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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2009

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 7:00p.m. at the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias called the meeting to order. Members present were Marlene Allen, Ken Andersen, Larry Anderson, Eileen Dubin, Julia Fauci, Michael Haines, Pat LaVigne and Jeff Metzger, Sr. Others present were Ray Bockman, Jerry Augsburg, John Emerson, Gary Hanson, John Hulseberg, Greg Millburg, Riley Oncken, Aaron Ruder, Mark Todd, and Steve Walt.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Ms. LaVigne, seconded by Mr. Andersen, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from July 2009.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Metzger, Sr., seconded by Mr. Andersen, and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

APPOINTMENTS

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| 1.) General Assistance Appeal Board: | Mr. Larry Augsburg, appointment for a term of 3 years until 06/30/2012. |
| 2.) Squaw Grove Drainage District #1: | Mr. Robert Schoeger, reappointment for a term of 3 years, until 09/01/2012. |
| 3.) Normal Drainage District: | Mr. Milton Lambert, reappointment for a term of 3 years, until 09/01/2012. |
| 4.) Coon Creek Drainage District: | Mr. John Emerson, reappointment for a term of 3 years, until 09/01/2012 |
| 5.) Union Drainage District: | Mr. William Mullins, reappointment for a term of 4 years, until 09/01/2013. |
| 6.) Clinton-Shabbona Drainage District #1: | Mr. Robert Buchholz, reappointment for a term of 3 years, until 09/01/2012. |
| 7.) Regional Planning Commission: | Mr. Dave Maroo, #1 delegate, appointment for a term of 3 years, until 04/01/2012. Mr. Steve Warner, Alternate, appointment for a term of 3 years, until 04/01/2012. |

- 8.) 911 Emergency Telephone Systems Board: Lt.. Darren Mitchell, appointment for a term of 4 years, until 09/01/2013.
- 9.) Pollution Control Facility Committee: Ms. Ruth Anne Tobias, Chairman
 Ms. Pat Vary
 Ms. Marlene Allen
 Mr. Ken Andersen
 Mr. Michael Haines
 Mr. Riley Oncken
 Mr. Paul Stoddard
All appointments for a term of 1 year, until 08/31/2010.
- 10.) DeKalb County Board: Mr. Derek Tyson, appointment to replace Mr. Richard Osborne who resigned, until 11/30/2010.

Appointments expiring for September 2009:

- a) DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center Operating Board – 1 position
- b) Workforce Investment Act Board – 1 position
- c) DeKalb County Housing Authority – 1 position
- d) DeKalb County Public Building Commission – 1 position**

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

ANNUAL RELEASE OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Mr. Bockman said, this a housekeeping item that we do semi-annually to release executive session minutes that we are holding. Usually they have to do with personnel issues or a land acquisition matter.

Moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Ms. Allen, and it was carried unanimously to forward this recommendation to the full board for approval.

AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLE OF RULES AND PROCEDURES

Mr. Bockman said that in 2007 the County Board adopted, by ordinance, a code revision to comply with State Law, which is the Pollution Control Siting section of the Code. At that same meeting, by resolution, you adopted these Articles of Rules and Procedures that would guide the Pollution Control Committee. We have yet to have an application filed, but expect to have one filed later this year. Before we do that, there has been some review done by staff and counsel. Therefore, what you have before you tonight are the changes. There were some

questions raised by potential applicants as to what certain things mean, like what does “in the vicinity of the proposed site” mean? The changes are relatively minor. It is better to clean up the language now to avoid trouble later, he said.

One of the major changes is “who will determine what constitutes a changed application?” Under this statute, once you begin the public hearing, if there is a change to the application, it sends you all the way back to “go”.

The other one is about the notice, under the statute, you are not only required to file a notice when you file the application, but also in advance of that to let everyone know that you are going to file an application.

Moved by Mr. Haines, seconded by Mr. Andersen, and it was carried unanimously to forward this recommendation to the full board for approval.

