

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 10, 2009**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00p.m. at the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Vice-Chairman Larry Anderson called the meeting to order. Members present were Marlene Allen, Ken Andersen, Eileen Dubin, Julia Fauci, Pat LaVigne and Jeff Metzger, Sr.. Michael Haines was absent. The committee invited Mr. John Hulseberg to sit in place of Mr. Haines for the Finance Committee. Others present were Ray Bockman, Gary Hanson, Aaron Ruder, Riley Oncken, Anita Turner, Greg Millburg, Mark Todd, John Emerson, Pat Vary, Elena Grimm, Steve Walt and Terry Hannan.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPOINTMENTS

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| 1. DeKalb Sanitary District: | Mr. Timothy Struthers, reappointment for a term of 3 years, until 3/01/2012. |
| 2. DeKalb County Nursing Home Foundation Board: | Ms. Joan Watson-Protano, appointment for a term of 3 years, until 03/01/2012. |
| 3. Regional Planning Commission:
Primary Representative for the County of DeKalb - | Mr. Kenneth Andersen |
| Primary Representative for the Town of Cortland - | Ms. Cheryl Aldis |
| Primary Representative for the City of Sycamore -
Alternate - | Mr. Bill Nicklas
Mr. Brian Gregory |
| Primary Representative for the Village of Lee -
Alternate -
Primary Representative for the | Mr. Jerry Olson
Ms. Martha May |

Village of Shabbona -
Alternate -

Mr. Donald Partridge
Ms. Claudia Hicks

Primary Representative for the
City of Sandwich -

Mr. Bill Beverley

**All Reappointments for a term of 3
years, until 03/01/2012.**

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| 4. Cortland Fire Protection District: | Mr. Robert Jordal |
| 5. DeKalb Fire Protection District: | Mr. Charles J. Faivre |
| 6. Genoa-Kingston Fire
Protection District: | Mr. Elmer T. Hughes |
| 7. Hinckley Fire Protection District: | Mr. Gale A. Nehring |
| 8. Shabbona Fire Protection District: | Mr. Gerald Hinkston |
| 9. Sycamore Fire Protection District: | Mr. Tracy Jones |
| 10. Waterman Fire Protection District: | Mr. Roger Thorpe |

**All Reappointments for a term of 3
years, until 03/01/2012.**

11. Kirkland Fire Protection District: Mr. Kevin Aves, Appointment for a term of 3 years.

1. **Appointments expiring for April 2009:**

1. Board of Review – 2 positions
2. Workforce Investment Act Board – 1 position
3. DeKalb County Farmland Assessment Review Committee – 1 position

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

Vice-Chairman Anderson mentioned to the committee that we had sent out three more letters to Maple Park, Malta and Lee Fire Protection District regarding the expiration of terms for their individual members. The County Board Office has not heard from them yet and may bring the names forward for approval at the county board meeting in March. He asked the committee if this was okay with them?

The committee said yes, that it was.

HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

Vice-Chairman Anderson then turned over the meeting to Mr. Ray Bockman, County Administrator, in case the members had any questions regarding the Host Community Agreement.

Mr. Bockman said that Mr. Anderson had asked a question regarding piping. He said that there have been methane problems at the DeKalb Landfill and all over Northern Illinois. This is because there has been more than usual rainfall this past year. It is being remediated and Waste Management has put in 4 more methane wells in the landfill and are planning some more. Because they have added to the collection system, the piping that takes the gas off of the top of the wells has to be replaced and they have to put bigger pipe up. In this case, while they are doing that they will be moving the flare towards the landfill entrance. They should have this project completed before this year is up.

Mr. Bockman also mentioned there is another version of the Host Community Agreement coming if the amendment to it goes through tonight along with a new Attachment "C" page.

Vice-Chairman Anderson said one of his concerns was about the earmarks (page 16 items b. and c.) that were put in after the Ad Hoc Solid Waste Committee had met and included in the agreement without going through the committee system. If this agreement is adopted then won't this become law and won't we have to keep making these appropriations every year?

