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Executive Committee

Minutes

August 12, 2014

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met Tuesday, on August 12, 2014, at 7 p.m. at the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Metzger called the meeting to order. Members present were Mrs. DeFauw, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Gudmunson, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Whelan.

Others present were Gary Hanson, Christine Johnson, Ruth Anne Tobias, Anthony Cvek, John Frieders, Tracy Jones, Charlie Foster, Misty Haji-Sheikh, Mark Pietrowski, Sandra Polanco, and Frank O'Barski.

It was moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Mrs. DeFauw and it was carried unanimously by voice vote to have Mr. Riley Oncken at the table to represent the Law & Justice Committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mrs. Turner and moved unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. DeFauw, seconded by Mr. Oncken and moved unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Metzger welcomed everyone back from July's County Board recess. The break has allowed County offices to catch up and attend many internal meetings, he explained. Chairman Metzger also shared that he had recently sent out a reminder for everyone to review the County Board Rules as they pertain to electronic attendance of meetings. He mentioned that the whole process is still a little cumbersome and after talking to Mr. Hanson, they decided to put together a very simple "cheat sheet" that will have instructions and phone numbers to be able to call into a meeting, if necessary.

Chairman Metzger shared he recently attending Congressman Hultgren's Round Table Workshop where they spoke about Drug Awareness and Prevention and one of the main items he took from the conversation was a product name Narcan (Naloxone), which is a drug that can reverse an opioid overdose. It blocks opioids from attaching to opioid receptors in the brain.

Chairman Metzger said that with this information, he has been working with police agencies to be able to have this product with them as a first responder to be able to possibly prevent opioid drug overdoses. He continued that trying to get everyone together County-Wide is not the easiest task so they are going to start a pilot program with a couple larger Communities. Chairman Metzger shared that he has very high expectations for the program and from there they can start branching out to the smaller Communities within DeKalb County. DuPage County started their program in January of 2014 and within six months they had twelve out of thirteen lives saved from overdose incidents. The funding mechanism right now for this pilot program is established by everyone that is going to be involved is willing to donate funds to pay for the supply they are going to need and after the program starts to expand other funding sources will be looked at.

Chairman Metzger last shared a handout The New York Times recently published. It was an interactive map citing the hardest places to live in the U.S. The article ranks all 3,135 U.S. counties on ease of life based on the following factors: median household income, education, unemployment rate, disability rate, life expectancy and obesity rate. DeKalb County ranked #11 on the list of the 25 Best Counties in Illinois.

APPOINTMENTS

- 1.) **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.
- 2.) **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.
- 3.) **Law & Justice Chairman:** Riley Oncken appointed immediately as the Chairman of the DeKalb County Board's Law & Justice Committee until November 30, 2014.
- 4.) **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.
- 5.) **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 Member until June 30, 2017.
- 6.) **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.
- 7.) **Clinton-Shabbona Drainage District:** Wayne Overby to be reappointed for a term beginning September 1, 2014 and expiring August 31, 2017.
- 8.) **Coon Creek Drainage District:** Matt Klein to be reappointed for term beginning September 1, 2014 and expiring August 31, 2017.
- 9.) **Normal Drainage District:** Robert Twombly to be reappointed for a term beginning September 1, 2014 and expiring August 31, 2017.

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- 10.) **Shabbona Milan Union Drainage District:** Dennis L. Johnson to be reappointed for a term beginning September 1, 2014 and expiring August 31, 2017.
- 11.) **Squaw Grove Drainage District:** Donald Willrett reappointed for a term beginning September 1, 2014 and expiring August 31, 2017.
- 12.) **Victor Township Drainage District:** Dean Lundeen to be reappointed for a term beginning September 1, 2014 and expiring August 31, 2017.

Mr. Cvek asked Mr. Oncken what the status of his employment was with the County. Mr. Oncken stated that he was employed as Conflict Counsel by the Judiciary, not by the County, which is the same as it has been. Mr. Oncken also stated that the only conflict that could potentially come up would be voting on his own salary or benefits which he would at that time abstain from voting but beyond that, there would be no conflict of interest. Mr. Cvek asked if there was a formal opinion that there is no conflict of interest for Mr. Oncken being a Chairman of the Law & Justice Committee. Multiple Members shared that they had heard the opinion and Mr. Cvek asked for a formal copy in writing of that opinion. Chairman Metzger shared that this issue was brought up a year ago as well and there was no conflict of interest at that time either and said if Mr. Cvek did have an issue, he was welcome to ask the State's Attorney for written clarification on the issue.

