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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Executive Committee Minutes
March 11, 2014**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium. Chairman Jeffery Metzger called the meeting to order. Members present were Ms. Julia Fauci, Mrs. Julia Fullerton, Mr. John Gudmunson, Mr. Stephen Reid, Mr. Paul Stoddard, Mrs. Anita Jo Turner and Mr. Jeff Whelan. Mrs. Sally DeFauw was absent.

Others present were Gary Hanson, Paul Miller, Christine Johnson, Greg Millburg, Robbin Stuckert, Richard Schmack, Misty Haji-Sheikh, John Frieders, Tracy Jones, Frank O'Barski, Mark Pietrowski, Anthony Cvek, Riley Oncken and Bob Brown.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2014 meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. Fullerton, seconded by Mrs. Turner and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LAND ACQUISITION

Mrs. Fullerton moved to enter into an Executive Session to discuss land acquisition. Ms. Fauci seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and resulted in eight (8) yeas and zero (0) nays and one (1) absence. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Mr. Stoddard moved to return to the Open Session Executive Committee. Ms. Fauci seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and resulted in eight (8) yea votes and zero (0) nay votes and one (1) absence. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Fauci moved to forward a Resolution to the Full County Board for approval to purchase the property located on 303 E. Exchange Street in Sycamore, Illinois with the contingencies in place that it has to be approved by the County Board as well approved by the City of Sycamore in able to obtain a Special use Permit to operate a “Sober Living Home” for the DUI/Drug Court Program. Mrs. Fullerton seconded the motion.

Mrs. Tuner expressed her concern and wanted reassurance that the neighborhood would be properly notified concerning the use of the house. Mr. Hanson stated that part of the Special Use Permit that is required by the City of Sycamore will give the neighborhood proper notice and there will be a Public Hearing regarding the matter.

The Chairman called for a voiced vote on the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Gudmunson and Mrs. Turner opposing.

RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

The item was pulled from the agenda and will be considered again at the April Executive Committee Meeting.

USE OF COURTHOUSE GROUNDS

Mr. Hanson announced that the County has a request from Matt Woodstrup who is a member of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and part of their goal is to protect and preserve historical land markers of the Union Civil War Veterans and would like to decorate the Civil War marker in front of the Courthouse three times a year, Independence Day, Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day.

The display would be decorated in red, white and blue ribbons and flags and would remain decorated no less than two days and no longer than five days. Mr. Hanson explained that in the past these types of requests need approval by the Executive Committee.

Ms. Fauci moved to approve the request from Mr. Woodstrup and Mr. Whelan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote..

CHAIR’S COMMENTS

Chairman Metzger had no addition comments.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Metzger recommended the following appointments:

1. **Board of Review:** John Guio reappointed for a two year term beginning 05/01/2014 and expiring 04/30/2016.
2. **Community Services Administrative Board:** John Hulseberg for an immediate appointment to fill an open position that expires 06/30/2014.
3. **DeKalb Sanitary District:** Carol Zar reappointed for a three year term beginning 05/01/2014 and expiring 04/30/2017.

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4. **Emergency Telephone Systems Board (E911):** Tracy Jones for an immediate appointment to fill the unexpired term of Julia Fullerton until 11/30/2014.
5. **Fairdale Light District:** an appointment will be named before the full board meeting.
6. **Farmland Assessments Board:** Nicholas Moore reappointed for a three year term beginning 05/01/2014 and expiring 04/30/2017
7. **Regional Planning Commission:** City of Genoa: Richard Gentile, primary and Laurie Curley, alternate; Village of Kingston: John (Jack) Fischer, primary; Village of Kirkland: Les Bellah, primary; Village of Somonauk: Becky Morphey, primary; DeKalb County: Ruth Anne Tobias, alternate, all reappointed for three year terms beginning 04/01/2014 and expiring 3/31/2017. Village of Kirkland: Colleen Ford, alternate; DeKalb County: Misty Haji-Sheikh, primary, both newly appointed for three year terms beginning 04/01/2014 and expiring 3/31/2017.
8. **Cortland Community Fire Protection District:** Daniel Krupa reappointment for a three year term beginning 05/01/2014 and expiring 04/30/2017 and Mike Friedlund newly appointed for a three year term beginning 05/01/2014 and expiring 04/30/2017.
9. **DeKalb Community Fire Protection District:** Gerald Bemis for a reappointment of three years beginning 05/01/2014 and expiring 04/30/2017.
10. **Genoa-Kingston Fire Protection District:** Randy Jennings reappointed for a three year term beginning 05/01/2014 and expiring 04/30/2017.
11. **Hinckley Community Fire Protection District:** Carl Wassman reappointed for a three year term beginning 05/01/2014 and expiring 04/30/2017.
12. **Kirkland Community Fire District:** Dennis Rehn reappointed for a three year term beginning 05/01/2014 and expiring 04/30/2017.
13. **Malta Community Fire Protection District:** Bill Engstrom reappointed for a three year term beginning 05/01/2014 and expiring 4/30/2017.
14. **Paw Paw Fire Protection District:** Neal Rogers for a reappointment of three years beginning 05/01/2014 and expiring 04/30/2017.
15. **Shabbona Community Fire Protection District:** Thomas Greenwell reappointed for a three year term beginning 05/01/2014 and expiring 04/30/2017.
16. **Somonauk Community Fire Protection District:** Edward Stahl reappointed for a three year term beginning 05/01/2014 and expiring 04/30/2017.
17. **Sycamore Community Fire Protection District:** John Ward reappointed for a three year term beginning 05/01/2014 and expiring 04/30/2017.
18. **Waterman Fire Protection District:** David Stryker reappointed for a three year term beginning 05/01/2014 and expiring 04/30/2017.

Moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mr. Reid and it was carried unanimously to forward these appointment recommendations to the full board for approval.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, announced that the Forest Preserve District had a very successful Maple Syrup Day last Saturday and that they are bringing forward a resolution for the Year-End Budget Transfers. She also shared that next meeting they will be also considering a Resolution for a Bicycle Friendly Community Program.

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Mrs. Turner, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, shared the committee is bringing forward a Resolution to amend a Special Use Permit for a large-scale agritainment use commonly known as Jonamac Orchard.

Mr. Reid, Chairman of the Finance Committee, announced the Committee is bringing forward a Resolution for FY2013 Year-End Budget Transfers. He also shared that during the Finance Committee meeting they learned that the County spent \$130,000 less than originally budgeted and it could have been \$430,000 but because of one-time costs from the State the County had to pay about \$300,000 to them. The CPI for this year is 1.5% and that Mr. Scheffers gave an update regarding water damage in the Legislative Center, Courthouse and out at the Health Facility. Issues were also discussed regarding amending the Host Free Agreement with the landfill but is tabled until next month's meeting,

Mr. Whelan, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, shared the Committee will be meeting the following night and they are expected to have a Fiber Optics Update and there will also be a proposal from Hope Haven regarding job opportunities for Hope Haven residents.

Mr. Whelan also shared that the Health & Human Services Committee did not meet this month due to a cancellation but there will be two meetings in April for the Senior Tax Levy allocations.

Mrs. Fullerton, Chairman of the Law & Justice Committee, announced her committee discussed the Neutral Exchange Program again and discussed the fee which would potentially be \$8 added to every civil case filing and also discussed a little bit about the programs purposed budget but due to some additional questions the Committee had, Mr. Miller will be returning next meeting with more information and harder budget numbers. Sheriff Scott shared with the Committee the Cost Allocation Model for the E-911 Dispatch Center. The Committee also went over some information regarding the criminal code for civil offenses and a full discussion as it relates to reviewing individual budgets that report to the Committee.

Mr. Gudmunson, Chairman of the Highway Committee, announced that the Highway Committee will have four Resolutions being brought to the Full County Board for approval for seal coating, drainage pipes, sign materials and a local agency agreement for federal participation for East County Line Road. Mr. Gudmunson also reminded everyone that Spring postings will be starting on Monday.

Mr. Stoddard, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Rules Committee, shared that the Rules Committee is bringing forward two Ordinances for purposed rule changes pertaining to electronic attendance for Standing Committee Meetings and also County Board residency requirements which clearly defines that a County Board Member is to live in the district that her or she represents.

Mr. Cvek questioned if the County Board has the legal authority to change a rule like the residency requirements because the County is not Home Rule. It was announced that the wording for the Ordinance came from the States Attorney. Mr. Hanson announced that he will provide supporting information prior to the Full County Board Meeting from the State' Attorney regarding the matter.

It was moved by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was carried unanimously to approve the County Board Agenda and to forward it to the Full County Board for approval.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hanson wanted to mention to everyone if they have time to take a look at the Nursing & Rehab Operating Board Annual Report. He shared that it is a very good report and everyone should be very proud of the work that is being done out there and not only are they getting high marks with customer satisfaction but they are also receiving very high marks nationally.

He also shared that there was a request from Finance Committee to have Waste Management come to provide information in order to proceed with a response to the amendment to the Host Free Agreement. Waste Management is unable to come until May.

Mr. Hanson also wanted to remind everyone that at the next Law & Justice Committee there will be a Jail History Report which will lead into a workshop on the future options of the Jail that is scheduled to be on April 30th.

The County's audit field work is underway right now. Mr. Hanson also shared information regarding a N.I.U. reaccreditation process he was a part of and he also recently met with the Joiner History Room in regards to their future location.

Mr. Frieders announced that he would like to see a future Resolution against the Graduated Income Tax similar to the one the State is considering. It was determined that Mr. Frieders would bring the item of consideration to the next Finance Committee.

Mr. Hanson also wanted to encourage everyone to attend the County Board Training Seminar at 6:30 next Wednesday before the Full County Board Meeting. The seminar will be conducted by Mr. Miller and he will go over ethics as it pertains to gift bans and political activity and also sexual harassment.

Mr. Reid wanted to comment that last County Board Meeting everyone spent about 45 minutes talking about Enterprise Zones and he feels that through contacting Chairman, reading materials, and coming to Executive Committee, the Full County Board Meeting is not an appropriate place to be debating basic questions. There was last minute discussion on this matter and Mr. Cvek also suggested possibly looking into videotaping and streaming the Standing Committee Meetings the same way the Full County Board Meetings are currently being taped and able to be viewed online.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jeffery L. Metzger

Tasha Stogsdill, Recording Secretary

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