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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
January 15, 2014

The County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center Wednesday, January 14, 2014. The Chair called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mr. Jones, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Tyson, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Cvek, Mrs. DeFauw, Mr. Deverell, Mr. Emerson, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Foster, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Johnson and Chairman Metzger. Mr. Pietrowski was absent. Twenty-three Members were present and one absent.

Chairman Metzger asked Mr. Jones to lead to the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the Minutes of December 18, 2013. Mr. O'Barski 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 Mr. Tom Matya would not be able to make it to the Board Meeting this month but will be coming next month to give a recap on the IHSA Championship Football Games. He would also like to move item #6, Persons to be Heard from the Floor, in front of item #5, Communications and Referrals. He asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda.

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved to approve the agenda as amended and Mr. Stoddard seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Pietrowski arrived and joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Now all twenty-four Members were present.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

Prior to the Chairman inviting members of the public to speak, he introduced Mr. Dale Hoekstra, Director of Operations for the Illinois/Missouri Valley Post Collection Operations for Waste Management, the firm that owns and operates the DeKalb County Landfill. Mr. Hoekstra addressed the Board and the public on behalf of Waste Management on an event that occurred at

Cortland Elementary School the past week that sent about seventy students and teachers to the hospital due to a strong odor that came from the landfill.

Mr. Hoekstra addressed multiple questions from Board Members regarding the Cortland Elementary School incident and also about Waste Management and future action plans.

Chris Hunter who resides on Hahn Drive in DeKalb requested to speak to the Board regarding the issue that occurred with Waste Management. He had many questions of what the surrounding neighborhood residents of the Landfill are being exposed to, what gases are escaping, what damage has already been done and how he can protect his family from future exposure.

Mac McIntyre who resides on Oak Street in DeKalb also requested to speak to the Board on the same issue regarding Waste Management and the Landfill. Mr. McIntyre pointed out that there is a life, health and safety issue that not only the children and staff at Cortland Elementary School are facing but also the subdivisions that surround the school.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS

Chairman Metzger took a moment to pay respects to Mr. Greg Millburg's father who passed away last Thursday at the age of 81.

Employee Service Awards

Chairman Metzger honored and presented a special Employee Service Award to DeKalb County Coroner Dennis Miller, who has served thirty years of service to the County.

A very special honor and recognition was given to DeKalb County Sheriff Roger Scott who has served an amazing 45 years of service to DeKalb County. Sheriff Scott is currently the longest employed member of DeKalb County of all time. Along with a service plaque, County Administrator Gary Hanson presented Sheriff Scott with a remote car starter for his squad car as a special county gift for the many years of service he has provided to the County.

The remaining Employee Service Awards for the month of January 2014 were: Five Years – William Colvin: Facilities Management; Fifteen Years – Lynne Kunde: County Clerk & Recorder, Ruth Anne Tobias: County Board; Twenty Years – Patricia Chilton: Health Department.

Proclamation P2014-01: To Congratulate and Recognize Pamela Reilly for Receiving the Teacher of the Year Award

Mr. Frieders read the Proclamation and presented Ms. Reilly with a plaque to honor and congratulate her on being chosen as the 2014 Teacher of Year for the entire State of Illinois. Ms. Reilly was present to accept the Proclamation along with Rick Schmitt, Superintendent of Schools for Sandwich CUSD #430.

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Proclamation P2014-02: To Recognize and Honor the NIU Football Team

Mrs. DeFauw read the Proclamation and presented a special football to Matt Lipman Assistant Athletic Director of Football Operations, Ryan Brown starting right/left tackle of the NIU Huskies and Bill Nicklas Vice President of NIU's Public Safety and Community Relations.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Resolution R2014-01: Engineering Agreement for Replacement of the West County Line Road Bridge
Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved The DeKalb County Board does hereby approve to enter into an Engineering Agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc., of Dixon, Illinois for the provision of preliminary engineering services incident to the repair or replacement of a box culvert on West County Line Road, over a drainage ditch, south of Lee Road, located in the Shabbona Road District in the amount not to exceed \$29,136.60. Mr. Frieders seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

A roll call vote was taken on the Resolution as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Jones, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Pietrowski, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Tyson, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Cvek, Mrs. DeFauw, Mr. Deverell, Mr. Emerson, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Foster, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Johnson and Chairman Metzger. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2014-02: Engineering Agreement for the Replacement of the Perry Road Bridge
Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved The DeKalb County Board does hereby approve to enter into an Engineering Agreement with Chastain & Associates, LLC, of Rockford, Illinois for the provision of preliminary engineering services incident to the repair or replacement of a bridge on Perry Road, 600 feet west of Chase Road, located in Pierce Road District in the amount not to exceed \$53,385.00. Mr. O'Barski seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

A roll call vote was taken on the Resolution. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Jones, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Pietrowski, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Tyson, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Cvek, Mrs. DeFauw, Mr. Deverell, Mr. Emerson, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Foster, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Johnson and Chairman Metzger. The motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution R2014-03: Resolution to Support a State-Wide Transportation Construction Program

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved The DeKalb County Board does hereby approve of a new capital program to finance continued investment in transportation projects throughout Illinois and urge the members of the General Assembly and Governor of the State of Illinois to build upon the Transportation For Illinois Coalition's initiative by exacting a plan that raises additional revenue to properly address the poor condition of our existing infrastructure, and provide sufficient funds to finance a new series of construction bonds to enable transportation projects that Illinois can rely upon. Mr. Stoddard seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution R2014-04: Supplemental Resolution to Authorize Additional Funding for 2013 Winter Maintenance Materials

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved The DeKalb County Board does approve the County to expend additional MFT funds for winter maintenance materials (salt) in the amount of \$170,000.00. Mrs. Fullerton seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

A roll call vote was taken on the Resolution. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Jones, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Pietrowski, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Tyson, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Cvek, Mrs. DeFauw, Mr. Deverell, Mr. Emerson, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Foster, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Johnson and Chairman Metzger. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Claims for January 2014

Motion

Mr. Reid moved to approve the claims for January 2014, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, in the amount of \$6,250,022.50. Mrs. Tobias 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 Mr. Jones, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Pietrowski, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Tyson, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Cvek, Mrs. DeFauw, Mr. Deverell, Mr. Emerson, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Foster, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Fullerton, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Johnson and Chairman Metzger. All Members voted yea. The 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 – December 2013; Public Defender’s Report – December 2013; Court Services Report – Adult & Juvenile Detention for December 2013; Jail Report – December 2013; Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Report – December 2013. Circuit Clerk’s Six Month Report, County Clerk & Recorder’s Six Month Report. Mr. Cvek 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

Resolution R2014-05: Deputy County Administrator

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved The DeKalb County Board does hereby appoint Christine Johnson as Deputy County Administrator for Outreach. The appointment shall take effect January 20, 2014 and automatically sunset on December 31, 2016 with further County Board action needed to either appoint new or renew the recommended individual. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

There was a voice vote taken and the motion. Mr. O’Barski, Mr. Pietrowski and Mrs. Haji-Sheikh abstained from voting. The rest of the members voted yea. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED TO BE MADE IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2014

Community Mental Health Board 708 – 1 position
DeKalb County Nursing Home Foundation Board – 3 positions

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

There were no items for discussion under old business / new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Mrs. Turner moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Cvek 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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