



Executive Committee

August 9, 2023

7:00PM

Immediately following the Committee of the Whole

Legislative Center's Gathertorium
200 N. Main Street
Sycamore, Illinois 60178

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes from June 14, 2023

4. Public Comments

Any member of the public may address the Committee for up to 3 minutes on any topic of their choosing. There will be no yielding of time to other members of the public and agenda time for public comments is limited to 30 minutes in total.

5. Resolutions

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7. Approval County Board Meeting Agenda

8. Executive Session

- a. Probable or Imminent Litigation per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

9. Adjournment

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

**RESOLUTION
R2023-079**

**A RESOLUTION INCREASING ELECTION JUDGE DAILY
COMPENSATION FOR DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the current pay for an Election Judge in DeKalb County is set at \$110.00 base pay, plus \$40.00 for all who have been certified as having satisfactorily completed the mandatory biennial training course for a total of \$150.00; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pritzker signed HB3817, now Public Act 103-0008, effective July 1, 2023, which, in part, amends the Election Code at 10 ILCS 5/13-10 increasing the portion of an election judge's daily compensation reimbursement by the State Board of Elections by an additional \$20 provided this increase is used to increase each judge's compensation; and

WHEREAS, said Public Act states that this increase may not be used by the County to reduce its portion of a judge's compensation; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board desires to match the \$20 increase in an election judge's daily compensation with an additional _____ increase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the DeKalb County Board hereby approves that beginning with the General Primary Election to be held on March 19, 2024, all Judges of Election shall receive an additional compensation of _____ per day served for all elections under the jurisdiction of the Election authority of DeKalb County, \$20 of which will be reimbursed by the State Board of Elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such increase therefore establishes the Election Judges' compensation base pay at _____ without training or _____ with training.

PASSED THIS 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2023 AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Tasha Sims
DeKalb County Clerk

Suzanne Willis, Chair
DeKalb County Board



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance & Administration Committee

FROM: Tasha Sims, County Clerk & Recorder

DATE: August 2, 2023

SUBJECT: Resolution R2023-079: A Resolution Increasing Election Judge Daily Compensation for DeKalb County, Illinois

Election judges are essential to the election process, and election day is a long and demanding day. Election day begins at 5:00am for election judges, and continues after the polls close at 7pm, averaging to at least a 15-hour day, which does not take into account the extra time many election judges spend setting up their polling places the night before. The current election judge daily compensation does not reflect the value of the service election judges provide. Increasing the amount election judge compensation will show election judges that we value their service, will ease the financial burden of taking off work to serve as an election judge, and will better incentivize new election judges to apply to serve.

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Election Judge Payment DeKalb County

Current Payment:

\$150/judge x 5 judges/pct x 69 precincts = \$51,750

-State Reimbursement:

\$45/judge x 5 judges/pct x 69 precincts = - \$15,525

Cost: \$36,225

With State \$20 reimbursement increase:

\$170/judge x 5 judges/pct x 69 precincts = \$58,650

-State Reimbursement:

\$65/judge x 5 judges/pct x 69 precincts = - \$22,425

Cost: \$36,225

If the county chooses to *match* \$20 increase:

\$190/judge x 5 judges/pct x 69 precincts = \$65,550

- \$22,425

Cost: \$43,125

\$6,900 more than current

If the county chooses to match increase by \$25

This would allow us to pay Election Judges \$195 for the day, which averages to about \$13/hour.

\$195/judge x 5 judges/pct x 69 precincts = \$67,275

- \$22,425

Cost: \$44,850

\$8,625 more than current

If the county chooses to match increase by \$30

This would allow us to pay Election Judges \$200 for the day

\$200/judge x 5 judges/pct x 69 precincts = \$69,000

- \$22,425

Cost: \$46,575

\$10,350 more than current

Election Judge Pay in Neighboring/Comparable Counties:

- Boone County: population 53,592 Election Judge Pay: at least \$165, **\$185** if their Board will match the \$20 from the State.
- Macon County: population 102,432 Election Judge Pay: at least \$170, **\$190** if their County Board will match the \$20 from the State
- LaSalle County: population 108,965 Election Judge Pay: \$185, will be **\$205** with increase
- Kendall County: population 134,867 Election Judge Pay: **\$200** (up \$50 from June 2022)
- Kane County: population 515,588 Election Judge Pay: Will be *at least* **\$270**. They are also looking into increases.
- Winnebago County: population 283,119 Election Judge Pay: \$190, will be *at least* **\$210**.
- City of Rockford: population 148,942 Election Judge Pay: **\$225** with increase
- Cook County: population 5,173,146 Election Judge Pay: **\$250** (\$385 for technicians)

Election Judge Pay:

Base: \$110

With School: \$150

Out of Township: +\$20

Supply Pick Up: +\$10/pct

Supply Return: +\$5/pct

Mileage for pick up/return: county rate

EDR/EVG School: +\$25 each



DeKalb County Board

August 16, 2023
7:00PM

Legislative Center's Gathertorium
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DRAFT AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. June 21, 2023
5. Communications & Proclamations:
 - a. Employee Service Awards – July 2023 [PDF](#)
 - b. Employee Service Awards – August 2023 [PDF](#)
 - c. Proclamation P2023-02 – Rail Safety Week [PDF](#)
6. Public Comments

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7. Approval of Appointments for this Month:
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8. Reports of Standing Committees with Ordinances & Resolutions

PLANNING, ZONING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- a. **Ordinance O2023-016—An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit Request for a 31.2-Acre, 5-Megawatt Solar Garden Located on the Northeast Corner of Pratt and West Sandwich Road in Sandwich Township.** [PDF](#)

Amp Solar Development Inc is seeking to establish and operate a 5-megawatt commercial solar garden, to be known as ASD – Castle Solar LLC, on 31.2-acres of a 76.28-acre property located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Pratt and West Sandwich Roads, in Sandwich Township. Solar gardens are a special use in the A-1, Agricultural District, and Amp Solar Development Inc has submitted an application for approval of a Special Use Permit for the proposed solar garden. The required public hearing for a Special Use Permit was conducted by Hearing Officer Dale Clark on May 4, 2023. Mr. Clark has made his findings of fact and recommended that the Special Use Permit be granted with conditions.

