

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

September 19, 2007

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center on Wednesday, September 19, 2007. Chairman Tobias called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mrs. Allen, Ken Andersen, Mr. Augsburger, Ms. De Fauw, Mrs. Dubin, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Fauci, Ms Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Mr. Haines, Mr. Hulseberg, Ms. LaVigne, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Steimel, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Stuckert, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Vary, Mr. Walt and Chairman Tobias. Those Members absent were Larry Anderson, Mr. Metzger and Mr. Rosemier. Twenty-one Members were present and three Members were absent.

The Chair asked Mr. Haines to lead the pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. Augsburger moved to approve the Minutes from August 15, 2007. Ms. Vary seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chair asked for a voice vote on the approval of the Minutes. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Mrs. Turner moved to approve the Agenda and Mr. Walt seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chair asked for a voice vote on the approval of the Agenda. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS

Chairman Tobias announced a Twenty-five year service award to Jerry Wahlstrom from the County Board of Review. Margaret Whitwell explained Mr. Wahlstroms work on the Board of Review and thanked him for his years of Service.

Others that were acknowledged were for various years of service.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Tobias recommended the following appointments: Local Emergency Planning Committee - Pat LaVigne, appointment for an indefinite term; Community Services Administrative Board - Robert Keil, Brenda Campbell, Ken Moeller and Micki Chulick, all reappointments for a three year term, until September 2010, Brett Brown, appointment for a three year term, until September, 2010, and Marlene Allen, to replace Sharon Holmes, for an indefinite term;

DeKalb County Public Building Commission - Matt Swanson, appointment for a five year term, until September 2012; River Valley Workforce Investment Act Board - Steve Cunningham, reappointment for a two year term, until September 2009; Stornwater Management Committee - Phase II - (from the County Board) - Donna Prain, Roger Steimel, Ken Andersen, Pat Andersen, Pat Vary, Paul Miller and Bill Lorence; (from the Municipalities) - Mayor Claudia Hicks, Joe Misurelli, Joel Maurer, Mark Biernacki, Bill Nicklas and Mayor Tom Thomas. All are appointments for indefinite terms.

Motion

Ms. Fauci moved to approve the appointments as presented. Ms. Vary seconded the motion.

Motion to Separate Appointment

Mr. Steimel moved to separate the Public Building Commission appointment from the other appointments. Ms. LaVigne seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chair asked for a voice vote on the motion to separate the appointments. Nine Members voted yea, eleven Members voted nay and one Member abstained. Motion failed.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair asked for a roll call vote on the appointments as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Augsburger, Ms. De Fauw, Mrs. Dubin, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Haines, Mr. Hulseberg, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Stuckert, Ms. Vary, Mr. Walt and Chairman Tobias. Those Members voting nay were Mrs. Allen, Ken Andersen, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Ms. LaVigne, Mr. Lyle and Mr. Steimel. Twelve Members voted yea, eight Members voted nay and one Member Mrs. Turner, abstained. Motion carried.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

The following individuals requested time to speak to Agenda Items at the appropriate time: Mr. Paul Miller gave a brief overview of the conditions and the County actions taken during the flood of 08/24 & 08/25/2007. DeKalb County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. The County is obligated to take certain measures during the flooding in the flood plain. A large number of residents were in attendance from the Evergreen Village Mobil Home Park (E.V.M.H.P.)

Frank Howden requested time to speak regarding the flood conditions at the E.V.M.H.P.

Colleen Cebula, an Attorney, spoke on behalf of the residents of EVMHP. She pointed out that the County Board chose not to participate in the FEMA plan in 1996.

Frank Santoro, EVMHP owner, encouraged the Board to investigate if the mitigation is still open from a previous flood.

Mr. Bockman spoke to clear up the matters from 1996. "The residents chose not to be relocated".

Mary Ramp, Community Service Director, explained what her office is doing to coordinate assistance from the Community for the residents of the EVMHP.

Kathy Santoro spoke on behalf of the residents and explained how they are a family and thanked all for their help and consideration.

Lane Cook questioned what the county plan is for obtaining Federal Funding.

Five Shabbona residents representing the “ DeKalb County Tax Payers Against the Casino” spoke about their concerns:

Blain Pickwell spoke against the gaming casino proposed on 128 acres of farmland outside of Shabbona.

