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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Executive Committee Minutes
May 13, 2014**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Jeffery Metzger called the meeting to order. Members present were Mrs. DeFauw, Ms. Fauci, Mr. Gudmunson, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Turner and Mr. Whelan. Mrs. Fullerton was absent.

Others present were Gary Hanson, Christine Johnson, Sheriff Roger Scott, Lt. Joyce Klein, Greg Millburg, Misty Haji-Sheikh, Mark Pietrowski, Charlie Foster, Ruth Anne Tobias, Bob Brown, John Frieders, Frank O'Barski, Tracy Jones and Riley Oncken.

Chairman Metzger asked for a motion to bring Mr. John Frieders to the table to represent the Law & Justice Committee in Mrs. Fullerton's absence.

It was moved by Mr. Gudmunson and seconded by Mrs. DeFauw to invite Mr. Frieders to the table to represent the Law & Justice Committee. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Mrs. Turner, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2014 meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Mr. Whelan and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Mr. Hanson noted that this resolution was a semi-annual housekeeping item that would be to release and executive session minutes that are no longer needed to be kept confidential in nature.

It was moved by Mrs. DeFauw, seconded by Mr. Stoddard and moved unanimously by voice vote to forward a resolution to the Full County Board for approval.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Mr. Hanson described that due to a new County Board rule change a few Standing Committees were moving their meeting dates to accommodate not meeting between the Full County Board Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting. He purposed that the Executive Committee move from the 2nd Tuesday of each month to the 2nd Wednesday of the month to give an extra day in case a Committee would need to meet before the Executive Committee.

Mr. Reid moved to change the Executive Committee permanent meeting date to the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting in September 2014. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously by voice vote.

JULY COMMITTEE & BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Hanson announced that this was an informational item to make everyone aware as they are looking ahead in their schedules that July the Full County Board Meeting and Executive Committee will be taking a recess. Also for upcoming Committee Meetings if they chose to also cancel July Standing Committee Meetings that can start to do that in June at their next scheduled meetings.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chairman Metzger announced that Derek Tyson would be resigning from the County Board due to a new occupational opportunity and moving out of the County.

He also shared that on Thursday May 15th is the State of the Counties Luncheon hosted by Metro West which he will be speaking at along with Chis Lauzen, Kane County Board Chairman and John Shaw, Kendall County Board Chairman.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Gudmunson, Chairman of the County Highway Committee, announced that the Highway Committee will have three resolutions coming to the Full County Board for approval. The first one will be for the purchase of two tandem cab and chassis and he explained why they had decided to purchase two. The other two resolutions are annual TransVac grants that are passed through the Highway Committee.

Mr. Frieders shared that there were no items of business that were being considered at the board meeting for the Law & Justice Committee

Mrs. DeFauw, Chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee shared that her Committee is forwarding the recommendations for the allocations of the Senior Services Tax Levy. She explained that they had less funding than previous years and more requests but the Committee was able to only dip 5% into their reserves. The Committee is also forwarding By-Law changes for the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Operating Board and the Supportive Living Facility Board. They also had very informative reports from Safe Passage of DeKalb and the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Home.

Mr. Whelan, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, shared the Committee was visited by Mr. Paul Borek and Craig Coil who is the consultant for the Enterprise Zone. The Committee was able to speak with Mr. Coil and see what chances he thought DeKalb County had to be awarded an Enterprise Zone and he provided the Committee with a timeline of the upcoming processes. They are also forwarding a resolution to the board for the approval of \$5,000 to the Community Foundation for a county-wide survey. The Committee was given the Assessor's Annual Report and had a report from Village of Shabbona's Mayor, Claudia Hicks and Jerry Foster regarding economic development in Shabbona.

Mr. Charlie Foster and the Executive Committee spent some additional time discussing upcoming proposals and plans for the Village of Shabbona and talked about the Shabbona Lake State Park and possible doors and economic opportunities it possesses.

Ms. Fauci, Chairman of the Forest Preserve Committee, announced that the Forest Preserve District shared that the Forest Preserve Staff and volunteers have been busy burning and planting trees. She spoke about the Pedal Pal program that will be launched Friday as a part of Live Health DeKalb, an equestrian group that came and spoke to the Committee regarding horse trails in the Chief Shabbona Forest Preserve and noted that the Committee will be meeting there at their next meeting. She also talked in lengths with the rest of the Committee about an ongoing problem the Forest Preserves are having with unleashed dogs. The problem is getting to be such an interruption that it is starting to be evaluated whether all dogs should be banned from DeKalb County Forest Preserves.

Mr. Reid, Chairman of the Finance Committee, shared that the Committee is bring forward a Whistleblower Policy and an Amendment to the Host Community Fee Agreement for Waste Management, and gifting of properties related to the Evergreen Village Project to the Full Board for approval. He also explained that the Committee discussed the next steps in the Jail Expansion Planning process and announced that next meeting the auditors would be coming to speak and they will be setting parameters for the FY 2015 Budget.

Mrs. Turner, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, shared Waste Management game and gave their Annual Report to the Committee and they received an Annual Recycling report as well as discussed medical cannabis. She also mentioned that the closing on the Evergreen Village property is still set for May 30th and that there will most likely not be a May Planning & Zoning Meeting due to a lack of agenda items.

It was moved by Mr. Frieders, seconded by Ms. Fauci, and it was carried unanimously to approve the County Board Agenda and to forward it to the Full County Board for approval.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hanson mentioned that Court Services recently hosted a State-Wide Conference where they raised over \$1000 in a raffle that they donated to a horse therapy program.

He also mentioned that in April Dr. Baker, President of Northern Illinois University met with himself, Christine Johnson, Paul Miller and Chairman Metzger and discussed a wide range of topics.

Mr. Hanson shared that interviews had begun with the families that reside in Evergreen Village and he indicated that those were going really well. The interviews are scheduled to continue on June 2nd and 3rd and so far everything is still on track to close on the mobile home park by May 30th.

Mr. Hanson indicated that the County Board Jail Expansion Workshop was successful in his eyes and he will be getting the Jail Planning Team together soon to work on scaling down the project.

Lastly, he shared that in August or September he will be scheduling a tour of the landfill so that Board Members can see the progress of the construction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Whelan moved to enter into an Executive Session to discuss Labor Negotiations. Mr. Reid seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and resulted in nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Mrs. DeFauw moved to return to the Open Session Executive Committee. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and resulted in nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nay votes. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Fauci moved to forward the MAP Labor Contract for Local Chapter #318 to the Full Board for approval. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jeffery L. Metzger

Tasha Stogsdill, Recording Secretary