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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
August 20, 2014

The County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center Wednesday, August 20, 2014. The Chairman called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Cvek, Mr. Deverell, Mr. Emerson, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Foster, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Pietrowski, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, and Chairman Metzger. Mrs. DeFauw was absent. Twenty-one members were present one was absent and two board seats were vacant.

Chairman Metzger asked Mrs. Turner to lead to the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. Whelan moved to approve the Minutes of June 18, 2014. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Metzger asked for a voice vote on the approval of the Minutes. All Members present voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Metzger announced that he would like amend the agenda by removing two appointments. The appointments suggested to be removed were c. Law & Justice Chairman and l. Victor Township Drainage District.

Motion

Mr. Oncken moved to approve the agenda as amended and Mr. Reid seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS

Veteran's Honor Roll

Chairman Metzger called upon Mr. Doug Johnson, DeKalb County Clerk & Recorder to induct the following Veterans into the DeKalb County Veteran's Honor Roll: Edward P. Engstrom: Army 1951 – 1953, Stanley J. Brint: Air Force 1947 – 1967, Dale E. Remala: Army 1960 – 1962, John A. Anderson: Army 1953 – 1955, Frank E. Meadows: Army 1964 – 1966, Ronald G. Klein: USMC 1964 – 1966.

Employee Service Awards

Mr. Paul Miller, Planning Zoning & Building Director, shared a few words and presented a 25 year Employee Service Award Plaque to Mr. Ronald G. Klein for his service as the DeKalb County Hearing Officer. Mr. Miller highlighted that Mr. Klein was unanimously appointed as the Hearing Officer in June of 1989 and in that time the County has had 706 zoning applications which Mr. Klein has heard 455 of those or 65%. Mr. Miller shared that a conservative estimate of time Mr. Klein has devoted to the County as a Hearing Office would be about 680 hours. Mr. Miller lastly indicated that Mr. Klein has expressed he would like to stay on as the County's Hearing Office and Mr. Miller as well as the County Board expressed their gratitude to Mr. Klein and hopes that the County can continue to benefit from Mr. Klein's efforts for years to come.

Chairman Metzger read the remaining Employee Service Awards for the month of July 2014 were: Five Years – Colleen McConnaughy: Circuit Clerk; Twenty-Five Years – Gene Lane: Sheriff's Merit Commission; Thirty-Five Years – Michael Keef – Highway Department.

Employee Service Awards for the month of August 2014 were: Five Year – Michelle Jurezek: State's Attorney's Office, Jocelyn Hernandez: Circuit Clerk; Ten Years – Peggy Mowers: Rehab & Nursing Center, Charles Criswell, Jr.: Public Defender's Office; Fifteen Years – Jo Herrmann: Rehab & Nursing Center; Twenty-Five Years – Lori Ireton: Rehab & Nursing Center, Thirty-Five Years: Susan Racine: Sheriff's Department.

DeKalb County Board Member Frank O'Barski addressed the board and the audience with the following:

As some of you may know, from a recent news article in the Daily Chronicle, our County Engineer, Nathan Schwartz, received the highest award from the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers for service to the profession and the community at the Association's annual convention July 11.

I know, from serving on the Highway Committee, what a terrific employee we have in Nathan. He serves on many agencies and committees that serve our county, and is a tireless worker for the people of DeKalb County. I can share the article if you want to see all the different capacities he serves in as both professional, and community public service areas.

I think all of us on Highway Committee feel fortunate to have Nathan working for the people of our County. We sometimes give him a hard time, and challenge him about issues that come up. I have found him invariably responsive to us, and willing to answer questions. In acknowledging Nathan's contributions, I was reminded of the interactions I have had with other county employees. My interactions have invariably been responded to promptly and cheerfully. It occurred to me that, while they may not all have received such deserved and public recognition, they nevertheless work hard for the people of this County.

I see our staff, who we probably can't pay what we would like to pay them, as certainly deserving of our thanks for their tireless efforts, innovation and responsiveness to the public. I and many of you know the complex, challenging, and sometimes frustrating projects the County Employees willingly take on to try to improve things for the people of DeKalb County.

While I may lack the prestige of the Illinois Society of Engineers, as an elected representative of DeKalb County, I would like to say that I wish I could give awards to the many deserving people who come to work every day determined to do their best for our citizens. So at

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least I can say a heartfelt “Thank You” to all the employees who work so hard for us. And I would ask that Gary Hanson and the other department heads share my gratitude with the people who do the real work of making things better.

Sycamore Park District’s Commissioners, Mr. Ted Strack and Michelle Schulz addressed the County Board on their long term strategic plan, Vision 20/20: Carrying on the Legacy. Vision 20/20 is the outcome of 10 months of work involving a wide array of community members from middle school students to retirees. Its goal is to help chart the long term direction of the Sycamore Park District. The plan includes seven significant capital investments which will enhance Sycamore’s community. Some of the capital investments that were described will be for totally new amenities, while other will take care of existing amenities.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

There were no individuals present to address the County Board on any items that had not been subject to a properly noticed and legally held public hearing conducted by the Hearing Officer.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Metzger recommended the following appointments: **DeKalb County Board Member:** Dianne Leifheit appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Julia Fullerton to represent County Board District #8 until November 30, 2014. Sandra Polanco appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of Derek Tyson to represent County Board District #5 until November 30, 2014.

