

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
July 11, 2006**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, July 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, Roger Steimel, Sue Leifheit, Julia Fauci, Pat LaVigne, Julia Fullerton, Dennis Sands and Robert Rosemier. Others present were Ray Bockman, Gary Hanson, Greg Millburg, Jeff Metzger, Sr., Steve Kuhn, Jerry Augsburger, Anita Turner, Vince Faivre, Richard Osborne, Eileen Dubin, John Hulseberg, Diane Strand and Steve Slack.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Ms. Fauci, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from June 2006.**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Lee Community Fire  
Protection District:**

**Mr. Robert A. Gochee,**  
appointment for a term 3 years,  
until 7/1/2009.

**River Valley Investment  
Act Board:**

Mr. Roger Hopkins,  
reappointment for a term of 2  
years, until 7/01/2008.

Mr. Dave Louis, appointment for  
a term of 2 years, until  
7/1/2008.

**Somonauk Cemetery Association**

Mr. Reid McAllister  
Mr. Howard Larson  
Mr. A.A. Bud Burgin  
Mr. Allen Bastian  
Mr. Robert Russell

All reappointments for a term of  
6 years, until 7/01/2012.

**Ad Hoc Solid Waste Committee:**

Mr. Steve Slack  
Ms. Pat Vary  
Mr. Roger Steimel  
Mr. Vince Faivre  
Ms. Ruth Anne Tobias  
All appointments for a term of 1  
year, until 07/01/2007.

Ruth Anne – then please ask for a motion to approve these appointments.

**Moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Mr. Rosemier, and it was carried unanimously to approve the appointments as presented and to forward them to the full board for approval.**

**Appointments expiring for August 2006 are:**

Community Services Administrative Board – 1 position  
Workforce Investment Act Board – 4 positions  
Board of Review – 1 position

And,

Square Grove Drainage District  
Normal Drainage District  
Coon Creek Drainage District  
Union Drainage District  
Clinton-Shabbona Drainage District

All have 1 position expiring,

And,

Victor-Adams Drainage District – 3 positions

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA**

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

**Moved by Mr. Sands, seconded by Ms. Leifheit, and it was carried to forward the county board agenda to the full board for approval.**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Steimel, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, said that his committee is bringing forth an amendment to the Fireworks code for increased insurance coverage. They are also bringing forth an amendment to the building codes regarding the thickness of insulation.

Mr. Whelan, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said that his committee met jointly with the Law & Justice Committee to discuss the Public Safety Sales Tax Referendum for the jail.

Mr. Rosemier, Chairman of the Health and Human Services committee, said that his committee heard from Mr. Herb Holderman, Superintendent of the Veteran's Commission in DeKalb County, regarding his proposed budget for 2007 and services that his office performs for the county veterans.

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, said that her committee heard from Mr. Craig Hubert who is their second person to come to them about purchasing land for forest preserves. Mr. Lobes, who made a presentation to the committee on the same subject last month, charges \$80.00 an hour and Mr. Hubert charges \$120 an hour. They have received \$50,000 in wetland bank monies, too. They will also be discussing at the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, an ordinance to ban firewood coming in and going out of the forest preserves in DeKalb County. The committee will do a lot of education throughout the County if this ordinance is adopted. The committee discussed the fees that would be charged and if firewood should be banned from being taken out of the County. Ms. Fauci said that she encouraged these questions because they will be discussing these facts at their next meeting. Mr. Sands said that he felt that the Forest Preserve District should charge some nominal fee for the firewood.

Ms. Fullerton, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, said that they would be meeting next week Monday. They will be discussing the communications proposal that was distributed from last month's meeting and the economic development initiatives submitted by Dennis Sands.

Ms. LaVigne, Chairman of the County Highway Committee, said that they will be forwarding to the board 3 resolutions. One is for flashing beacons to be installed at the intersection of Glidden and Rich Roads. The other two resolutions pertaining to the Peace Road Widening Project will be discussed at a Special County Highway Committee Meeting on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00p.m. at the Legislative Center, just before the County Board Meeting. They will be placing the resolutions on the tables that evening.

Mr. Steimel asked Ms. LaVigne how far this widening would run from, that is, Route 23 to Route 64? Ms. LaVigne said from two sections, that is, from Route 23 to Route 64 and from Wirsing Road to Route 23.

Chairman Tobias reminded the members to sign up for the upcoming NACo Conference in Chicago. She also said that at the Health and Human Services Committee in August they would be discussing a non-smoking issue in the unincorporated areas in the county, now that they have the rights.

Mr. Rosemier wanted to compliment the 911 System in our County. He sited the recent motorcycle accident where the person called 911 and the 911 system couldn't locate him off of his cell phone. Our County does have the facilities and systems to enable the company (like Cingular) to tell us the coordinates faster. He feels that the county should recognize that we have passed a milestone and that we should be proud of it.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Steimel, and it was carried to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias

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Mary C. Supple, Secretary

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