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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
February 16, 2022

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Frieders called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Ms. Maureen Little, Mr. Jim Luebke, Ms. Terri Mann-Lamb, Mr. Jerry Osland, Mr. Craig Roman, Mr. Ellingsworth Webb, Vice-Chair Suzanne Willis, Mr. Tim Bagby, Mr. Scott Campbell, Ms. Mary Cozad, Mrs. Karen Cribben, Mr. Bill Cummings, Mr. Patrick Deutsch, Mrs. Laurie Emmer, Mr. Steve Faivre, Mr. Tim Hughes, Mrs. Kathy Lampkins, Ms. Dianne Leifheit, and Chairman John Frieders. Those absent were Ms. Pickett, Mr. Plote, Mr. West, Ms. Crawford, and Ms. Jones. There was a quorum with nineteen Members present and five absent at the time of roll call.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

It was moved by Ms. Mann-Lamb and seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a voice vote to approve the agenda as presented. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Michelle Pickett arrived. There were now twenty Members present and four absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mrs. Emmer moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022 County Board Meeting. Ms. Cozad 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

Ceremonial Oath of Office

Ms. Michelle Pickett's appointment as a DeKalb County Board Member was unanimously approved at last month's Board Meeting. Although she was not in attendance at the Board Meeting, Ms. Pickett was sworn in by County Clerk Doug Johnson at the Administration Office within the next couple of days. This Ceremonial Oath of Office was a way to commemorate Ms. Pickett's swearing-in in front of the entire County Board.

Employee Service Awards

Chairman Frieders and the Board recognized the following County Employee who celebrated a Service Award in the month of February 2022: Five Years: Steve Julseth – Community Development, Elaxus Haas – Rehab & Nursing Center; Fifteen Years: Bethany Rowan – Sheriff's Office, Jason Johnson – Sheriff's Office, Ashley Kirsopp – Sheriff's Office.

Ms. Rukisha Crawford arrived. There were now twenty-one Members present and three absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center Administrator Magdalen Niemi read aloud a letter from Ms. Mary Roman to the County Board Members and County Administrator Brian Gregory. Ms. Roman is President of the Resident Council at the DCRNC. She invited Mr. Gregory to their next Resident Council Meeting.

Mr. Chuck Coulter, Maintenance at the DCRNC and President of AFSCME Local 3537, thanked the Board for considering the contract that is on the agenda for the evening. He added that it was a pleasure working and negotiating with County Administrator Brian Gregory. In addition, Mr. Coulter noted that back in 2019 he went to the DCRNC Operating Board and requested their help. He also shared that the employees are not there (at the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center) because they are the best paid or most appreciated. The DCRNC staff is there because they love what they do. Mr. Coulter went on to explain that the staff fears what the future of the DCRNC will look like and they continue to be uncertain what the future of their pensions will be. He affirmed that the staff will continue to care for the residents as if they were their families and he asked that the County Board take care of the DCRNC now as well.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Resolution R2022-05: Intergovernmental Agreement for Engineering Services for Maintenance Projects with the Village of Malta

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an agreement with the Village of Malta for the maintenance and repairs of certain streets within the jurisdiction of the Village of Malta, and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Malta, Illinois. Vice-Chair Willis seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution R2022-06: Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Kirkland for Use of Federal Funds for Preliminary Engineering for Pearl Street Bridge

Motion

Mr. Luebke moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an agreement with the Village of Kirkland for certain engineering services for the replacement of the Pearl Street Bridge, and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Kirkland, Illinois.

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Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution R2022-07: Engineering Agreement for Phase I and II Preliminary Engineering Services for the Replacement of the Pearl Street Bridge in the Village of Kirkland

Motion

Mr. Plote moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an agreement with the Engineering Firm of TranSystems Corporation from Schaumburg, Illinois for certain engineering services associated with the removal and replacement of the bridge over the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River carrying Pearl Street in the Village of Kirkland in an amount not to exceed \$396,302.00, and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the appropriate Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with TranSystems Corporation. Mr. Deutsch seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Resolution R2022-08: A Resolution Approving Emergency Patient Transfer Agreements for the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center

Motion

Ms. Crawford moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into Emergency Patient Transfer Agreements with Oak Crest – DeKalb Area Retirement Center and Aperion Care DeKalb for the transfer of patients from the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center in the event of a disaster, whether natural or manmade. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2022-09: Property Tax Resolution

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest or authorizes the cancellation of the appropriate Certificate(s) of Purchase, as the case may be, on parcel #08-01-360-022, for the sum of \$815.00 to be paid to the Treasurer of DeKalb County Illinois, to be disbursed according to law. Vice-Chair Willis 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 voting yea were Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Ms. Pickett, Mr. Roman, Mr. Webb, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, and Chairman Frieders. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2022-10: A Resolution Abating the Entire Property Tax Levy for the 2021 Tax Year for the 2017 Jail Expansion Bond Issue