It was moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Ms. Fauci and it was moved unanimously by voice vote for forward the recommended appointments to the Full County Board for approval.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Vice Chairman, Mr. Stoddard stated that he had nothing to report.

Mr. Gudmunson, Chairman of the Highway Committee, announced that her personally did not have anything to report but looked to his fellow Committee Members to help share with everyone the events of their last meeting. Mr. O'Barski shared that the Committee had a really extensive budget discussion from County Engineer, Nathan Schwartz and also congratulated Nathan on a recently award he won: The Illinois Award of the Year by the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers. He also reiterated that the Highway Department's budget is large but it is a great model for other departments in the County to look at. Mr. Jones also echoed Mr. O'Barski's comments on how good the Committee's budget discussion went and the new process that was taken to allow the Committee to become more involved with the budget process in general and everyone feels really good about what they were presented.

Mr. Whelan, Vice Chairman of Health and Human Services, shared that the Committee received the 2013 Public Health annual report from Ms. Jane Lux and they also were presented with a Community Action update from Donna Moulton. Mr. Whelan also mentioned that there is another vacancy for the Mental Health Board's Director Position.

Mr. Whelan, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, also shared that the Economic Development Committee last met with a special guest, Jason Anderson, Executive Director of the Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Anderson gave a very informative presentation on the City of Rochelle and the large economic growth that the City has had and how they have incised many large Corporations to locate there.

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Mr. Oncken shared that Law & Justice will be bringing forward a resolution for consideration from the Sheriff's Department for 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. The Committee also had an extensive discussion regarding the Communication Division Cost Allocation Forum that was held at the last meeting and the funding mechanisms for the municipalities that are paying into the Communication's Center.

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, shared that a very rare bird, a FishHawk, was noticed in Afton Forest Preserve, they recent received a great report from the NRCS highlighting the South Branch Prairie Project, which she said was quite an honor. Ms. Fauci also shared there is an Ash Tree problem in the entire DeKalb County area and a possible solution that was given was to collect seeds and create a nursery of new trees to be replanted in the future. The Chief Shabbona sign tribute was a big success and Ms. Fauci also shared she attended a Ney Grange Meeting at the cabin they have been working on. She lastly shared that they have lost the location of the Blandings Turtle at Afton Forest Preserve but are actively looking for him.

Mr. Reid, Chairman of the Finance Committee, shared that Mr. Tim Kearns met with the Committee to give an update on how the claims were looking on the new self-insured plan the County went with. They received an IMO Network Security update from Andy Vanatta, there will be two resolutions bring brought forward to the Full County Board for and updated Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Policy and for an IDOT remediation. Last, Mr. Reid, shared that Finance Director Pete Stefan put out a feeler for how the Committee would feel if he were to upgrade a position in the Finance Office with the retirement of the Accounting Supervisor.

Mrs. Turner, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, mentioned that they have one Resolution coming to the Full Board for an Amendment of a Special Use Permit for the Sycamore Sportsmens Club and that is all because they did not meet last month. There will be an update on the Evergreen Village Mitigation Project at the next Committee Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Oncken, seconded by Mr. Stoddard, and it was carried unanimously to approve the county board agenda and to forward it to the Full County Board for approval.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Gary Hanson, County Administrator, reported to the Committee that on August 4th the County Landfill starting taking in out-of-county waste in and construction is continuing on the new cell and new entrance of the Landfill. He also shared, as mentioned before, the Mental Health Board is looking for a new Director and there is also a new manager for the County Nursing Home. Mr. Hanson indicated that a few months ago he mentioned that the Home Care Space in the Community Outreach Building had been rented, but due to some complications that space is not rented now and the Board of Health is listing that space with a realtor.

Mr. Hanson shared that he had a very interesting meeting last with regarding Evergreen Village and had a round table discussion with all the parties involved with the Mitigation Project and was happy to report that all areas are looking real good and everyone is working great together. He also shared that the work with the Enterprise Zone application is continuing and there is a December 31, 2014 deadline on that application and shared at the next Economic Development Committee Meeting there will be a couple topics that will need to be addressed concerning the

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application. He also encouraged the Committee to think about a small budget item that will be coming forward regarding the dues of belonging to Metro Counties who are the Counties lobbying group. Metro Counties is doubling their dues next year from about \$3,300 to \$6,300 and if the County is going to be under a budget constraint, it may not be feasible to belong to that group any longer.

The last reminder that Mr. Hanson wanted to share was that starting next month, the Executive Committee will be meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month. So the next meeting will be September 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mrs. Turner, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jeffery L. Metzger

Tasha Stogsdill, Recording Secretary