Committee Action: The Planning, Zoning & Development Committee considered Ordinance O2023-016 on June 28th and forwarded the Ordinance to the County Board with a favorable recommendation by a roll call vote of four in favor, one opposed and one abstention.

- b. **Ordinance O2023-018—An Ordinance Amending a Special Use Permit for a Kennel on Property Located at 703 Eva Lane, Sandwich in Sandwich Township.** [PDF](#)

Beau & Traci Bartulis are recent buyers of the property located at 703 Eva Lane, Sandwich, in Sandwich Township, including the “doggy daycare” business operating on the property. They are seeking to expand the services offered by the business to include overnight boarding. The subject property is zoned A-1, Agricultural District, with a Special Use Permit for the operation of the kennel via Ordinance O2016-08. Before the business can expand, an amendment to the Special Use Permit is needed. The required public hearing for a Special Use Permit was conducted by Hearing Officer Dale Clark on May 18, 2023. Mr. Clark has made his findings of fact and recommended that the Special Use Permit be granted with conditions.

Committee Action: The Planning, Zoning & Development Committee considered Ordinance O2023-018 on June 28th and forwarded the Ordinance to the County Board with a favorable recommendation by a voice vote, with all votes cast in the affirmative.

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

- a. **Resolution R2023-077—A Resolution Approving a Joint Funding Agreement for State Let Contract for Perry Road Bridge.** [PDF](#)

This resolution is to enter into an agreement with the State of Illinois for the use of federal State Only & LBFP-OFF funds for the improvements to structure #019-3043 on Perry Road. This resolution replaces some of the language of previously passed Resolution R2023-058 (null and voids), original “COVID” has been replaced with “STATE ONLY” and “as much as needed” statement included as directed by IDOT.

Committee Action: The Highway Committee considered Resolution R2023-077 on August 3rd and forwarded the Resolution to the County Board with a favorable recommendation by a voice vote, with all votes cast in the affirmative.

- b. **Resolution R2023-078—A Resolution Awarding the 2023 Rollo Road Culvert Replacements Project to Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, IL in the amount of \$825,477.25.** [PDF](#)

For the bid opening held on August 2, 2023, Resolution #R2023-078 involves the removal and replacement of existing culverts on Rollo Road and awards the low bid meeting specification out of 2 bidders in the amount of \$825,477.25 to Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, IL. The estimate of cost was \$933,247.00.

Committee Action: The Highway Committee considered Resolution R2023-078 on August 3rd and forwarded the Resolution to the County Board with a favorable recommendation by a voice vote, with all votes cast in the affirmative.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

No Actionable Items

FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

No Actionable Items

LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

No Actionable Items

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

- a. **Resolution R2023-075—A Resolution Forwarding the Payment of County Claims for July 2023, and Off-Cycle Claims Paid During the Previous Month, Including All Claims for Travel, Meals, and Lodging, to the County Board for Approval, in the Amount of \$6,143,429.67.** [PDF](#)

Committee Action: The Finance & Administration Committee considered Resolution R2023-076 on August 2nd and forwarded the Resolution to the County Board with a favorable recommendation by a voice vote, with all votes cast in the affirmative.

- b. **Resolution R2023-076—A Resolution Forwarding the Payment of County Claims for August 2023, and Off-Cycle Claims Paid During the Previous Month, Including All Claims for Travel, Meals, and Lodging, to the County Board for Approval.** [PDF](#)

Committee Action: The Finance & Administration Committee considered Resolution R2023-076 on August 2nd and forwarded the Resolution to the County Board with a favorable recommendation by a voice vote, with all votes cast in the affirmative.

- c. **Reports of County Officials:** Accept and place on file the following Reports of County Officials.

PDF

Cash & Investments in County Banks – June & July 2023
Public Defender’s Report – June & July 2023
Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – June & July 2023
Pretrial Report – June & July 2023
Sheriff’s Jail Report – June & July 2023
Building Permits & Construction Reports – June & July 2023

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Committee Action: The Executive Committee will consider Resolution R2023-079 on August 9th.

9. Old Business
10. New Business & Referral of Matters to Committee
- a. Appointments scheduled to be made in the month of September 2023
11. Adjournment

September County Board Cycle Tenative Meeting Schedule

Monday 8/21/2023	Tuesday 8/22/2023	Wednesday 8/23/2023	Thursday 8/24/2023
		Planning, Zoning & Development Committee (6:30PM)	Forest Preserve Operations Committee (6:30PM)
Monday 8/28/2023	Tuesday 8/29/2023	Wednesday 8/30/2023	Thursday 8/31/2023
Law & Justice Committee (6:30PM)			
Monday 9/4/2023	Tuesday 9/5/2023	Wednesday 9/6/2023	Thursday 9/7/2023
Labor Day (County Offices Closed)	Facilities & Technology Committee (6:30PM)	Finance & Administration Committee (6:30PM)	Highway Committee (6:30PM)
Monday 9/11/2023	Tuesday 9/12/2023	Wednesday 9/13/2023	Thursday 9/14/2023
		Committee of the Whole (7:00PM)	
		Executive Committee	
Monday 9/18/2023	Tuesday 9/19/2023	Wednesday 9/20/2023	Thursday 9/21/2023
		County Board Meeting (7:00PM)	
		Forest Preserve District Board	