

DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Executive Committee Minutes
April 12, 2023**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met in Sycamore, Illinois on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. Chair Willis called the meeting to order at 7:56PM. Those Members present were Scott Campbell, Rukisha Crawford, Patrick Deutsch, John Frieders, Kathy Lampkins, Terri Mann-Lamb, 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. Deutsch seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Webb, seconded by Deutsch and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mann-Lamb Moved to enter Executive Session for the Purposes of discussing Collective Bargaining provided for by 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) & Probable or Imminent Litigation provided for by 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) at 7:58PM. Those voting yea were Campbell, Crawford, Deutsch, Frieders, Lampkins, Mann-Lamb, Plote, Webb, and Chair Willis. None were Opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee entered back into their Open Meeting at 8:51 PM.

Resolution R2023-055: A Resolution Authorizing an Open Purchasing Order for FY2023 Health Department Related Advertising and Marketing with SHAW Media of Crystal Lake, Illinois, in the Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000.

This Resolution authorizes an open purchase order for advertising and marketing expenses for the Health Department's media campaigns primarily related to grant requirement. The DeKalb County Health Department does a large amount of marketing of their various health programs on SHAW Media's platforms. These advertisements are critical for spreading awareness about public health programs such as tobacco cessation, Covid-19, vaccinations, and marketplace insurance coverage.

SHAW Media is a sole source provider so it was not possible to get bids for this service. The Health Department spends between \$175,000 and \$200,000 annually on advertising/marketing with SHAW Media. The average monthly invoice is under \$30,000; however, the Health Department conducts regional marketing to expand the target region to surrounding counties on a bi-annual basis. These regional marketing campaigns cost between \$35,000 and \$50,000, which rises to the level of requiring County Board approval. All expenses incurred by the Health Department for advertising/marketing are covered entirely by grant funds. The DeKalb County Board of Health has reviewed this request and has forwarded it to the County Board with a favorable recommendation.

It was moved by Frieders, seconded by Plote and was approved unanimously to forward Resolution R2023-055 to the full County Board recommending their approval.

Resolution R2023-056: A Resolution Authorizing the County Administrator to Execute the Certificate of Need for Submission to Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board and any Ancillary Documents to Secure a Date Certain Transactional Closing.

In July 2022, the County Board voted to sell the DeKalb Rehab and Nursing Center (DCRNC) to Illuminate HC. An Asset Purchase Agreement and Operational Transfer Agreement were prepared and approved by the County Board in October 2022. The property was to be owned and operated under an Illinois Limited Liability Company called DeKalb Healthcare Holdings, LLC. It was understood that the LLC would include the principal of Illuminate HC, Avi Zuckerman along with other principals.

Typically, the make-up of the limited liability company would not factor into the sale of the property, however in this case, the County recently learned Mr. Zuckerman intends to bring Moshe Blonder and Aharon Singer into the company as owner-operators. Mr. Blonder and Mr. Singer are principals of Saba HC, the other company that made an offer to purchase the DCRNC, meaning that the principals of Illuminate and Saba have joined forces to acquire and operate the facility.

County staff and legal counsel had conversations with the buyers to re-affirm that representations made to the County Board during the sale process would still hold true and received verbal commitment to the most significant issues discussed during the sale, including DeKalb Healthcare Holdings committing to its promise to “welcome the union (AFSCME) with open arms”.

The final significant step toward finalizing the sale is the State of Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (IHFSRB) Certificate of Need (CON) Process. This includes addressing an outstanding CON that the County has on the expansion and the application for the CON related to the sale of the facility. Given that the principals of the two companies that bid on the facility have joined forces and in the spirit of transparency, Resolution 2023-056 acknowledges the ownership structure and authorizes the County Administrator to execute the CON application.

The parties are confident that the CON process would be concluded at one of next two scheduled IHFSRB meetings (May 9th or June 27th). Typically, the transactional closing date would be on the first of the month due to the layers of receivables and contracts associated with a skilled nursing facility. Therefore, Resolution 2023-056 also authorizes the County Administrator to execute documents that secures a transactional closing date of on or before August 1, 2023. In the event closing occurs after August 1st, DeKalb Healthcare Holdings, LLC will cover the County’s losses up to \$200,000 per month.