Sue Jacobson spoke about the negative effects of gambling on a Community.

Tammy Leeney spoke as a homeowner who has heard many inconsistencies of how the land purchased by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) will be used.

Dr. Robert Purdy opposes the gambling casino and questions the County Board’s intent to study the impact of a casino on the Community. He asks the Board to have no further negotiation with the PBPB until the issues have been resolved in Washington DC and Springfield, IL.

Ed Leeney spoke about the burdens that a casino will bring to Shabbona Schools and the County for extra services.

Ms. Fauci asked for a five minute recess. Chairman Tobias granted a recess.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Ordinance 2007 - 13: Amendment to Article 7 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance Regarding Sign Regulations

Motion

Mr. Steimel moved to approve an Ordinance for proposed amendments which are intended to address issues related to the legal sustainability of the County Sign Regulations. The amendments focus on the purpose, intent and scope of sign regulations, noncommercial signs, political signs, prohibited signs, and billboards. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chair asked for a voice vote on the Resolution. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Ordinance 2007 - 14 : Amendment to the No Parking Ordinance

Motion

Ms. LaVigne moved to approve an Ordinance for the proposed amendment that would allow for the prohibiting, limiting, or restricting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on roadways under the County's jurisdiction. This would allow for no parking during school hours or after a two-inch snowfall, etc., signs to be placed when necessary. Ms. Vary seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chair asked for a voice vote on the Resolution. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2007 - 59: Bid Award for Replacement of One Bob Cat Loader

Motion

Ms. LaVigne moved to accept a Resolution to award the low bid for one new Bobcat All-Wheel Loader and attachments to CSR Bobcat of DeKalb, IL., in the amount of \$41,657.00 and one laser control package for 84" grader attachment in the amount of \$6,100.00. Mr. Hulseberg seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the Resolution. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Allen, Ken Andersen, Mr. Augsburger, Ms. De Fauw, Mrs. Dubin, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Fauci, Ms Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Mr. Haines, Mr. Hulseberg, Ms. LaVigne, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Steimel, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Stuckert, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Vary, Mr. Walt and Chairman Tobias. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2007 - 60: Bid Award for Shabbona Road Bridge

Motion

Ms. LaVigne moved to accept a Resolution to award the low bid for the construction of a reinforced concrete double 12'x9' box culvert including necessary roadway approaches on Shabbona road North of Shabbona between the Lee Road curves, to Civil Constructors, Inc., of Freeport, IL., in the amount of \$334,952.70. Mr. Walt seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the Resolution. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Allen, Ken Andersen, Mr. Augsburger, Ms. De Fauw, Mrs. Dubin, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Fauci, Ms Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Mr. Haines, Mr. Hulseberg, Ms. LaVigne, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Steimel, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Stuckert, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Vary, Mr. Walt and Chairman Tobias. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2007 - 61: Anticipation of Township Bridge Funds

Motion

Ms. LaVigne moved to approve a Resolution that South Grove Road District is requesting to use funds from the Township Bridge Program to pay for 80% of a project to replace a bridge on Esmond Road. The County will up front the funds to pay for this project and then be reimbursed by the State with the receipt of our annual Township Bridge allotment. The payback schedule will be approximately two years once the County is reimbursed for the Irene Road Bridge and Brickville Road Bridge. The amount of this resolution is for \$282,380.64. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the Resolution. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Allen, Ken Andersen, Mr. Augsburger, Ms. De Fauw, Mrs. Dubin, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Fauci,

Ms Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Mr. Haines, Ms. LaVigne, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Steimel, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Stuckert, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Vary, Mr. Walt and Chairman Tobias. Twenty Members voted yea and one Member, Mr. Hulseberg abstained. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Resolution R2007 - 62: Tax Abatement Proposal

Motion

Mrs. Dubin moved to approve a Resolution to agree to the abatement of taxes request of Superior Industrial Equipment in the amounts of 80% in 2008; 70% in 2009; and 50% in 2010 provided that they purchase lot #12 of the Sycamore Prairie Business Park, construct a new 15,000 square foot building and create at least three additional skilled jobs paying between \$35,000 and \$45,000 in the first twelve months of operation. Ms. Vary seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the Resolution. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Allen, Ken Andersen, Mr. Augsburg, Ms. De Fauw, Mrs. Dubin, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Fauci, Ms Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Mr. Haines, Mr. Hulseberg, Ms. LaVigne, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Steimel, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Stuckert, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Vary, Mr. Walt and Chairman Tobias. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Claims

Mr. Haines moved to approve the Claims presented for the current month in the amount of \$3,462,719.26 and Payroll & Emergency Claims from the prior month in the amount of \$2,905,049.53. Ms. Fullerton seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the Claims. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Allen, Ken Andersen, Mr. Augsburg, Ms. De Fauw, Mrs. Dubin, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Fauci, Ms Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Mr. Haines, Mr. Hulseberg, Ms. LaVigne, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Steimel, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Stuckert, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Vary, Mr. Walt and Chairman Tobias. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports of County Officials

Mr. Haines moved to place on file the following reports of County Officials; Cash and Investments in County Banks - August 2007; Planning and Regulations Building and Permits Reports - August 2007; Public Defender's Report - July, 2007; Court Services Adult & Juvenile Report - July, 2007; Jail Population Monthly Report - July,2007; Regional Superintendent of Schools Annual 2006 - 2007 Report (Attached to the Health and Human Services Committee Minutes) and Third Quarter Financial Report - for the period covering June 1, 2007 - August 31, 2007. Ms. Fauci seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chair asked for a voice vote to place the Reports on file. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2007 - 63: Lt. Governor Quinn's Proposal for Mandatory Federal Funding for Veteran's Health Care Advisory Referendum

Motion

Mrs. Vary moved to approve A Resolution that the following question of public shall be submitted to the voters of DeKalb County as and advisory referendum at the primary election scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2008, consistent with the Illinois Election Code;

“Shall the Federal Government be required to adopt mandatory full funding of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of ensuring that all eligible honorably discharged U.S. Veterans receive quality and accessible health care and related services?”

Mr. Walt seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chair asked for a voice vote on the Resolution. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2007 - 64: Strategic Planning Project for the DeKalb County Board

Motion

Ms. Vary moved to approve a Resolution to agree to engage in a contract with TechSolve of Cincinnati, Ohio, for a sum not to exceed \$10,000 plus travel and other project-related expenses to lead a Strategic Process for the DeKalb County Board. Ms. LaVigne seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the Resolution. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Allen, Ken Andersen, Mr. Augsburger, Ms. De Fauw, Mrs. Dubin, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Fauci, Ms Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Mr. Haines, Mr. Hulseberg, Ms. LaVigne, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Steimel, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Stuckert, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Vary, Mr. Walt and Chairman Tobias. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

AD HOC SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Ordinance R2007 - 12: Amendment to the DeKalb County Code

Motion

Ms. Vary moved to approve an Ordinance to adopt the revisions to Article III, Section 50-51 through 50-58 of the DeKalb County Pollution Control Facility Siting Ordinance. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chair asked for a voice vote on the Resolution. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2007 - 65: Articles of Rules and Procedures

Motion

Ms. Vary moved approve a Resolution to adopt the attached “Articles of Rules & Procedures” to guide the proceedings of the DeKalb County Pollution Control Facility Committee. Mr. Steimel seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the Resolution. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Allen, Ken Andersen, Mr. Augsburger, Ms. De Fauw, Mrs. Dubin, Mr. Faivre, Ms. Fauci, Ms Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Mr. Haines, Mr. Hulseberg, Ms. LaVigne, Mr. Lyle, Mr.

Osborne, Mr. Steimel, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Stuckert, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Vary, Mr. Walt and Chairman Tobias. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2007 - 66: Patrick Engineering Continuation Agreement

Motion

Ms. Vary moved to approve a Resolution to agree to extend the current agreement with Patrick Engineering of Lisle, IL., on a time and materials basis for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Mr. Stuckert seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chair asked for a voice vote on the Resolution. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Osborne encouraged Members to support the Juvenile Home proposed for rural Sycamore.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Ms. Vary moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chair asked for a voice on the motion to adjourn. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

DeKalb County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

DeKalb County Clerk