry Road, and Waterman Road**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an agreement with the State of Illinois for certain improvements to 10.55 miles of Waterman Road (Perry Road to Waterman Village Limits), Perry Road (South First Street to Illinois State Route 23), and South First Street (DeKalb City Limits to Perry Road), with said improvements to be estimated at a cost of \$3,300,000.00 with the local share to be estimated at \$2,400,000.00, and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Local Agency Agreement for Truck Access Route Program (TARP) funding with the State of Illinois. Ms. Mann-Lamb seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a roll call vote. Those voting yea were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2021-47: Local Agency Agreement with the State of Illinois for TARP Funding in Conjunction with the Resurfacing of Chicago 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 6.66 miles of Chicago Road, from Shabbona Road east to Illinois State Route 23, with said improvements to be estimated at a cost of \$1,592,000.00 with the local share to be estimated at \$940,630.00, and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Local Agency Agreement for Truck Access Route Program (TARP) funding with the State of Illinois. Mrs. Lampkins seconded the motion as presented.

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Roll Call Vote

A roll call vote was taken. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, and Chairman Frieders. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2021-48: Award Resolution for a New Tractor-Loader-Backhoe and a New Brush Chipper**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Westside Tractor Sales Company of Lisle, Illinois for the provision of a new 2022 John Deere 410L Backhoe Loader in the total amount, after trade-in allowance, of \$101,849.30; Additionally, the County Board further approves the lowest bid meeting specifications to Vermeer Midwest of Aurora, Illinois for the provision of a new 2021 Vermeer BC1000XL Brush Chipper in the total amount of \$38,433.00. Ms. Cozad seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders called a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, and Chairman Frieders. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2021-49: Truck Route Resolution for Chicago Road (Shabbona Road to Illinois State Route 23)**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved DeKalb County Board hereby establishes a Class II Truck Route for 6.66 miles of Chicago Road from Shabbona Road to IL State Route 23. Mr. Osland seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Resolution R2021-50: Truck Route Resolution for S. First Street (Perry Road to City of DeKalb Limits, Perry Road (S. First Street to IL Route 23), and Waterman Road (Perry Road to Waterman Village Limits)**

Motion

Mr. Plote moved the DeKalb County Board hereby establishes Class II Truck Routes for 5.05 of Waterman Road from Perry Road to Waterman Village Limits, 2.00 miles of Perry Road from South First Street to Illinois State Route 23, and for 3.50 miles of South First Street from DeKalb City Limits to Perry Road. Mr. Deutsch seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

A voice vote was taken. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

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## **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

### **Resolution R2021-51: Approval of Voluntary Action Center Pass-Through Agreement**

#### **Motion**

Ms. Crawford moved the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the execution of an Agreement to pass-through Section 5311 and Downstate Operating Assistance Program funds to Voluntary Action Center of Northern Illinois for the administration and operation of the rural transit service.

#### **Voice Vote**

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Resolution R2021-52: A Resolution Accepting a One-Year Proposal to Provide Professional Auditing Services**

#### **Motion**

Mr. Bagby moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby accept the one-year Proposal to Provide Professional Auditing Services for the Fiscal Years Ending December 31, 2021 from Sikich LLP of Naperville, Illinois for the total amount of \$92,415. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution R2021-53: Establishment of a County Audit Selection and Rotation Policy**

#### **Motion**

Mr. Bagby moved that the DeKalb County Board concurs with the recommendation of the County's Finance Committee and hereby establishes an Audit Selection and Rotation Policy for DeKalb County Government. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion as presented.

#### **Voice Vote**

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **Claims – July 2021**

#### **Motion**

Mr. Bagby moved to approve the payment of claims for last month, and the off-cycle claims paid during the previous month, including all claims for travel, meals, and lodging, in the amount of \$8,706,328.72. Mr. Roman seconded the motion.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

Chairman Frieders asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the July 2021 Claims. Those Members voted yea were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, and Chairman Frieders. All Members present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

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### **Claims – August 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 \$8,511,639.95. Ms. Leifheit seconded the motion.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

Chairman Frieders asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the August 2021 Claims. Those Members voted yea were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, 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 – June & July 2021
2. Public Defender's Report – June & July 2021
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – June & July 2021
4. Pretrial Report – June & July 2021
5. Sheriff's Jail Report – June & July 2021
6. Building Permits & Construction Reports – June & July 2021

Ms. Cozad seconded the motion.

