

DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Executive Committee Minutes
October 11, 2023**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met in Sycamore, Illinois on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Chair Willis called the meeting to order at 9:20PM. 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 nine Members present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Plote moved to approve the agenda as presented. Deutsch seconded the motion and it was carried by voice vote, with all votes cast in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Webb, seconded by Plote and it was carried by voice vote, with all votes cast in the affirmative to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Rice spoke in favor of the proposed franchise agreement with Comcast.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance O2023-25—An Ordinance Granting a Cable Television Franchise to Comcast of California/Colorado/Illinois/Indiana/Michigan, LLC.

In December of 2005, the DeKalb County Board granted a Cable Television Franchise to Comcast for a 15-year term. The Cable Franchise Agreement between DeKalb County and Comcast expired in December of 2020. Representatives of Comcast and County Staff have finalized negotiations for a renewed Cable Television Franchise Agreement. The required public hearing was held during the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 11th.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Frieders to forward Ordinance O2023-25 to the full County Board recommending their approval. The motion was seconded by Webb. The motion carried by voice vote with all votes cast in the affirmative.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution R2023-102—A Resolution Authorizing the Procurement of Three Para-Transit Vehicles from Central States Bus Sales, LLC of Oswego, Illinois, in the Amount of \$344,250.

DeKalb County Government has a partnership with Voluntary Action Center (VAC) of Northern Illinois to provide rural transit service within DeKalb County. As the transit operator for DeKalb County Government, VAC Center operates a fleet of County-Owned Vehicles. VAC has requested that the County procure additional Para-Transit Vehicles as part of the replacement cycle of fleet vehicles.

Bids were solicited for the procurement of new vehicles for paratransit services for DeKalb County's public transportation fleet and one bid was received from Central State Bus Sales, Inc of Oswego, Illinois in the

amount of \$114,750 per vehicle. The Voluntary Action Center is requesting that three vehicles be purchased in the amount of \$344,250. If approved, the vehicles will be purchased using available grant funding.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Frieders to forward Resolution R2023-102 to the full County Board recommending their approval. The motion was seconded by Plote. The motion carried by voice vote with all votes cast in the affirmative.

Resolution R2023-103—A Resolution Approving Amendments to the FY2024 Preliminary Budget.

On September 20th, the County Board approved a Resolution placing the FY2024 Preliminary Budget on file for public inspection. The Preliminary Budget assumed that the sale of the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center (DCRNC) would be finalized in the fourth quarter of FY2023. The sale of the facility is subject to approval of a Certificate of Need (CoN) by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (IHFSRB). At their October 3rd meeting, the IHFSRB deferred a decision on granting the CoN for a second time. The DCRNC has operated at budgetary deficit for several years and is currently losing approximately \$200,000 per month. This has which has historically been covered through internal borrowing of funds from the County's Asset Replacement, Opportunity, and Special Projects Funds.

The Finance & Administration Committee has requested that a Resolution amending the FY2024 Preliminary Budget be brought to the Executive Committee for consideration. The Finance & Administration Committee recommended that the budget be amended to reflect the sale of the DCRNC not occurring in FY2023 and to create a twelve-month budget for the DCRNC for FY2024 that does not rely on internal borrowing to cover the anticipated budgetary deficit.

Staff is requesting that the Executive Committee make a recommendation for amendments to the FY2024 Budget that would provide sufficient funds to cover the financial losses that the DCRNC is anticipated to incur in FY2024.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Frieders to forward Resolution R2023-103 to the full County Board for further consideration and directed Staff to provide an outline of all of the Budget Amendment Options. The motion was seconded by Webb. The motion carried by voice vote with all votes cast in the affirmative.

Resolution R2023-104—A Resolution Authorizing the Disbursement of Retention Bonus Program Funds to the Employees of the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center.

In recognition of the importance of continuity of staff for residents of the nursing home during the sale process, the County Board approved Resolution R2022-192 in August of 2022. This Resolution authorized a retention bonus program for employees during the sale process of the DCRNC. This retention program would pay every DCRNC employee that maintains employment with the County to the date of sale Two Dollars (\$2.00) per hour worked from the effective date of the Resolution through the date of the sale. The bonus accrues during the transitional period and is payable in a lump sum on the payroll covering the date of sale, or December 31, 2022, whichever came first. Due to delays in the sale process, the County Board approved an extension of the retention bonus program in January of 2023.

In good faith, Staff is recommending that the retention bonus program funds to be disbursed at the end of the sale process - whether or not the sale is consummated - to every DCRNC employee that maintained employment with the County between the effective date of Resolution R2022-192 through the final day of the sale process.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Frieders to forward Resolution R2023-104 to the full County Board recommending their approval. The motion was seconded by Webb. The motion carried by voice vote with all votes cast in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

DeKalb County Nursing Home Foundation Board:

- Carol Sherman reappointed for a three-year term beginning December 1, 2023 and expiring November 30, 2026.
- Toni Krull reappointed for a three-year term beginning December 1, 2023 and expiring November 30, 2026.
- Steve Lux reappointed for a three-year term beginning December 1, 2023 and expiring November 30, 2026.

Housing Authority of DeKalb County: Michelle Bringas appointed for a five-year term beginning November 1, 2023 and expiring October 31, 2028.

Shabbona Community Fire Protection District: Steve Klopfenstein appointed to fill a three-year term expiring April 30, 2026.

Emergency Telephone Systems Board (E911): Joe Rood appointed to fill a four-year term ending December 31, 2025.

It was moved by Frieders to forward the appointments to the full County Board recommending their approval at the October 18th County Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Webb, and was approved by voice vote, with all votes cast in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 18TH COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Frieders moved to approval of the County Board Agenda as presented. Mann-Lamb seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote, will all votes cast in the affirmative.

Crawford moved to amend the County Board Agenda to discuss reinstating the Economic Development Committee and Scott Campbell seconded the Motion. The County Board Agenda was approved as amended by voice vote, will all votes cast in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted by Liam Sullivan