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DeKalb County Government Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS May 20, 2015

The County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, and Mr. Emerson. Two Members, Ms. Polanco and Mr. Whelan, were absent. The roll call reflected twenty-two Members present and two absent.

Chairman Pietrowski asked Mr. Frieders to please lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. O'Barski moved to approve the minutes of April 15, 2015 Board Meeting. Mr. Gudmunson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a voice vote on the approval of minutes. All members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved to approve the agenda and Mr. O'Barski seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote to approve the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS

Veteran's Honor Roll

Chairman Pietrowski and Mr. Doug Johnson, DeKalb County Clerk & Recorder inducted the following Veterans into the DeKalb County Veteran's Honor Roll: Eugene Ruder: Air Force 1945 – 1972, and Wes Lundsberg: Air Force 1969 – 1978.

Recognition of Fairdale Responders

Chairman Pietrowski announced that prior to the full County Board Meeting the County held a Thank You Reception for all of the responders and volunteers who aided in the recovery of Fairdale, Illinois after the devastating April 9, 2015 tornado that struck the small community.

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Chairman Pietrowski wanted to publically thank the following agencies and staff that assisted the Fairdale Tornado Victims:

- The American Red Cross
- The Samaritan's Purse
- Team Rubicon USA
- AmeriCorps
- The Salvation Army
- The Kirkland Fire Department, Chad Connell, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Stott and all of the other Fire Fighters from their Department
- The Village of Kirkland Officials, Mayor Les Bellah, Village Clerk Terry D'Amato, Deputy Clerk Barb Huerta and staff
- The Kirkland Police Department, Police Chief Paul Lindstrom and staff
- Hiawatha School District, Superintendent Dr. Sarah Willey and her entire teaching staff
- Kirkland Lions Club, President Phil Montgomery and Vice President Cliff Beach
- Franklin Township: Superintendent Vince Kilcullen, Blake Bratcher, and Cliff Beach and staff
- All Fire Departments and Police Departments in DeKalb County
- The DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Roger Scott and his staff
- The DeKalb County ESDA Department, Mr. Dennis Miller and his staff
- All DeKalb County Departments
- Voluntary Action Center
- DeKalb County Community Foundation
- Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association
- All DeKalb County Restaurants, Bakeries, Grocery Stores
- Northern Illinois University, Jennifer Groce, Director of Community Affairs
- Northern Illinois University Football Team
- Bill Nicklas and the Long-Term Recovery Committee

The Chairman also thanked the following individuals for their help with the evening's Thank You Reception:

- Mary Supple, DeKalb County Board Coordinator, for coordinating the entire event this
 evening and securing the various restaurants and stores to donate items for the event tonight.
- All of the participating Restaurants and Stores for all of the food, utensils, paper goods, and
 drinks that were donated for this event tonight. They are: Culvers, Eggsclusive Café, Hy Vee
 Store, The Hillside Restaurant, Jewel, Meals On Wheels/Voluntary Action Center, Nat's On
 Maple, Neighborhood Bakery, O'Leary's Pub & Grill, P.J.'s Courthouse Tavern, Portillo's,
 Starbucks, Sweet Dreams, Taxco Restaurant, and Tool Time Rentals
- The Chicago Bears Organization for donating the official game day football that is being raffled off this evening
- Mr. Jim Scheffers, Facilities Management Director and his entire staff, setting up for the event and picking up the tents and food
- Mr. Terry Hannan, DeKalb County Forest Preserve Superintendent, and his staff for the picnic tables

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- Director Peter Stefan of the Finance Department and his staff, Deb Beazley, Leanne Snyder, and Kathy Aichele
- Deputy County Administrator and County Treasurer, Christine Johnson
- Ms. Cathy Anderson, DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Home Administrator for the boxes of gloves to wear to distribute the food tonight
- Mr. Nathan Schwartz, County Engineer and his staff for the sand bags used tonight for the tents
- Ms. Margi Gilmour, Director of Court Services
- Mary Lynn Meisch, Lynn Kunde and Amanda Ross from the Elections Department
- Judy Butler from the Recorder's Department
- Lisa Sanderson from the Administration Office
- Robin Brunschon, Supervisor of Assessments and Bridget Nodurft
- Mary Simons, Public Building Commission
- Judge Robbin Stuckert
- As well as County Board Members

Everyone in attendance gave a round of applause and the Chairman made a final pledge to encourage everyone to make a monetary donation to the Long-Term Recovery fund in order to help families rebuild in Fairdale.