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved that the DeKalb County Board approves that the \$1,607,106 property tax levy for the 2021 Tax Year (payable in 2022), which was levied for the retirement of the debt of the County of DeKalb, Illinois General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017 (i.e. the Jail Expansion Bonds), is hereby abated in its entirety in the amount of \$1,607,106, and that a certified copy of this Resolution should be filed with the DeKalb County Clerk within fifteen days. Mr. Webb seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution R2022-11: A Resolution Abating the Entire Property Tax Levy for the 2021 Tax Year for the 2020 Nursing Home Expansion Bond Issue

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved that the DeKalb County Board approved that the \$682,263 property tax levy for the 2021 Tax Year (payable in 2022), which was levied for the retirement of the debt of the County of DeKalb, Illinois General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020 (i.e. the Nursing Home Expansion Bonds), is hereby abated in its entirety in the amount of \$682,263, and that a certified copy of this Resolution should be filed with the DeKalb County Clerk within fifteen days. Ms. Leifheit seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

Mr. Larry West arrived. There were now twenty-two Members present and two absent.

Resolution R2022-12: A Resolution Abating the Entire Property Tax Levy for the 2021 Tax Year for the 2020A Refunding Bond Issue

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved the DeKalb County Board approves that the \$1,165,800 property tax levy for the 2021 Tax Year (payable in 2022), which was levied for the retirement of the debt of the County of DeKalb, Illinois General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A (i.e. the Refunding Bonds), is hereby abated in its entirety in the amount of \$1,165,800, and that a certified copy of this Resolution should be filed with the DeKalb County Clerk within fifteen days. Mr. Webb seconded the motion.

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Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution R2022-13: A Resolution Abating the Entire Property Tax Levy for the 2021 Tax Year for Recapture Revenues

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved that the DeKalb County Board approves that the \$99,179 property tax levy for the 2021 Tax Year (payable in 2022), which was levied under 35ILCS 200/18-233 for “Recapture Revenues”, is hereby abated in its entirety in the amount of \$99,179, and that a certified copy of this Resolution should be filed with the DeKalb County Clerk within fifteen days. Ms. Mann-Lamb seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution R2022-14: A Resolution Approving the DeKalb County Employee Technology Equipment Off-Premise Policy

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby supports and approves the “DeKalb County Employee Technology Equipment Off-Premise Policy” as outlined and attached to this Resolution. Ms. Pickett seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution R2022-15: A Resolution Approving the DeKalb County Government Remote Access Policy

Motion

Mr. Bagby moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby supports and approves the “DeKalb County Government Remote Access Policy” as outlined and attached to this Resolution. Mrs. Cribben seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

Claims – February 2022

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 \$7,939,693.88. Ms. Cozad seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Frieders asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the February 2022 Claims. Those Members voting yea were Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Ms. Pickett, Mr. Roman, Mr. Webb, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, 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 – January 2022
2. Public Defender’s Report – January 2022
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – January 2022
4. Pretrial Report – January 2022
5. Sheriff’s Jail Report – January 2022
6. Building Permits & Construction Reports – January 2022

Mrs. Emmer 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. Little, Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Mr. Osland, Ms. Pickett, Mr. Roman, Mr. Webb, Mr. West, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, and Chairman Frieders. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2022-16: A Resolution Approving a Modified Letter of Intent to Enter into a Solar Development Lease

Motion

Vice-Chair Willis moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes and directs the County Administrator of DeKalb County, Illinois to sign the Letter of Intent including any modifications of the Letter of Intent subject to technical or otherwise non-substantive modifications, with Clean Energy Design Group, Inc. to enter into a long-term lease to provide a solar development on property owned by the County of DeKalb, located at 2500 North Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb, Illinois. Ms. Leifheit seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Frieders called for a voice vote on the motion as presented. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2022-17: Approval of AFSCME Council 31, Local No. 3537 Labor Contract

Motion

Vice-Chair Willis moved that the DeKalb County Board does concur in the recommendation of its negotiators and does hereby ratify the labor contract with AFSCME Council 31, Local 3537 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025 as stipulated on Exhibit A to this Resolution and does direct the Chairman to execute the contract as prepared by the County's Labor Attorney. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution R2022-18: A Resolution Approving a Letter of Support for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Shab-eh-nay Band Reservation Settlement Act of 2021

Motion

Vice-Chair Willis moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves and directs the Chairman of the Board to sign the attached Letter of Support for S.3242, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Shab-eh-nay Band Reservation Settlement Act of 2021 to address a variety of issues associated with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Shab-eh-nay Reservation in DeKalb County, Illinois. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

A roll call was taken on the motion as presented. Those voting yea were Mr. Luebke, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Ms. Pickett, Mr. Roman, Mr. Webb, Vice-Chair Willis, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Cozad, Ms. Crawford, and Mr. Faivre. Those voting nay were Ms. Little, Mr. Osland, Mr. West, Mr. Bagby, Mrs. Cribben, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Deutsch, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Lampkins, Ms. Leifheit, and Chairman Frieders. Ten Members voted nay and twelve were opposed. The Motion failed.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

County Administrator Brian Gregory provided the Board Members with a draft copy of the DCRNC letter he will be sending to the local media as well as to the DCRNC staff, residents and their families.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Mrs. Lampkins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Mr. Osland seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion to adjourn the meeting carried unanimously.

Douglas J. Johnson
DeKalb County Clerk

John Frieders
DeKalb County Board Chairman