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved to approve the appointments as presented. Mr. Cvek seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chairman asked for a voice vote on the two appointments. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

DeKalb County Clerk Douglas J. Johnson administered the Oath of Office to both of the newly appointed DeKalb County Board Members and they took their seats. Let the roll call now reflect that there is a Twenty-Four Member County Board and twenty-three members were present and one was absent.

Chairman Metzger also recommended the following appointments: **Committee Assignment:** Dianne Leifheit to be appointed immediately to sit on the DeKalb County Board’s Finance Committee and the Law & Justice Committee until November 30, 2014. Sandra Polanco to be appointed immediately to sit on the Health & Human Services Committee and the Law & Justice Committee until November 30, 2014. **Law & Justice Vice Chairman:** Ruth Anne Tobias to be appointed immediately as the Vice Chairman of the DeKalb County Board’s Law & Justice Committee until November 30, 2014. **Community Services Administrative Board:** Sylvia Ibarra appointed immediately to fill a vacancy for a Private Sector Board Member until June 30, 2015 and Dan Nolan appointed immediately to fill a vacancy for a Public Sector Board

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Member until June 30, 2017. **Stormwater Management Committee:** Norm Beeh, Joel Maurer, Tom Thomas, Paul Stoddard, Pat Vary, and Bill Lorence all appointed for terms beginning July 1, 2014 and expiring June 30, 2015. Joe Misurelli, Derek Hiland, John Laskowski, Donna Prain, Roger Steimel, and Paul Miller all appointed for terms beginning July 1, 2014 and expiring June 30, 2016. **Clinton-Shabbona Drainage District:** Wayne Overby to be reappointed for a term beginning September 1, 2014 and expiring August 31, 2017. **Coon Creek Drainage District:** Matt Klein to be reappointed for term beginning September 1, 2014 and expiring August 31, 2017. **Normal Drainage District:** Robert Twombly to be reappointed for a term beginning September 1, 2014 and expiring August 31, 2017. **Shabbona Milan Union Drainage District:** Dennis L. Johnson to be reappointed for a term beginning September 1, 2014 and expiring August 31, 2017. **Squaw Grove Drainage District:** Donald Willrett reappointed for a term beginning September 1, 2014 and expiring August 31, 2017.

Motion

Mr. Cvek moved to consolidated all the suggested appointments into one vote. Mr. Oncken seconded the motion.

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Emerson, seconded by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh to approve the appointments as presented.

Voice Vote

It was moved unanimously by voice vote to approval all of the appointments as presented.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Ordinance O2014-07: An Ordinance Amending a Special Use Granted to the Sycamore Sportsmen Club on Property Located West of Motel Road in Mayfield Township

Motion

Mrs. Turner moved The DeKalb County Board approves an Amendment to the Special Use Permit granted to the Sycamore Sportsmens and Conservation Club by DeKalb County Ordinance 90-38 and Amended by DeKalb County Ordinance 98-18 and hereby approves to allow certain improvements to the subject property legally described in Exhibit "A" attached to the Ordinance. Mr. Foster seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Metzger called for a voice vote on the Ordinance. All members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2014-49: Authorizing the Execution of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and Formation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by Intergovernmental Cooperation

Motion

Chairman Metzger moved The DeKalb County Board does authorize to enter into an Agreement and the DeKalb County Sheriff is hereby authorized to sign, executive and deliver the agreement known as the "Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement" and thereby enter into an

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intergovernmental agreement with such other public agencies of the State of Illinois as are likewise willing to enter into said "Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement" and recognize the existence and formation of the Illinois law Enforcement Alarm System as set forth in the said Agreement. Mr. Cvek seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

A voice vote was taken to approve the motion. All Board Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2014-50: Updating the DeKalb County Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Policy

Motion

Mr. Reid moved The DeKalb County Board hereby adopts the Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Policy, as the official policy of DeKalb County, IL. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Metzger asked for a voice vote on the motion to approve the resolution as presented. All members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2014-51: IDOT Remediation Agreement

Motion

Mr. Reid moved The DeKalb County Board does authorize the execution of an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation which will allow the County to close out the project for the underground storage tank remediation for the Legislative Center site. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

All County Board Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Claims for July 2014

Motion

Mr. Reid moved to approve the claims for last month, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, in the amount of \$5,636,460.48. Ms. Fauci seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chairman asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the claims. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Cvek, Mr. Deverell, Mr. Emerson, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Foster, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Pietrowski, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, and Chairman Metzger. All members presented voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

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Claims for August 2014

Motion

Mr. Reid moved to approve the claims for this month, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, in the amount of \$8,207,514.81. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Metzger called for a roll call vote to approve the claims. Those Members voting yea were Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Cvek, Mr. Deverell, Mr. Emerson, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Foster, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Mr. O’Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Pietrowski, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, and Chairman Metzger. All members presented voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports of County Officials

Motion

Mr. Reid moved to accept and place on file the following Reports of County Officials: Cash & Investments in County Banks – June & July 2014; Public Defender’s Report – June & July 2014; Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – June & July 2014; Sheriff’s Jail Report – June & July 2014; Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Reports - June & July 2014; Mental Health Board 2013 Annual Report; Circuit Clerk’s Six-Month Report; County Clerk & Recorder’s Six-Month Report. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chairman requested a voice vote to accept the Reports of County Officials. All members presented voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No Business

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

There were no items to discuss under old business or new business.

APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED TO BE MADE IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2014

1. Workforce Investment Act Board – 3 positions
2. Public Building Commission – 1 position

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Mrs. Turner moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr., Johnson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Metzger called for a voice vote on the adjournment. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

DeKalb County Board Chairman

DeKalb County Clerk

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