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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES November 10, 2008

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, November 10, 2008 at 7:00p.m. at the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Since Chairman Tobias, Vice-Chairman Vary and Mr. Haines, Chairman of the Finance Committee were not present, Mr. Richard Osborne, Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee, called the meeting to order. Members present were Eileen Dubin, Julia Fauci, Robert Rosemier, and Roger Steimel. Mr. Osborne invited Mr. Augsburger to sit in for Pat LaVigne as Vice-Chairman of the Highway Committee and Mr. John Hulseberg for the Finance Committee. Ms. LaVigne, Mr. Haines, Ms. Tobias and Ms. Vary were absent. Others present were Ray Bockman, Gary Hanson, Ken Andersen, Larry Anderson, Sally DeFauw, Jeffrey Metzger, Sr., Paul Stoddard, Anita Turner and Steve Walt. A quorum was present. Mr. Haines arrived at 7:03p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Ms. Dubin, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from October 2008.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Osborne said that he would move the Appointments to 7A. so if Chairman Tobias arrived later that she would then be able to cover this portion of the agenda.

Moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Mr. Rosemier, and it was carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Ray Bockman, County Administrator, reviewed the County Board Agenda for the Board Meeting to be held on November 19, 2008.

Ms. Fauci said that she would like to include on the forest preserve agenda an Executive Session item for land acquisition.

Moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Mr. Steimel, to forward the county board agenda to the full county board for approval.

Mr. Osborne asked if there was any discussion on the agenda?

Mr. Rosemier asked if the committee could reconsider, under the budget resolution, the appeal referring to the Federal Lobbyists? He would like to have the committee reconsider it being added back into the budget. He said that he felt that it was very shortsighted with the state of the economy currently. He feels that the federal government will be making allocations for infrastructure and he feels that having a lobbyist would be a good thing for next year.

Mr. Bockman said that Mr. Rosemier could do an amendment to the budget ordinance at the county board meeting if he wanted to.

Chairman Tobias arrived @ 7:20p.m.

It was carried unanimously to forward the amended county board agenda including the forest preserve district's executive session on land acquisition to the full board for approval.

EXEMPT PERSONNEL - STEP PLAN

Mr. Bockman, addressed the committee about the annual exempt employee step plan. He said that this committee is assigned the task of setting the step increase annually for the exempt employees. There are about 7 or so appointed department heads. It used to be tied to CPI, but the committee decided some time ago that it made more sense for it to be set by this committee on an annual basis. The recommendation that he is making is 2%. All of the exempt employees have qualified for this increase. Along with COLA (2%) the total amount would equal 4%.

Mr. Haines asked if this increase was included in the budget?

Mr. Hanson said yes.

Mr. Bockman also informed the committee that there were no nominations for exceptional performance this year.

Moved by Ms. Dubin, seconded by Mr. Augsburger, and it was carried unanimously to set the step plan for the exempt employees at 2% along with a 2% COLA increase, for a total amount of a 4% increase.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Steimel, Chairman of on the Planning & Zoning Committee meeting and updated the committee members about various upcoming zoning items.

Mr. Haines, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported on their last committee meeting and said that one person spoke at their public hearing on the budget.

Mr. Augsburger, Vice-Chairman of the Highway Committee said that they did not have a meeting.

Ms. Dubin, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee said that they had no meeting too.

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee said that they were denied one of the grants that they have applied for and so they will be holding an executive session at the county board meeting again this month regarding land acquisition.

Mr. Rosemier, Chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee said that they heard from Mr. Herb Holderman, Director of the Veteran's Assistance Commission.

Mr. Osborne, Chairman of the Law & Justice Committee said that they are sending one resolution this month to the full board regarding a coapplication for a proposed Safe House.

APPOINTMENTS

1. DeKalb County Community Mental Health 708 Board:

Ms. Donna Schoenfeld

Mr. Doug Fraley

Both reappointments for a term of 4 years, until 12/31/2012.

2. Sheriff's Merit Commission:

Ms. Bennetta Stearnes, reappointment for a term of 6 years, until 11/30/2014.

3. Stormwater Management

Planning Committee - Phase II:

Mr. Norm Beeh, to fill the unexpired term of Don

Pardridge, which is an indefinite

term.

Appointments expiring for December 2008:

River Valley Workforce Investment Act Board: 3 positions
 DeKalb County Nursing Home Foundation Board: 1 position
 DeKalb County Board - 12 positions
 Board of Health - 5 positions
 Union Drainage District #1 - 1 position

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

Chairman Tobias said that she is working on getting three more names for the River Valley Workforce Investment Act Board and that she needs a county board member to sit on the Board of Health.

Mr. Paul Stoddard volunteered to sit on the Board of Health.

Before adjourning, Chairman Tobias congratulated all county board members on winning their re-elections. She also thanked all existing county board members that will be leaving the county board in December for their time and service to the citizens of DeKalb County.

She also reminded everyone about the County Board Christmas Party that will be held at the Turner's home on December 11, 2008 @ 6:00p.m.

Chairman Tobias then explained to the committee members the process of going through the democrat and republican caucuses and the ad hoc executive committee prior to the DeKalb County Board Organizational meeting, which will be held on the first Monday in the month of December 2008.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL

It was moved by Mr. Osborne and seconded by Mr. Rosemier to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. The motion was passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

It was moved by Ms. Fauci and seconded by Mr. Osborne to return to open session. The motion was passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Haines and seconded by Mr. Augsburger to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously by a voice vote.

	Respectfully submitted,
	Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias
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