Through County employee fundraising efforts, and funds that were donated that evening through the Thank You Reception, the County was able to raise \$4,209.00. Those donation will be sent to the DeKalb County Community Foundation to be deposited into the DeKalb County Disaster Recovery Fund. The money within the DeKalb County Disaster Recovery Fund will be distributed as recommended by the DeKalb County Long-Term Recovery Committee.

Lastly, Chairman Pietrowski read a letter from Kane County Board Chairman, Christopher Lauzen. The letter read:

Thank you for the opportunity to express our appreciation to the volunteers who aided the victims of the tornado in Fairdale, Illinois. Don Bryant, Director of Kane County's Office of Emergency Management, had also hoped to attend but is out-of-town.

Kane County was contacted shortly after the April 9th tornado hit and Kane's OEM responded immediately with volunteers and additional lighting to work through that first devastating night. Our volunteers continued to help where and when needed.

Manpower is only one aspect of assistance. Today, it is my privilege to inform you that \$3,637.00 has been donated by concerned and generous Kane County citizens to the "Kane County/Fairdale Relief Fund". This donation will be mailed shortly after June 1, 2015.

If Kane County can be any further help in this long-term recovery process, please do not hesitate to call. It is important to be "good neighbors."

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Employee Service Awards

Special recognition was given to Ms. Mary Supple by Chairman Pietrowski and previous Chairpersons, Mr. Jeff Metzger and Mrs. Ruth Anne Tobias. Ms. Supple was presented with a twenty-five year employee service award plaque.

Another special employee service award recognition and plaque was presented to Ms. Jenny Willis by Sheriff Roger Scott. Ms. Willis was honored for her thirty years of service to the County.

Chairman Pietrowski read the remaining Employee Service Awards for the month of May 2015: <u>Five Years</u> – Jillian Valenzuela: Sheriff's Department, Grant Erickson: Sheriff's Department, Colleen Finch: Rehab & Nursing; <u>Fifteen Years</u> – Joshua Duehning: Sheriff's Department; <u>Twenty Years</u> – Erin McRoberts: Sheriff's Department; <u>Thirty-Five Years</u> – Linda McDowell: Rehab & Nursing Center.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

John Mataitis residing in Sycamore, Illinois addressed the County Board regarding the DeKalb County Board of Review. He expressed his concerns about the current members of the Board of Review and shared he wanted them removed.

Executive Director of the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation, Mr. Paul Borek and Mr. Mark Goode of Venue One Real Estate requested time to speak under item R2015-50: Economic Development Project Incentive Agreement.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended the following appointments:

<u>Building Board of Appeals:</u> Tom Taylor reappointed for a term beginning June 1, 2015 and expiring on May 31, 2020.

<u>**DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board:**</u> Jerry Helland appointed immediately to fill an open position until December 31, 2015.

<u>**DeKalb County Sheriff's Merit Commission:**</u> Kim Green appointed immediately to fill the unexpired term of LaMetra Curry until November 30, 2020.

Motion

It was moved by Mrs. Turner and seconded by Mr. O'Barski to approve the appointments as presented.

Voice Vote

It was carried unanimously by voice vote to approve the recommended appointment.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Resolution R2015-37: Building Permit Fee Waiver for Tornado Recovery

Motion

Mr. Emerson moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby waive the Building Permit fees set forth in Section 14-3 of the DeKalb County Code for any and all reconstruction and repair associated with damage caused by the storm of April 9, 2015. Mr. O'Barski seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Resolution R2015-38: MFT Resolution for 2015 Pavement Marking

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved the DeKalb County Board does authorize the expenditure of MFT funds to be used for the 2015 Pavement Marking Project in the amount of \$103,000.00. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote. Those voting yea were Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members vote yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2015-39: Award Resolution for Road District Aggregate Project

Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby awards the following lowest bids meeting specifications to Macklin, Inc. from Rochelle, Illinois for 1950 tons of aggregate stockpiled within Victor Road District in the amount of \$23,478.00 and to Wagner Aggregate, Inc. from DeKalb, Illinois for 1000 tons of aggregate stockpiled within Squaw Grove Road District in the amount of \$11,820.00. Mr. O'Barski seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote. Those voting yea were Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present vote yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2015-40: Award Resolution for 2015 County-Wide Pavement Marking Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby award the lowest bid meeting specifications to America's Best Parking Remarking of St. Louis, Missouri for the center line and edge line markings on all County roads and various Road Districts roads in the amount of \$268,910.72. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chairman called for a roll call vote. Those voting yea were Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members present vote yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2015-41: Award Resolution for 2015 Road District Crack Routing and Fill Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved the DeKalb County Board does hereby award the lowest bid meeting specifications to NuCoat Sealing, LLC from Arnold, Missouri for 469,416 feet of crack routing and filling within various Road Districts in DeKalb County in the amount of \$244,096.32. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote. Those voting yea were Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members vote yea. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Resolution R2015-42: Award of the Senior Services Tax Levy Funding

