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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Executive Committee Minutes
February 9, 2022**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Chairman Frieders called the meeting to order at 9:05 p.m. Those Members present were Mr. Tim Bagby, Ms. Rukisha Crawford, Mrs. Laurie Emmer, Mr. Steve Faivre, Ms. Dianne Leifheit, Mr. Roy Plote, Mr. Craig Roman, and Chairman John Frieders. Vice-Chair Suzanne Willis was absent. A quorum was established with eight Members present and one absent.

Others present included Brian Gregory, Derek Hiland, Liam Sullivan, Terrence Carden, Karen Cribben, Bill Cummings, Patrick Deutsch, Kathy Lampkins, Maureen Little, Jim Luebke, Terri Mann-Lamb, Michelle Pickett, Ellingsworth Webb, Larry West, Bridget Nodurft, Jim Hutcheson, Greg Millburg, Magdalen Niemi, and a couple other members of the public.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. Emmer and seconded by Mr. Roman and it was carried unanimously by voice vote to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Bagby and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT OF 16L38, SIMPSON V. DCRNC LITIGATION FOR \$200,000

Mr. Faivre moved to approve the Settlement of 16L38, Simpson v. DCRNC Litigation in the amount of \$200,000. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Leifheit, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, and Chairman Frieders. None were opposed. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT OF DAILEY V. DCRNC LITIGATION FOR \$175,000

Mr. Plote moved to approve the settlement of Dailey v. DCRNC Litigation in the amount of \$175,000. Ms. Leifheit seconded the motion. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Leifheit, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, and Chairman Frieders. None were opposed. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

LETTER FOR SHAB-EH-NAY RESERVATION SETTLEMENT ACT LEGISLATION

Following the presentation at the Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Board was being asked once again to forward a Resolution approving a Letter of Support for S.3242, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Shab-eh-nay Band Reservation Settlement Act of 2021. The legislation was designed to address a variety of issues associated with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Shab-eh-nay Reservation in Shabbona, Illinois.

Ms. Crawford moved to forward the Resolution approving the Letter of Support to the full County Board recommending its approval. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion. The motion carried with one opposed from Mr. Plote.

MODIFIED LETTER OF INTENT FOR COB SOLAR PROJECT

Community Development Director/Deputy County Administrator Derek Hiland explained that back in the fall of 2019, the 2020 Budget identified exploring solar opportunities on County property. Multiple County-owned land and locations were investigated with challenges and limitations identified on other sites which helped narrow the focus to one immediately viable opportunity, the DeKalb Campus' Community Outreach Building.

The County Board approved a Resolution in September of 2020 to investigate funding options and electrical needs at the Community Outreach Building to participate in a State of Illinois Solar Energy Incentive Program with a Letter of Intent executed with Clean Energy Design Group, Inc. (CEDG) that would undertake those investigations. CEDG had notified the County that the original Illinois Incentive Program expired due to overdemand and continued exploring other State and Federal Incentives for the project. A new Illinois Solar Energy Program was identified thus allowing the County and CEDG to continue pursuing a solar development for the Community Outreach Building. CEDG has provided evidence upon verifying that the proposed development is a viable option.

In order to continue with the new incentives, the County will need to sign a revised Letter of Intent and Land Lease Option to enter into a long-term lease to provide a solar development on COB property, which is located at 2500 North Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb Illinois.

Approval of the proposed Resolution would allow for the County Administrator to sign the amended Letter of Intent, Executable Land Lease Option and the Illinois Shines PV System Power Purchase Agreement Disclosure Form on behalf of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Faivre, seconded by Ms. Leifheit and was approved unanimously to forward the Resolution to the full County Board recommending its approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bagby moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining as provided for in 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) at 9:21 p.m. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion and it carried by a 8-0-1 roll call vote. Those voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. West, Ms. Leifheit, Mr. Plote, Mr. Roman, and Chairman Frieders. None were opposed and Vice-Chair Willis was absent. Motion carried.

The Committee entered back into their Open Meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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APPROVAL OF AFSCME COUNCIL 31 LABOR CONTRACT

Mr. Gregory presented a tentative agreement on a contract covering the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025 for the AFSCME Council 31, Local 3537. This contract covers the Sycamore Campus including, Sheriff, Coroner, County Clerk & Recorder, State's Attorney, and Treasurers' Offices.

It was moved by Mr. Plote, seconded by Mrs. Emmer and approved unanimously to forward the AFSCME Labor Contract to the full County Board recommending its approval.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Faivre moved to approve the Draft County Board Agenda and to forward it to the full County Board. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Emmer, seconded by Mr. Roman, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Frieders, Chairman

Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary