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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 11, 2007

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 7:00p.m. at the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias called the meeting to order. Members present were Eileen Dubin, Julia Fauci, Michael Haines, Robert Rosemier and Pat Vary. Members absent were Pat LaVigne, Richard Osborne and Roger Steimel. The committee invited Vice-Chairman Jerry Augsburger from the Highway Committee to sit in for Pat LaVigne. Others present were: Anita Turner, John Hulseberg, Steve Walt and Gary Hanson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Vary, seconded by Mr. Rosemier, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from November 2007.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Ms. Dubin, and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

APPOINTMENTS

**DeKalb County Rehab and
Nursing Center Operating Board:**

Veronica Casella
Nate Kloster
Ron Klein
Richard Ubl
All reappointments for a term of one-year,
until 12/31/2008.

The Board of Health:

Dennis Diemer, D.V.M.
Sue Thompson, R.N.
David Phillips, M.D.
Todd Latham
All appointments for a term of 3 years, until
12/31/2010.

And,

**Julia Fauci, reappointment for a term of 1
year, until 12/31/2008.**

**DeKalb County Community
Mental Health Board:**

Donna Schoenfeld, Ph.D., to fill the unexpired term of Jeannette Vaupel, until 12/31/2008.

And,

Thomas Kirts, M.D., to fill the unexpired term of Andrea Gargani, until 12/31/2009.

Moved by Mr. Haines, seconded by Ms. Vary, and it was carried unanimously to forward the appointment to the full board for approval.

Appointments expiring for DECEMBER 2007:

Workforce Investment Act Board – 2 positions

DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board: 1 position

Metropolitan Planning Organization: 1 position

Supportive Living Facility Board: 6 positions

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Gary Hanson, Deputy County Administrator, reviewed the County Board Agenda for the Board Meeting to be held on December 19, 2007. He noted to the there would be a presentation given by Mr. Dan Templin on “The K.E.Y.S. Program” that evening at the beginning of the meeting.

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

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Haines, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said that the Finance Committee meeting was cancelled for the December meeting date.

Mr. Haines then spoke on the Planning and Zoning item on the County Board Agenda since Mr. Steimel was not present. He said that they were sending one item to the County Board this month regarding a request to allow Illini Farms to take down a trailer and replace it with a pre-fab home for a agricultural housing. The new pre-fab home can be taken down in the future if it is no longer being used by agricultural workers.

Mr. Augsburger, Vice-Chairman of the County Highway Committee, said that they were sending 5 items to the County Board this month for approval. He said that on item number R2007-76 regarding the purchase of a new Tandem, there would be another resolution coming next month regarding the purchase of various equipment for it.

Mr. Augsburger said that the Highway Department also generates a Improvement Project Report. The committee asked if this report could be placed on the Website under the Highway Department section?

Chairman Tobias said that yes, she would ask the Highway Department to see if they can put it on there.

Ms. Vary, Vice-Chairman of the County Board, said that she had no new items or information regarding our legislators and legislative items. She said that at one time under the old Public Policy Committee someone used to generate a list of legislative items from County Department Heads that that committee discussed and created a Legislative Agenda from. She was wondering who did this?

Ms. Mary Supple, County Coordinator, said that she did this.

Ms. Vary asked if Ms. Supple could generate an email to all Department Heads again asking if they had any legislative items that they would like the County Board to take a look at to add to our legislative items list?

Chairman Tobias said that yes, she would have Ms. Supple send out the email to all department heads and see what happens.

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, said that they heard from a representative of P.D.R.M.A. regarding an insurance risk pool of various Forest and Park Districts in the State of Illinois that helps to keep the policy cost lower. She said that 7 out of 12 Forest Preserve Districts are now part of this pool. Kane County has just joined them. She said that this policy would be a 5-year plan. Ms. Fauci encouraged all County Board members to read the Forest Preserve Committee Minutes in depth this month regarding this issue.

Ms. Fauci also said that they are still waiting for the information on the grant that they applied for regarding acquisitions.

Mr. Rosemier, Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, said that they heard from Ms. Ziv Sabin, the new Executive Director of Elder Care Services. They were updated on the Medicare Part D program that they offer as a service. Ms. Sabin had reported to the committee that even though they were seeing more people it was her feeling that it was still manageable for her office staff to handle.

He also said that Ms. Sabin updated the committee on Self-Abuse by the Elderly. The County had allocated monies to Elder Care this past year through the Senior Services Tax Levy to help fund this new program. There were about three people trained downstate for this program and in two months they handled 20 cases. They project that they may see as many as 40 cases for the whole year.

Ms. Dubin, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, she has been visiting with community representatives through ad hoc meetings. As a result of these meetings she recently met last week with Mr. Andre Ashmore from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity encourage us to go out for a grant to conduct a Target Industry Study. It will run between \$15,000 and \$20,000. She is waiting for him to email her the application. Hopefully, by March of 2008 we should hear from them.

She also said that her committee was sending a Resolution of Intent for a Tax Abatement to the County Board for approval on Project 11 at Park 88.

Ms. Dubin then informed the committee that Ms. Fauci and Ms. Vary are holding a seminar on February 2, 2008 on the Water Conservation at the Farm Bureau.

Ms. Fauci said that they have co-sponsors with the Cooperative Extension and Soil and Water Conservation Office. Kishwaukee College would like to be a co-sponsor on the Energy Conservation in the Fall. She has her speakers all lined up for the February 2nd seminar too.

Chairman Tobias reminded the committee about the NACo Legislative Conference in March. It is held annually in Washington, D.C. If anyone is interested in attending, they should let Chairman Tobias or Mary Supple know.

Chairman Tobias said that she also needs a representative from the County Board to attend the DeKalb/Sycamore Area Transportation Study, which is our Metropolitan Planning Organization. DeKalb, Sycamore and Cortland are in that group. Ms. Turner volunteered to be the representative. Chairman Tobias thanked her for volunteering.

She also approached the committee about taping our County Board meetings. Ms. Hanson had asked her if we might want to do this? She would talk to Ms. Hanson further on this subject as to whether or not we would want it on our website.

Chairman Tobias then announced that there would be a food drive going on until December 21, 2007 for the Northern Illinois Food Drive. She would like to encourage all County Board members to contribute if they can and bring something at the December County Board Meeting.

Before adjourning, Chairman Tobias passed out the Proposed Tribal Agreement with the Potawatomi Nation. She said that there would be a workshop on this item at the January Executive Committee meeting in the Gathertorium. She said that a Public Meeting would be held the next evening in January at the Nursing Facilities' Multi-Purpose Room.

Ms. Fauci asked Chairman Tobias if she felt good about this proposal?

Chairman Tobias said yes she did, this is what we have worked for – to protect the County.

Mr. Hulseberg asked about the dates on pages 1, 22 and 25 where January 16, 2008 is mentioned.

Mr. Haines said that he didn't know if we would vote on this on that date.

Ms. Fauci suggested that we should leave the date open.

Chairman Tobias asked that the committee and all County Board Members to please read the document with the attachments to prepare themselves for the workshop in January.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Rosemier, and seconded by Ms. Vary, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias

Mary C. Supple, Secretary

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