Mr. Bockman said that the suggestions came to him through some county board members and a department head after the negotiations had been concluded. He did so with the consent of Waste Management and the reason that he had their consent by telephone was because it's our money. My answer to your question is no because there's no penalty for you or future boards violating this agreement. The only party that would have any standing in stopping the County from doing anything to this agreement would be Waste Management. He told them that Waste Management does not care how we spend the money. They do care about the money that's coming from them and anything that you bring up here that has an effect on the money they are putting into this agreement will need their consent. Your total investment in this deal is zero.

Vice-Chairman Anderson said what about the money that we have put into the roads?

Mr. Bockman said that you put money into all of the roads in the county as a matter of public duty and to accommodate commerce of all kinds because they are public roads.

After a brief discussion Mr. Andersen moved to amend the Host Community Agreement to strike on page 16, items b. and c. and have those items go back through the committee system. It was seconded by Ms. LaVigne. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bockman reminded the committee that if these items were stricken from the agreement that the County's Solid Waste Program will be zero funded for the next two years. He suggested to keep them at their current level of \$120,000 from the tipping fee.

Mr. Andersen asked how long will it take for this agreement to go into effect (funds received)?

Mr. Bockman said about two to three years, he believes.

Ms. Fauci stated that she does not want these items stricken from the agreement and will vote no on the amendment. She feels that the education components are critical and that our program is fabulous and that we should have more money funded to this program and expand it. The more education that we offer to the community and children the better it will be for the County, she said.

Mr. Hannan explained that the Natural Resource Center currently has a partnership with the U of I Extension Office and Soil and Water Office for some funding. That funding right now is "iffy".

A brief discussion continued about whether or not the amendment should go through.

Mr. Metzger, Sr., said can't we just pass this now and not worry about how the money is going to be spent? Why debate a subject that is two years ahead of its time. He feels that a lot could change over two years.

Mr. Hulseberg said that he is taking Mr. Haines seat tonight for the Finance Committee and said that if he were here tonight, that Mr. Haines would want the two items to remain in the agreement.

Vice-Chairman Anderson returned to the motion after all of the questions had been answered. Those voting yes to strike the two items (page 16. items # b. and c.) from the agreement were Ms. LaVigne, Mr. Andersen and Mr. Larry Anderson. Those voting no to the amendment and not strike the two items were Mr. Hulseberg, Ms. Fauci, Ms. Dubin, Ms. Allen and Mr. Metzger, Sr. The motion to amend the Host Community Agreement by striking items #b. and #c. on page 16 failed.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Ray Bockman, County Administrator, reviewed the County Board Agenda for the Board Meeting to be held on February 18, 2009.

Moved by Mr. Andersen, seconded by Ms. Dubin, 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. Metzger, Sr., Chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee, said that his committee discussed the Mental Health Unit issue from Kishwaukee Hospital. They heard from a Mr. Barry Schraeder and encouraged him to attend the March 9th Forum. Mr. Metzger, Sr., also said that they would be holding the annual hearings for the Senior Services Tax Levy in April.

Ms. Allen, Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee, said that they heard from Mr. Dennis Miller regarding his annual reports from the Coroner's Office and the ESDA Department.

Ms. Dubin, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee said that her committee heard from Mr. Borek from the DeKalb County Economic Development Committee regarding his monthly report. She informed the committee that the small grant for rain gardens would be filed by the Master Gardeners and The DeKalb Women's Center.

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee said they did not have a meeting in February.

Mr. Andersen, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, said that they are sending two items to the full board for approval this month. He mentioned the Wind Farm Public Hearing on 3/12/09 at the Sycamore High School @ 9:00a.m. and the Special Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting on 4/1/09 at the Kishwaukee College Auditorium at 5:30p.m.

Mr. Hulseberg, Member of the Finance Committee, said that their committee had a presentation about Advertising on our County Website. They also heard information on SSA's and a shortfall in the IMRF Pension Plan for Employees. The Internet Advertising issue and the SSA issue will be coming back to the committee for further discussion in May.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias

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