

DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Executive Committee Minutes
March 8, 2023**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met in Sycamore, Illinois on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Chair Willis called the meeting to order at 8:07PM. Those Members present were Scott Campbell, Rukisha Crawford, Patrick Deutsch, John Frieders, Terri Mann-Lamb, Michelle Pickett, Roy Plote, and Ellingsworth Webb. A quorum was established with all nine Members present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Crawford moved to approve the agenda as presented. Plote seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mann-Lamb, seconded by Webb and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2023 Executive Committee Meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

R2023-022 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LICENSE PLATE READERS WITH THE CITY OF SYCAMORE

Mr. Gregory introduced the item and mentioned that the agreement has been amended to reflect that the City of Sycamore is requesting authorization from the County Board to install License Plate Readers (LPRs) at five locations within the County right-of-way. An initial request was made to the Highway Committee to install LPRs on two county owned poles with a request for a utility permit to construct three City owned standalone poles in County right-of-way. The request was sent to the Executive Committee for consideration and has been combined for consideration. An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is included with Resolution R2023-022 to allow the LPRs as follows:

- Two locations along Peace Road the LPRs would be installed on County owned traffic signal poles.
- Three locations in County right-of-way near intersections in the Peace/Plank Road corridor on poles installed and maintained by the City of Sycamore.

The IGA outlines that the City of Sycamore is responsible for all installation and maintenance costs of the LPRs. The County is indemnified against any claims related to the installation, placement, location and use of data gathered by the LPRs.

Jim Winter, Chief of the Sycamore Police Department answered a variety questions from Committee Members regarding the pros and cons of the LPRs, how the work, how long the data will be stored, and how the data will be used.

Frieders moved to forward R2023-022 to the full County Board, Webb Seconded the motion. The Chair called for a Roll Call vote on the motion as presented. Those voting aye were Crawford,

Deutsch, Mann-Lamb, Pickett, Plote, Webb, and Chair Willis. Those opposed were Campbell and Frieders. The Motion carried with a vote of seven in favor, two opposed.

R2023-035 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEKALB COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION “OPPORTUNITY UNBOUND” BRANDING INITIATIVE

The DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation’s “Opportunity Unbound” branding initiative came about from the a county-wide economic development strategy (CEDs). The initiative aims to sustain business attraction throughout DeKalb County, by promoting business assets and communicating successes across the region, state, and nation. Opportunity Unbound couples traditional economic development principles with an effort on attracting young people, students, professionals, and entrepreneurs to live, buy homes, raise families, and start businesses in DeKalb County. The mission of the branding initiative for DeKalb County is to create a countywide collaborative business climate that delivers a consistent message and narrative which contributes to business and population growth.

In September 2020, members of DCEDC presented the Opportunity Unbound Initiative to the County’s Economic Development Committee with a request for the County to be a significant funding source for the \$750,000 target budget. The Committee forwarded a Resolution that would provide just over one-third of the funding however it was sent back to Committee.

DCEDC shifted its funding focus starting with private companies and has been able to secure nearly \$500,000 in contributions and pledges to date. With Opportunity Unbound in motion and a County-wide Marketing Manager in place, DCEDC is once again reaching out to public partners to request support.

The request to the County is for a three-year pledge of ten thousand dollars per year (2024, 2025, & 2026) for a total of \$30,000. The funding would come from the Opportunity Fund.

Frieders moved to forward Resolution R2023-035 to the County Board for approval. Mann-Lamb Seconded the Motion and it passed unanimously.

R2023-036 A RESOLUTION PRE-APPROVING ARPA TRANSFEREE GRANT PROJECT APPLICATIONS FROM GENOA, KINGSTON, LEE, SHABBONA AND WATERMAN

In November 2021, the County Board voted to extend \$100,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds in a subrecipient program to each of the fourteen municipalities in the County for water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure projects. The County Board previously approved submitted projects in eight municipalities. Resolution R2023-036 approves projects submitted in Genoa, Kingston, Lee, Shabbona and Waterman and authorizes the disbursement of the funds after the project is completed and the appropriate documentation is submitted.

Frieders moved to forward Resolution R2023-036 to the County Board for approval. Crawford Seconded the Motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

Chair Willis recommended the approval of the following appointments

a. Fire Protection Districts

- DeKalb Community Fire Protection District: Gerald Bemis reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2023 and expiring April 30, 2026.

- Genoa-Kingston Fire Protection District: Todd Merritt reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2023 and expiring April 30, 2026.
- Kirkland Community Fire District: Marty Banks reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2023 and expiring April 30, 2026.
- Paw Paw Fire Protection District: Neal Rogers reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2023 and expiring April 30, 2026.
- Shabbona Community Fire Protection District: Berkley Boehne reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2023 and expiring April 30, 2026.
- Somonauk Community Fire Protection District: Nycole Woody reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2023 and expiring April 30, 2026.
- Sycamore Rural Fire Protection District: John Ward reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2023 and expiring April 30, 2026. Peter Springmire appointed to complete a three-year term until April 30, 2024.
- Waterman Fire Protection District: David Stryker reappointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2023 and expiring April 30, 2026.

- b. **East Pierce Cemetery Association** – Kevin Marshall appointed to fill an unexpired term ending August 31, 2026.

It was moved by Mann-Lamb, seconded by Webb, and was approved unanimously to forward the appointments to the full County Board recommending their approval.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Crawford moved to approve the Draft County Board Agenda and to forward it to the full County Board. Pickett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Webb moved to adjourn the meeting. Pickett seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Liam Sullivan