EXTENSION OF THE LOBBYISTS CONTRACT

Mr. Bockman, said that around February 2009 the State IEMA told him that they simply were not able to fund our project for the buyout of Evergreen Village. Our lobbyists suggested that we contact Representative Manzullo’s office to see if they would ask for an appropriation for the project within the Homeland Security Bill. The Lobbyists said that other people have been able to do this type of project funded through the Homeland Security Appropriation process. So Mr. Bockman called Representative Manzullo’s office and asked if they would consider putting us in for \$4 million for Homeland Security? They said no first, but then a month later he heard from them saying that they would like to help us by seeking funding from the Homeland Security Appropriation. Several months later he received congratulatory emails from the State IEMA Director and our lobbyists saying that they heard that we had received an earmark for the Evergreen Village Project.

Mr. Bockman said that what he heard was that we were earmarked for \$350,000 for the project. He called Molly O’Toole, our consultant, to see if we could use the funding for the project? She said not really because there is a single parcel of land and in order to do the project, you have to buy the parcel and you can’t buy it for that amount of money. He then contacted Representative Manzullo’s office and thanked them for the earmark but he didn’t think that we could use the \$350,000 because we need \$4 million. Mr. Ron Davis from IEMA said that Mr. Bockman should really check and see if it is not in addition to what you might be able to get through other sources before turning it down. Mr. Bryan Davis of Rep. Manzullo's office said that this money would not count against anything that you might do with FEMA and that it will be in addition to that. Ms. O’Toole and Ron Davis said hang on to it.

Mr. Bockman said that he would not have ever asked Representative Manzullo’s office before our lobbyists advised him to.

The lobbyists have also been working on two bridge projects and one road project that are unfunded. If they are funded we would get money that Mr. Bockman feels we would not otherwise get.

Moved by Ms. Allen, seconded by Ms. LaVigne, and it was carried to extend the lobbyists contract with Holland-Knight for a period of six months at a cost of \$4,000.00 per month through December 31, 2009. Ms. Fauci, Mr. Larry Anderson and Mr. Haines voted no.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Ray Bockman, County Administrator, reviewed the County Board Agenda for the Board Meeting to be held on August 19, 2009.

Ms. Fauci asked to take her name off of the motion on the item under old business for the Enterprise Zone because she voted against it.

Moved by Mr. Ken Andersen, seconded by Mr. Larry Anderson, and it was carried unanimously to approve the amended County Board Agenda and to forward it to the full board for approval.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Ms. LaVigne, Chairman of the County Highway Committee, said she had no report.

Mr. Jeff Metzger, Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committees, said that they heard from Ms. Moulton about her Community Services Department. She said that their numbers doubled for the month of June 2009 over June 2008. She will be adding some staff to her department and she will be experiencing some space needs. The committee directed her to talk to Mr. Bockman and Mr. Hanson about this issue.

Ms. Allen, Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee, said that her committee heard from Ms. Gilmour from Court Services who said that they are seeking parents for the new Safehouse.

Ms. Julia Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, said that they did not have a meeting in July. She said that at Sannauk Forest Preserve there are a few eagle scouts that are helping with the erecting new playground equipment as part of their Eagle Scout project.

Ms. Eileen Dubin, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, said that her committee will be sending a resolution to the board for the creation of a DeKalb County Tourism Guide.

Mr. Ken Andersen, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, said that his committee is forwarding one ordinance to the full board for approval this month. He also said that his committee would be sending an item to the Economic Development Committee to help find relief for small business people applying for agri-entertainment businesses.

Mr. Michael Haines, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said that his committee heard from Mr. Hanson regarding the IMRF retirement fund along with the SLEP and Forest Preserve retirements. He said that they also discussed the creation of a countywide Recovery Zone for our county.

Chairman Tobias informed the committee that there will be two proclamations that she will be reading at the August County Board Meeting too. One is for the 2010 Census Partnership and the other is for a local person who received the Medal of Honor.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. LaVigne, seconded by Mr. Andersen, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias

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