

DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Executive Committee Minutes
June 14, 2023**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met in Sycamore, Illinois on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. Chair Willis called the meeting to order at 9:00PM. Those Members present were Scott Campbell, Rukisha Crawford, Patrick Deutsch, John Frieders, Kathy Lampkins, Jerry Osland, Roy Plote, and Ellingsworth Webb. A quorum was established with nine Members present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Lampkins, seconded by Deutsch and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution R2023-074—A Resolution Pre-Approving an ARPA Transferee Grant Project Application from the Village of Maple Park, Illinois.

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 thirteen of the fourteen municipalities. Resolution R2023-074 approves the project submitted by the Village of Maple Park and authorizes the disbursement of the funds after the project is completed and the appropriate documentation is submitted.

It was moved by Chair Willis, seconded by Webb. The motion to forward Resolution R2023-074 to the full County Board recommending their approval was carried by voice vote, with all votes cast being in the affirmative.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance O2023-017—An Ordinance Approving Election Precinct Boundary Realignment for DeKalb County, Illinois.

This Ordinance brings forward the realignment of Election Precinct Boundaries. In November of 2021, the Illinois Election Law, 10 ILCS 5/11-2, increased the number of registered voters within a given precinct from 800 to 1,200. In the assessment of the current precinct boundaries, there are several precincts that are well over the number of registered voters allowed by statute, many that are significantly under, and others that contain multiple County Board Districts and Municipal Wards. These proposed realignments were

created by the Elections Division of the County Clerk & Recorder's Office with the assistance of the IMO/GIS Department.

The main objectives of the election precinct boundary realignment were to:

- Realign Precincts without taking into consideration any addresses, political affiliations of registered voters, previous election results, demographic information, or any other factors that could be construed as being biased.
- Balance Voter Counts, where possible, by splitting precincts with higher counts and combining precincts with lower counts.
- Reduce the number of precincts split between County Board Districts by redrawing precinct lines to match County Board Districts, where possible.
- Reduce the number of precincts split between City Wards by redrawing precincts lines to match City Ward Boundaries, where possible.

The proposed realignment will not only significantly reduce the amount of ballot codes and styles that need to be produced, but it is also the Clerk's belief that the changes will better serve voters by putting less of a strain on Election Judges, allowing staff to better utilize the resources available, and ensure continuation of fair and accessible elections, with integrity and certainty, in DeKalb County.

To view the Election Precinct Boundary Realignment Plan, please visit: <https://dekalbcounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/ord-2023-017.pdf>

It was moved by Chair Willis, seconded by Osland. It was moved by Webb and seconded by Crawford to establish an Ad Hoc County Board Working Group, composed of two County Board Members from each political party, the County Clerk, Elections Division Staff, and the County's IMO/GIS Department, for the purpose of amending the proposed plan and is to meet prior to the County Board Meeting. The motion carried by a voice vote, with all votes cast in the affirmative. The Committee forwarded the Ordinance, pending amendment, with all votes cast in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

Stormwater Management Committee

Kevin Bunge reappointed for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Patricia Vary reappointed for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Todd Latham appointed for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Sycamore Rural Fire Protection District: Todd Cambier appointed to fill the unexpired term until April 30, 2026.

Emergency Telephone Systems Board (E911): Rich Robinson appointed to fill the unexpired term until December 31, 2023.

It was moved by Chair Willis, seconded by Webb, and was approved unanimously to forward the appointments to the full County Board recommending their approval at the June 21st County Board Meeting.

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APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 21st COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted by Liam Sullivan