

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 11, 2006**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 7:00p.m. at the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias called the meeting to order. Members present were Jeff Whelan, Julia Fauci, Roger Steimel, Pat LaVigne, Julia Fullerton, Bob Rosemier and Sue Leifheit. Mr. Sands was absent. Others present were Greg Millburg, Haley Murray, Jerry Augsburger, Jeff Metzger, Sr., Vince Faivre, Eileen Dubin and Steve Slack.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Mr. Rosemier, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from March 2006.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Ms. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Steimel, and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

APPOINTMENTS

Stormwater Management Planning Committee: Municipal Committee Members:

Area 1 - Norm Beeh
Area 2 - Ralph Thompkins
Area 3 - John Brady
Area 4 - Bill Lorence
Area 5 - Joel Mauer
Area 6 - Tom Horak

County Committee Members:

Area 1 – Rich Gentile
Area 2 – Tom Simmons
Area 3 – John Wills
Area 4 – Paul Miller
Area 5 – Bob Drake
Area 6 – Wayne Davey

All for indefinite terms

Farmland Assessment Review Committee: Mr. Charles Payne, reappointment for a term of 3 years, until April 30, 2009.

Regional Plan Commission:

Town of Cortland - Ms. Cheryl Aldis, primary appointee
Mr. Ben Suppeland, alternate

Village of Lee - Mr. Dennis Ragan, primary
appointee
Mr. Jerry Olson, alternate

City of Sycamore - Mr. Bill Nicklas, primary appointee
Mr. John Brady, alternate

City of Sandwich - Mr. Jim Knox, primary appointee

Village of Hinckley - Mr. Dan Godhardt, primary
appointee
Mr. Steve R. Mathis, alternate

Village of Waterman - Mr. Mike Heiderscheidt, primary
appointee
Ms. Suzanne Sedlacek, alternate

Village of Shabbona - Mr. Don Pardridge, primary
appointee
Mr. Jeff Westbrook, alternate

**ALL FOR REAPPOINTMENTS
FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS,
UNTIL APRIL 30, 2009.**

Chairman Tobias explained that the newly formed Stormwater Management Committee is formed by statute in terms of who is on the committee. It has to be equal numbers of county members and municipal nominated members. She also stated that it is a technical committee.

Chairman Tobias asked Mr. Bockman, DeKalb County Administrator, once the committee brings back its recommended plan, do they stay in existence? Mr. Bockman said that they would not have to, but they could.

Appointments expiring for May 2006 are:

River Valley Workforce Investment Board – 2 positions

Moved by Ms. Leifheit, seconded by Ms. LaVigne, and it was carried unanimously to accept the recommended appointments and to forward them to the full board for approval.

RESOLUTION: Amendment to the DeKalb County Indemnification Policy

Mr. Bockman explained that the resolution before the committee this evening highlights amendments to the County's Indemnification Policy. The changes are to add the County Treasurer as the County Collector and to add Members of the Regional board of School Trustees, which was the request of the Regional Superintendent of Schools.

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

RESOLUTION: Declaration of a Vacancy on the DeKalb County Board

Mr. Bockman stated that the County Board Chairman has officially received a letter of resignation from County Board Member Eric J. Johnson, which creates a vacancy in County Board District #6. Mr. Bockman said that the board needs to approve the resolution to declare a vacancy. You then have three days to notify all of the established political parties of the vacancy. It is then up to the Republican Party to forward a name to the Chairman to fill that vacancy. The term is up to the next election, which is November 2006.

With your permission, if the Republicans can submit a name the evening of the board meeting, notices can be delivered that evening, which is our past practice, said Mr. Bockman. If the board would allow you to introduce a name that same evening, you could appoint that person at the April meeting. Otherwise, you would report the vacancy in April and appoint a person in May.

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

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Bockman, DeKalb County Administrator, reviewed the county board agenda for the board meeting to be held on April 19, 2006.

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

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Ms. LaVigne, Chairman of the County Highway Committee, who was not at the last meeting because of pneumonia turned over her segment to Mr. Vince Faivre, Vice-Chairman of the County Highway Committee. Mr. Faivre said that his committee discussed the approval of the right-in, not the right-out of the Jewel Osco project. He said that they did approve the request for a new utility tractor. The bid was awarded to the lowest bidder that came in who met the specifications. The TransVac item does not cost the County anything.

Ms. Leifheit, Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee said her committee was told by the Public Defender that he is handling the new murder case in the County. The fifteen year old defendant will be tried as an adult but housed in the juvenile detention center in Kane County. Because of this housing, the County's draw-down account through the Court Services Department will be all used up this year. The committee heard from the Sheriff on his annual 2005 report, which was very good. They also heard from Mr. Bockman regarding the Jail Population Review Committee's Findings and Recommendations.

Mr. Steimel said that they are bringing forth the annual renewal for the Landfill. He also announced that there will be an electronic recycling day on April 22, 2006 at the County's Health Department parking lot, from 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. The public can bring computers, fax machines, cell phones, scanners, telephones, monitors, printers, stereos, DVDs, speakers and other electronics.

Ms. Fullerton, Chair of the Economic Development Committee said that their April committee meeting was cancelled. In March 2006 her committee heard from three speakers from NIU regarding the Technology Triangle.

Mr. Whelan, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said that his committee heard the report from Mr. Bockman on the Jail Population Review Committee Findings and Recommendations. They also had a presentation from Mr. Berkes-Hanson, Director of IMO, on what is going on in the county and how they are expanding her services throughout the county offices.

Ms. Fauci, Chair of the Forest Preserve Committee, said that their referendum passed and that they had no meeting last month. They held

their first stewardship workday and it went very well at Nehring Forest Preserve. They are trying to open up the area around old oak trees there to make it look like a savannah, which is the way it looked during the time that the Indians lived here.

They will be discussing at their next meeting in April, a list of criteria for the land that they will begin to start looking at because of the referendum passing.

Mr. Rosemier, Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, said that his committee held the Senior Services Tax Levy Hearings and that they heard from 10 agencies. The requests amounted to \$533,093. The money available to allocate is only \$401,00 plus \$6,178 left over from last year after Medicare Part D. This amounts to a total of \$407,178. Mr. Hanson called him and let him know that now that the committee had the solid numbers there is an additional \$13,000, too.

The question that he will be asking the committee on 4/17/06 during the allocations meeting is, whether or not they should keep the additional \$13,000 as a balance for emergencies that may come up next year? Their meeting for the allocations is scheduled for Monday, 4/17/06 @ 6:00p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East.

Before adjourning Chairman Tobias read some announcements to the committee members. She said that one of the Jail Population Review Committee's recommendation was for her to appoint a Referendum Advisory Committee to see if it is a good time to have the referendum go before the voters this fall. She also said that there is a proclamation that will be read at the April Board Meeting announcing County Government Week. She mentioned that she will be attending the Illinois Counties Association Board Meeting next week. She asked the members to please read their "Policy Profiles" that they receive in the mail regarding planning for metropolitan growth. On April 29th the Regional Planning Commission will have a workshop on how to deal with development. Mr. John Church, Chairman of Kendall County, will be discussing growth through the Extension Offices' teleconference in May and that the members should receive information on that shortly. This is a training session for county board members, she noted.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias

Mary C. Supple, Secretary

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