It was moved by Frieders, seconded by Mann-Lamb and was approved unanimously to forward Resolution R2023-056 to the full County Board recommending their approval.

Resolution R2023-057: A Resolution Approving of Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Chapter #318 Labor Contract for the Communications, Corrections, Detectives, Patrol Divisions of the Sheriff’s Office.

The collective bargaining agreement between the County and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Chapter #318 expired on December 31, 2022. Representatives for the County, the Sheriff’s Office and MAP have arrived at a tentative successor agreement.

The successor Collective Bargaining Agreement is for a four-year term (January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026) and calls for across the board wage increases of 2.75% in FY23, 2.75% in FY24, 3% in FY25 and 3% in FY26. The MAP contract for the Sheriff's Office represents Communications, Corrections, Detectives, Patrol and Sergeants for each respective division. The agreement includes modifications to the step schedule and certifications in an effort to arrive at a fair contract for the men and women in the Sheriff's Office and hopefully assists with recruitment and retention efforts.

MAP Chapter #318 plans to have a ratification vote on April 17th.

It was moved by Frieders, seconded by Lampkins and was approved unanimously to forward Resolution R2023-057 to the full County Board recommending their approval.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

Chair Willis recommended the approval of the following appointments for the April 12th Special County Board Meeting

- a. County Board Member – District 11: Joseph Marcinkowski appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Karen Cribben until November 30, 2024.
- b. County Board Committees: Joseph Marcinkowski appointed immediately to the County Board's Human & Health Services Committee and Highway Committee until November 30, 2024.

It was moved by Frieders, seconded by Deutsch, and was approved unanimously to forward the appointments to the full County Board recommending their approval at the April 12th Special County Board Meeting.

Chair Willis recommended the approval of the following appointments for the April 19th County Board Meeting

- a. Fire Protection Districts
 - Malta Community Fire Protection District: Steve Almburg appointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2023 and expiring April 30, 2026.
 - DeKalb Community Fire Protection District: Steve Bemis appointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2023 and expiring April 30, 2026.
- b. Emergency Telephone Systems Board (E911); Jim Winters appointed to complete a four-year term Expiring December 31, 2023.
- c. Board of Review
 - Board of Review: Dan Cribben reappointed for a two-year term beginning June 1, 2023 and expiring May 31, 2025.
 - Board of Review: John Linderoth reappointed for a two-year term beginning June 1, 2023 and expiring May 31, 2025.
 - Board of Review - Alternates: Donald Thomas reappointed for a one-year term beginning June 1, 2023 and expiring May 31, 2024.
- d. Farmland Assessment Review Board: Dave Schafer appointed for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2023 and expiring April 30, 2026.

e. Regional Plan Commission

- Kirkland: Dan Chambers appointed for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2023 and expiring March 31, 2026.
- Kingston: Frank Altmaier reappointed for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2023 and expiring March 31, 2026.
- DeKalb County: Suzanne Willis appointed for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2023 and expiring March 31, 2026.
- Somonauk: Becky Morpheu reappointed for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2023 and expiring March 31, 2026.
- Genoa: Alyssa Seguss reappointed for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2023 and expiring March 31, 2026.
- Cortland: Brandy Williams appointed for a one-year term beginning April 1, 2023 and expiring March 31, 2024

f. Regional Plan Commission Alternates

- Kirkland: Ryan Block appointed for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2023 and expiring March 31, 2026.
- Kingston: Joe Hengels appointed for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2023 and expiring March 31, 2026.
- DeKalb County: Terri Mann-Lamb reappointed for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2023 and expiring March 31, 2026.
- Genoa: Janice Melton reappointed for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2023 and expiring March 31, 2026.

It was moved by Frieders, seconded by Plote, and was approved unanimously to forward the appointments to the full County Board recommending their approval at the April 19th County Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 12TH SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Lampkins moved to amend the Agenda to only include the items below:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Appointments
5. Adjournment

Crawford seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Lampkins moved to approve the Draft Special County Board Agenda as amended and to forward it to the full County Board. Mann-Lamb seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 19TH COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

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

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ADJOURNMENT

Deutsch moved to adjourn the meeting. Lampkins seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Liam Sullivan