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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 10, 2007**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, July 10, 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 Julia Fauci, Michael Haines, Rich Osborne, Robert Rosemier and Roger Steimel. Ms. Dubin, Ms. LaVigne and Ms. Vary were absent. A quorum was present. Others present were Ray Bockman, Gary Hanson, Michael Stuckert, Margaret Whitwell, Anita Turner, Sally DeFauw, John Hulseberg, Larry Anderson, Paul Stoddard and Steve Slack.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Moved by Mr. Rosemier, seconded by Mr. Haines, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from June 2007.**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Tobias asked to add another item to the agenda regarding a Strategic Plan for the County.

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

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Metropolitan Exposition Authority:**

Mr. Richard Hall, reappointment for a term of 3 years, until July 1, 2010.

**Supervisor of Assessments:**

Ms. Margaret Whitwell, reappointment for a term of 4 years, until 07/01/2011.

**Appointments expiring for August 2007 are:**

Workforce Investment Act Board – 1 position

Community Services Administrative Board – 5 positions

**STRATEGIC PLAN FOR DEKALB COUNTY**

Chairman Tobias asked the committee members if they had any questions regarding the Strategic Plan for the County Handout from last month's meeting.

Chairman Tobias said that a question came up regarding the fact that she works for the company that would be providing this service for the County.

She said that she would not have suggested them if she didn't know that the company does the same work for other counties. The Center has specialized in this subject for the last twenty years. She said that she would not take part in it or vote on it. She also said that the Center is currently providing these services for Kane and DuPage Counties and that they are talking to Winnebago County also about the same type of services.

She said that it would begin sometime this fall, but that nothing has been finalized yet.

Mr. Haines said that he would be excusing himself from voting on this item because he works for N.I.U. and the Center is from there. He said that he does support the Strategic Planning concept especially considering the fact that some of the county employees and department heads will be retiring in the next 5 to 6 years.

Mr. Osborne said that he would be excusing himself from voting too because he works for the Center also.

Chairman Tobias said that the amount of money that is being requested for the planning process, according to Mr. Gary Hanson, DeKalb County Deputy County Administrator, is less than what is required to go out for bids.

Mr. Augsburger asked if there were any known firms locally or near here that provide the same kind of services?

Chairman Tobias said that she did not know.

Ms. Fauci said that she would like for the County to ask if other companies that provide these services within a 100-mile radius were interested in this.

Mr. Rosemier said that Ms. Mary Olson and others in the county are performing a needs assessment study for the community and they hired N.I.U. He also said that there is a firm for the Rockford School of Medicine doing a strategic plan for healthcare.

**Moved by Mr. Rosemier, seconded by Mr. Augsburger, and it was carried to move forward on this plan as outlined and to forward this recommendation to the full board for approval. A roll call vote was taken showing Chairman Tobias, Mr. Haines and Mr. Osborne all abstaining from voting.**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA**

Mr. Ray Bockman, County Administrator, reviewed the county board agenda for the board meeting to be held on July 18, 2007. Mr. Bockman also said that there would be the Strategic Planning resolution included under this committee.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL**

Moved by Mr. Haines, seconded by Mr. Rosemier, and it was carried unanimously with a roll call vote to move into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel issue at 7:15p.m.

Moved by Mr. Rosemier, seconded by Ms. Fauci, and it was carried unanimously to return to open session with a roll call vote at 8:00p.m.

Moved by Mr. Haines, seconded by Mr. Rosemier, to forward a resolution to the full board for approval providing for 8% increases in salary for the County Administrator effective January 1, 2008, again on January 1, 2009, and on January 1, 2010 followed by a freeze in compensation until his retirement in 2011. The resolution will state that payments are to be made pursuant to a contract to be negotiated with the Executive Committee. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Steimel, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, said that there was nothing new to report, as they did not meet in the previous month.

Mr. Rosemier, Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, said that Cathy Anderson from the DeKalb County Nursing and Rehab Center had made a presentation at the most recent meeting of his committee and explained that they are the largest rehab center in the county and will continue to be even after the completion of the new community hospital.

Mr. Osborne, Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee, said that Judge Klein had attended his meeting and explained that the County would be getting a new judge. Judge Klein explained that while it would require additional personnel for support, it was good news for the County and that now we would have a full compliment of judges.

Julia Fauci, reported a correction to the previous minutes in that the community development grant application for access to recreational areas was in the amount of \$40,000. She explained the volunteers were helping to seed the wetland bank addition at Afton and that there had been a star party there, too. The committee was forwarding a letter of support for the T.I.F. District extension in support of the Renew DeKalb Program to the full forest preserve commissioners meeting this month.

Mr. Augsburger, Vice-Chairman of the County Highway Committee, said that there was no highway committee meeting held this month.

Chairman Tobias reported that the Supportive Living Facility groundbreaking ceremony was held last week and that she had attended the Regional Water Supply committee meeting. DeKalb County will be hosting this group on July 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00a.m. The County will also be providing a bus to Afton Forest Preserve for those who might be interested in touring the wetland bank.

The General Discussion also included a complimentary discussion of the recent efforts of Ken Campbell in cooperation with Upstage Lighting to light the front of the courthouse over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Everyone remarked how pretty it was and how many people had come to see it and take pictures.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Mr. Steimel, seconded by Mr. Augsburger, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting on a voice vote @ 8:15p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias

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Mary C. Supple, Secretary

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