

**DRAFT**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, September 8, 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, Mark Todd, Paul Stoddard, Riley Oncken, Sally DeFauw, Anita Turner, John Hulseberg and Greg Millburg.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Metzger, Sr., seconded by Ms. Dubin, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from August 2009.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Mr. Haines, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

**APPOINTMENTS**

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| a.) Workforce Investment Act Board:           | Mr. Steve Cunningham<br>Mr. Jeff Whelan<br>Both reappointments for a term of 2 years, until 10/01/2011                                    |
| b.) Lee Community Fire District:              | Mr. Jason Jordal,<br>appointment for a term of 2 years, until 3/31/2011.<br>(this is because of the recent resignation of Doug Sanderson) |
| c.) DeKalb County Housing Authority:          | Ms. Donna Moulton,<br>appointment for a term of 5 years, until 11/01/2014.  |
| d.) DeKalb County Public Building Commission: | Ms. Ruth Anne Tobias,<br>appointment for a term of 5 years, until 10/01/2014.   |

**Appointments expiring for October 2009:**

- 1.) Community Mental Health Board – 2 positions
- 2.) Community Services Advisory Board – 1 position
- 3.) Victor Adams #1 Drainage District – 2 positions

**Moved by Mr. Haines, seconded by Ms. LaVigne, to forward the appointments to the full board for approval.**

Discussion continued with Mr. Anderson stating that according to the State Statutes, the qualifications for being appointed to the Public Building Commission, he was told, was that a person had to be knowledgeable in either real estate, finance or construction. The person that he approached to ask them if they may be interested in being appointed to this commission has a background in all three fields and sits on many boards locally. He was wondering if the Chairman of the Board or Ms. Tobias' background qualifies her to sit on the Public Building Commission (PBC).

Mr. Metzger, Sr. asked if someone could please give the committee some background information on the PBC, like who sits on there and the function of the commission?

Mr. Bockman explained it is historically not unusual for the Chairman of the Board to sit on the Public Building Commission since Bob Hutcheson was the Chairman of the DeKalb County Board when he appointed himself to sit on there years ago. Mr. Hutcheson filled Mr. Bockman's vacancy on the commission at the time. He continued by saying that the qualifications are correct but that he didn't believe that the qualifications have been treated as anything more than advisory. Mr. Hutcheson, he thinks, at the time, did not possess any of the qualifications that you just mentioned.

Mr. Bockman further explained by stating that the past of the PBC is of less importance than the future. The PBC is no longer of great necessity to this board, it was at one time. He sees the Commission winding down in terms of responsibilities. Public Building Commissions were formed in Chicago by Mayor Dailey for a specific purpose. That purpose was to build public buildings without going to the public for authority to do so. It is a way around the General Obligation Bond requirement that states that you have to go to the public for approval. It was the main benefit for our County at the time to have a Public Building Commission. The Public Building Commission was started here when the County needed to build a new jail and we didn't have the money to fund the project. The PBC can borrow the money without permission from the public and lease it to a County. The County under those rules did not need the public's consent to enter into the lease agreement and the lease agreement was backed by the full faith and credit of the County. So it was an arrangement of convenience, Mr. Bockman further stated.

When PTELL was adopted – tax caps were adopted. The PBC is under

the same umbrella as the County. It no longer makes any sense for the PBC to issue debt for us, we can do it for ourselves and we have done it in recent years.

Our PBC, by law, has to remain in effect until the last bonds are retired here in DeKalb County, around 2016 he believes. After that the PBC does not legally need to continue in existence.

Mr. Haines asked if they issue more bonds between now and then it would extend the life, right?

Mr. Bockman said yes, you can keep them around if you wish too, the question would be, what value would you see in this additional layer?

Ms. Fauci said that she felt that a lot of times the PBC had this secrecy about them. Ms. Fauci felt that with Ms. Tobias being appointed to the commission may encourage her to come back and inform this committee what the PBC is doing and working on.

**After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Haines, seconded by Ms. LaVigne and it was carried to forward these recommendations for appointment to the full board for approval. Mr. Ken Andersen and Mr. Larry Anderson both 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 September 16, 2009.

**Moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Ms. LaVigne, 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 she had no report.

Mr. Hulseberg said that he has received a few phone calls from his constituents about the Peace Road and Freed Road Intersection. Have there been any plans for installing a 4-way Stop Sign or traffic light installed at Peace Road and Freed Road? Is this something that we can bring to Mr. Lorence's attention?

Ms. LaVigne said yes.

Mr. Larry Anderson, Vice-Chairman of the County Board, said that he wanted to let the committee know that there have been two wind turbines installed now for the Wind Farm off of Route 38 near Kishwaukee College.

Mr. Jeff Metzger, Chairman of the Health and Human Services

Committees, said that he had no report.

Ms. Allen, Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee, said that her committee heard from Ms. Stromborg about the new D.U.I. Court. Ms. Stromborg told the committee that they have accepted 5 people into the program

Ms. Eileen Dubin, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, said that her committee heard from Mr. Borek and his monthly update. They also heard from Ms. Margaret Whitwell regarding her Annual Report and Ms. Christine Johnson, the County Treasurer and her report.

Mr. Ken Andersen, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, said that his committee is not sending anything to the board this month. He said that the committee listened to the public regarding a burning trash issue. The committee has directed the staff to come up with language on burning trash in unincorporated DeKalb County.

Mr. Michael Haines, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said that his committee heard from Mr. Hanson about placing on file the FY2010 Budget. They are also sending three resolutions on housekeeping items with regards to tax deed sales from Christine Johnson's office.

Ms. Julia Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, said that her committee will be reviewing and sending their FY2010 Budget to the full commissioners in October.

Before adjourning Chairman Tobias reminded the committee members that there will be a Budget Question and Answer Workshop next week Wednesday night @ 6:00p.m. (right before the county board meeting) in the Administration Building's Conference Room East.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Ruth Anne Tobias