#### **Voice Vote**

The Chairman requested a voice vote to accept the Reports of County Officials as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Resolution R2021-54: Solar Energy Systems County-Wide Acreage Limitation**

#### **Motion**

Vice-Chair Willis moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a temporary limitation of 8,000 acres for commercial and industrial solar farms and gardens in unincorporated areas county-wide and hereby instructs the Planning and Zoning Committee to conduct a public hearing and prepare a zoning text amendment to modify the County Code of the DeKalb County Government to reflect a limitation on the maximum number of acres county-wide for the commercial and industrial solar farms and gardens. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion as presented.

The wording that the Board Members were discussing was as follows:

Sec. 53-E-12A. Solar Energy Systems

*New Language*

*9. Acreage Limitation, County-Wide*

*In an effort to balance the County's heritage of rich farmland with the emerging solar energy system technology, the DeKalb County Board has imposed a county-wide limit of 8,000 total acres for the purposes of solar energy systems as the primary use; meaning commercial or industrial solar gardens and farms. This limit does not apply to ancillary uses such as panels installed on rooftops or on farms for the purpose of powering that particular property. The Planning and Zoning Committee will review the acreage limitation at its regular meeting in January, 2024 and make a recommendation to the full DeKalb County Board.*

Motion to Amend

Mr. Hughes moved to extend PZC's review time from January, 2024 (2 years) to January, 2027 (5 years). Mr. West seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

After quite a bit of discussion, the Chairman called for a roll call vote on the amendment to the motion. Those voting yea were Mr. Hughes, Mr. Osland, and Mr. West. Those opposed were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, and Chairman Frieders. The motion failed with three Members voting yea and eighteen opposed.

Motion to Amend

Mr. Roman moved to amend the original motion by replacing the following language to now read:

*In an effort to balance the County's heritage of rich farmland with the emerging solar energy system technology, the DeKalb County Board has imposed a county-wide limit of ~~8,000 total acres for the purposes of solar energy systems as the primary use; meaning commercial or industrial solar gardens and farms~~ 18,000 total acres, not including any commercial and industrial solar farms and gardens that are already existing or that are in the approval process. This limit does not apply to ancillary uses such as panels installed on rooftops or on farms for the purpose of powering that particular property. The Planning and Zoning Committee will review the acreage limitation at its regular meeting in January, 2024 and make a recommendation to the full DeKalb County Board.*

Roll Call Vote

After much discussion and clarifications, the Chair called for a roll call vote on the amendment. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Faivre, Ms. Leifheit, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Roman, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, and Mr. Cummings. Those Members voting nay were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Little, Mr. Osland, Mr. West, Mr. Bagby, and Chairman Frieders. Mr. Plote and Mr. Deutsch abstained. The motion carried with eleven Members voting yea, eight opposed, and two abstentions.

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Roll Call on Motion as Amended

Chairman Frieders called for a roll call now on the motion as amended. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Roman, Mr. West, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mr. Cummings, and Chairman Frieders. Those opposed were Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mohammad, Mr. Osland, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, and Mr. Campbell. Mr. Plote and Mr. Deutsch abstained. The motion carried with thirteen Members voting yea, six opposed, and two abstentions.

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

None.

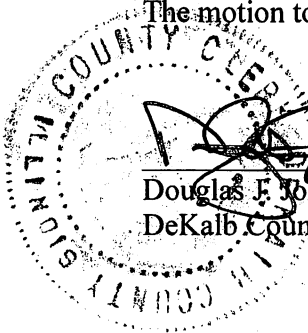
**ADJOURNMENT**


Motion


Mr. Luebke moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. and Ms. Crawford seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion to adjourn the meeting carried unanimously.



  
Douglas F. Johnson  
DeKalb County Clerk

  
John Frieders  
DeKalb County Board Chairman