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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JULY 7, 2009

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, July 7, 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, Sharon Holmes, Steve Slack, Mel Haas, Elena Grimm, Jerry Augsburg, Sally DeFauw, John Emerson, John Hulseberg, Riley Oncken, Paul Stoddard, Mark Todd, Pat Vary and Steve Walt.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Andersen, seconded by Mr. Haines, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from June 2009.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Ray Bockman, DeKalb County Administrator, said that he needed to amend the agenda to include an executive session item regarding Collective Bargaining and Personnel, at the end of the agenda.

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

APPOINTMENTS

1.) Somonauk Cemetery Association:

Mr. Karl Lundeen
Mr. Jack Morsch
Ms. Jane Thompson
Mr. Roy Walgren

All reappointments for a term of 6 years,
until
07/30/2015.

Mr. Jerry M. Cronnin, to fill the
unexpired term of Mr. Howard Larson,
until 07/30/2012.

Mr. Wendell B. Chestnut, appointment
for the term of 6 years, until 07/30/2015.

2.) Fairdale Street Lighting District:

Mr. Dewey D. Barnes, appointment for
a term of 1 year, until 07/30/2010.

Mr. Edward R. Silvers, appointment for
a term of 2 years, until 07/30/2011.

Mr. Rodney Dale Jacobson,
appointment for a term of 3 years, until
07/30/2012.

3.) General Assistance Appeal Board:

Mr. Arden Awe

Ms. Barbara Young

Mr. Norman Troeger

Ms. Patricia LaVigne

All reappointments for a term of 3 years,
until 06/30/2012.

Appointments expiring for August 2009:

- a.) General Assistance Appeal Board – 1 position
- b.) DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center Operating Board – 1 position
- c.) All Drainage Districts that are appointed by the County Board
- d.) 911 Emergency Telephone Systems Board – 1 position
- e.) Workforce Investment Act Board – 1 position

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

PRECINCT LINE CHANGES – MS. SHARON HOLMES

Ms. Sharon Holmes approached the committee with a resolution regarding a precinct line change. She explained that the intent of this proposal is to adjust the lines of precinct DK-36 and create precinct DK-37. She explained that she split DK-36 into two precincts due to the considerable growth in the City of DeKalb – West of Annie Glidden Road and South of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. Currently there are 1322 registered voters in the precinct. The state law suggests splitting when there are 800+ voters. At the General Election on November 4, 2008 there were 1079 citizens who voted in the precinct. The recommendation is to split the precinct so that DK-36 would have approximately 600 registered voters and the new precinct DK-37 would have approximately 725 registered voters.

The timing on this change will facilitate precinct committeemen candidates in circulating petitions beginning in August for the February Primary when precinct committeemen are elected. Precinct DK-36 is now in County Board District #6 and after the split of the precinct, both precinct DK-36 and the new precinct DK-37 would be in County Board District #6.

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

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 15, 2009.

Moved by Mr. Haines, seconded by Ms. Fauci, and it was carried unanimously to approve the County Board Agenda and to forward it to the full board for approval.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

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

Mr. Jeff Metzger, Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committees, said that his committee heard from Mr. Herb Holderman from the Veteran's Assistance Office and Mr. John Horn from the U. of I. Extension Unit Office.

Mr. Michael Haines, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said that his committee approved the budget calendar with one change. They now included one of Steve Walt's suggestions to adopt the title of the appeal and have the county board member's name also included with the appeal.

Ms. Allen, Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee, said that her committee heard a courthouse report from Judge Kurt Klein and Mr. Ron Klein, Chairman of the Courthouse Committee. The report states that the Courthouse Committee recommends an expansion to the current courthouse and to remain in downtown Sycamore. They also recommend that the expansion should be from the East and West sides of the courthouse to creates two wings.

Ms. Julia Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, said that there would be no meeting for the Forest Preserve District Committee in July 2009. The Ellwood Cabin has been moved and is awaiting a fall site. The Nature Resource center has taught 1500 students environmental education this past May.

Ms. Eileen Dubin, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, said that they have received a grant for \$24,000 for job creation from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. This is a planning grant and the committee will be working with the Economic Development Corporation and the NIU Center for Governmental Studies. She also said that she has contacted some legislators, in support of the AMTRAK train route to go through Genoa, Illinois

Mr. Ken Andersen, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, said that his committee is forwarding four ordinances to the full board for approval this month. He said that they had some pretty good discussion on the Moratorium ordinance. He said that he voted for the moratorium at the meeting, but that now he is rethinking it and feels that with 16 yes votes and 4 no votes on the FPL Wind Farm at last month's county board meeting, he feels that we are sending the wrong message to the voters by voting for a moratorium now.

Ms. LaVigne and Ms. Allen both said that they have been receiving phone calls from voters wondering why we are even considering a moratorium.

Ms. Fauci said that she feels it's a tragedy to our country and to our county if we vote for a moratorium.

Mr. Andersen then mentioned to the committee that at the last Planning and Zoning Committee meeting, Chairman Tobias had mentioned the she is seeking more people to be appointed to a Siting of the Landfill Committee. Please let her know if you are interested, he said.

Mr. Andersen said that at his last committee meeting for Planning and Zoning there were comments made about possibly sending a suggestion to the Economic Development Committee about how we can make our process, for establishing new small businesses and for entrepreneurs, more user friendly. He said that possibly we could give some abatements, reduce permit fees, etc.

The committee also spoke about being part of a Free Trade Zone with the Rockford Airport. The committee agreed that Rockford Airport should be invited to attend an Economic Development Committee meeting to discuss this further.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND PERSONNEL

Moved by Ms. Allen, seconded by Ms.Fauci, and it was carried unanimously to moved into an executive session to discuss collective bargaining and personnel.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Andersen, and it was carried unanimously to return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias

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