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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 13, 2005

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 @ 7:00p.m. at the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Vice-Chairman Dennis Sands called the meeting to order. Members present were Jeff Whelan, Julia Fauci, Roger Steimel and Robert Rosemier. Members absent were Ruth Anne Tobias, Pat LaVigne, Sue Leifheit and Jeff Metzger. Mr. Sands asked the following committee Vice-Chairmen to represent their committees and to take the seat of their committee Chairpersons. Others present were Ray Bockman, Gary Hanson, Greg Millburg, Margaret Whitwell, Liz Carney, Diane Strand, Sharon Holmes, Larry Anderson, Anita Turner, Eileen Dubin, Jerry Augsburger, Sally DeFauw, Pat Vary, Rich Osborne, Steve Slack and Vince Faivre.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from August 2005.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Steimel, seconded by Mr. Slack, and it was carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

APPOINTMENTS

Board of Review:

Mr. Douglas Johnson, reappointment for a term of 1 year, until 09/01/2006.

Community Mental Health 708 Board:

Ms. Andrea Gargani, appointment for a term of 4 years, until 09/01/2009.

Mr. Charles Rose, appointment for a term of 4 years, until 09/01/2009.

Ms. Janice Abizaid, appointment for a term of 4 years, until 09/01/2009.

Appointments expiring for October 2005 are:

River Valley Workforce Investment Board – 2 positions (still looking for)

Public Building Commission - 1 position
DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Home Foundation Board – 1 position
Housing Authority of DeKalb County – 1 position
Metropolitan Exposition, Auditorium & Office Building Authority – 5 positions
South Grove Cemetery Association – 3 positions

Moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Faivre, and it was carried unanimously to accept the recommended appointments and to forward them to the full board for approval.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA) RESOLUTION

Mr. Whelan asked Mrs. Holmes, DeKalb County Clerk, if the lease on our voting equipment is up for renewal? Mrs. Holmes explained that the resolution before the committee is to seek state reimbursement for the future purchase of handicap voting equipment. Our regular voting equipment is coming off lease but the 2006 budget recommendation is to renew the lease on that equipment rather than purchase it outright. In response to a question about the form of the resolution Mr. Bockman responded that the language has been supplied by the State of Illinois Board of Elections and is what they wanted to make the county eligible for reimbursement following the purchase of eligible handicap voting equipment.

Moved by Mr. Steimel, seconded by Ms. Fauci, and it was carried unanimously to forward the resolution to the full board for approval.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA DISCUSSION

Mr. Bockman, DeKalb County Administrator, said that Chairman Tobias had asked him to inform the committee this evening in her absence, that she would like this committee to discuss and develop the upcoming Legislative Agenda. She also said that she would like to begin this process shortly. The committee suggested that maybe the County should also produce a Federal Legislative Agenda along with the annual State Legislative Agenda.

Mr. Sands said that he would like to get feedback from the State legislators this time. Mr. Bockman said that Representative Pritchard did give some feedback last year. Ms. Vary said that the old Public Policy Committee members were working on that very issue before they were disbanded. She felt that the Legislative Breakfast was a very good idea that the County holds annually.

Mr. Bockman said that if anyone had any questions or suggestions, to please contact Chairman Tobias.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Ray Bockman, DeKalb County Administrator, reviewed the county board agenda for the board meeting to be held on September 21, 2005.

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee said that we needed to include two more resolutions from the Forest Preserve Committee dealing with bid awards. She wanted to know why they were not on the agenda? Ms. Supple, DeKalb County Board Coordinator, said that no one from that department had notified her of the two resolutions. She continued by stating that she would contact their office in the morning to get more information on the resolutions and change the county board agenda to include them.

Moved by Mr. Rosemier, seconded by Mr. Faivre, and it was carried unanimously to forward the county board agenda, as amended, to the full board for approval.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Roger Steimel, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, said that they have one have item, the Christ Church Ordinance. He said that the congregation is currently meeting in the old Farm and Fleet building in DeKalb. He said that the location of the church would be off of North First Street, halfway between DeKalb and Sycamore.

Mr. Faivre, Vice-Chairman of the County Highway Committee, said that they voted to move their budget to the Finance Committee without any changes to it. He said that the County Engineer suggested eliminating the part-time position for snow removal because they hardly used that person last year.

Mr. Slack, Vice-Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, said his committee did not meet this month.

Mr. Osborne, Vice-Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee, said that the committee heard from the Sheriff that the average daily population in August was 92 inmates and that the day that the committee met it was 89 inmates.

Mr. Robert Rosemier, Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, said that they heard from Mr. Gil Morrison, the Regional Superintendent of Schools, who gave his annual report.

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, said that they bid out two projects for Potawattomi Woods Forest Preserve. She said one bid was for a new A.D.A. accessible trail and the other bid was for two open-air shelters, both at Potawattomi Woods. She said that the Forest Preserve staff would do the cement floors of the shelters. She also said that the Citizen's Group would be making a presentation next month to the Forest Preserve Committee regarding the Open Space Referendum.

Ms. Fauci said that a film crew had approached the Forest Preserve Office to film in our forest preserves. She asked if the item should come before the Executive Committee to discuss the need for a film policy like we have for the County? Mr. Bockman said that the Executive committee does not have the authority to advise the Forest Preserve as they are a separate unit of government. He suggested that they discuss it at the Forest Preserve Committee and have the State's Attorney's Office review policies that they may develop.

Mr. Whelan, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said that they had the budget presented by Mr. Hanson and Mr. Sands discussed an issue that would offer fewer taxes to the citizens.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Metzger, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias

Mary C. Supple, Secretary

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