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved the DeKalb County Board does approve the recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee and agrees to purchase services from the agencies listed on the resolution in amounts not exceeding \$415,047.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote. Those voting yea were Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members vote yea. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Resolution R2015-43: Authorizing to Execute and File a Section 5311 Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement</u>

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved that the DeKalb County Board authorizes to execute and file a Section 5311 Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement for funding the County's rural transportation services such as TransVac and MedVac. When funds are approved they are passed through the County to the Voluntary Action Center along with all responsibilities and liability. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion as presented.

Voice Vote

The Chairman called for a voice vote. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R2015-44: Acceptance of the Special Warranty as a Condition to Receive Section 5311 Funds

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved the DeKalb County Board does agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Special Warranty for receiving Section 5311 Funds regarding fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interests of employees affected by such assistance. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution R2015-45: Authorizing Submittal of the Application for a Public Transportation Capital Assistance Grant

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby authorize and direct the County Administrator to submit an application to the Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, for a financial assistance grant for the purpose of off-setting eligible public transportation capital costs of DeKalb County. Mr. O'Barski seconded the motion as it was presented.

Voice Vote

A voice vote was taken on the motion. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Resolution R2015-46: Health Department Permit Fee Waiver for Tornado Recovery</u> Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved DeKalb County Board does hereby waive the Health Department fees set forth in this Resolution for any and all reconstruction and repair associated with damage caused by the storm of April 9, 2015. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh read a letter highlighting the DeKalb County Veteran's Assistance Commission (VAC). She read from the letter that due to the amount of claims filed with the VA, the time frame of a claim from start to finish has been taking approximately 8-10 months. Of the 312 claims VAC filed last year, 87 have been adjudicated. She was extremely proud to report that these 87 claims have brought retroactive compensation of \$1,017,342.61 and continuing monthly payments of \$109,224.20 to DeKalb

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County Veterans. These numbers are only for the calendar year 2014. In 2015, the VAC will start from scratch again and hope they can be as productive as last year. She was even prouder to report that this is the VAC's second year in a row where their Retroactive Pay was over \$1,000,000.00.

LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2015-47: Urging the Reform of Our Criminal Justice System

Motion

Mr. Frieders moved that the County Board of DeKalb County does hereby urge our representatives at the state and federal level to enact legislation to reduce arbitrary mandatory sentences, encourage judges to release non-violent, non-flight-risk detainees on their own recognizance, decriminalize "nuisance" offences, provide for the support of community-based mental health treatment alternatives to incarceration, and/or other such action that will reduce jail populations to include only those who pose real risks to themselves or the community. Mr. Reid seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

After a few comments from Mr. Reid, Mr. Bassett, and Mr. Oncken, Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the motion as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2015-48: Temporary Hiring Policy

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby adopt a temporary hiring policy that will be in effect immediately and until December 31, 2015 at which time the FY2016 Budget is expected to take effect which will address if there is a continued need for such a policy. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously be a voice vote.

Claims Being Paid in May 2015

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved to approve the payment of claims incurred and not paid since the last meeting, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, in the amount of \$5,315,796.36. Mr. O'Barski seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

The Chairman asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the claims. Those voting yea were Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Mr. O'Barski, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members vote yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports of County Officials

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved to accept and place on file the following Reports of County Officials: Cash & Investments in County Banks – April 2015; Public Defender's Report – April 2015; Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – April 2015; Pretrial Report – April 2015; Sheriff's Jail Report – April 2015; and Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Reports – April 2015. Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution R2015-49: Resolution of Support for the City of DeKalb's Department of Transportation's 2015 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program Application

Motion

Mr. Jones moved that the County Board does hereby re-confirms its commitment of the land by Resolution R2012-78 and fully supports the submittal of the City of DeKalb's Department of Transportation's 2015 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program Application. Mr. Metzger seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

Resolution R2015-50: Economic Development Project Incentive Agreement

Mr. Paul Borek and Mr. Mark Goode provided the County Board Members with additional information regarding Project Black Bear and the reasoning for the expedited process. They also answered any additional questions Board Members had regarding the proposed project and Incentive Agreement. Motion

Mr. Jones moved the DeKalb County Board does concur in the ten-year tax abatement incentive program for Project Black Bear within the City of DeKalb and DeKalb County, Illinois, and intends to formally execute the abatement documents once the project is finalized. Mr. O'Barski seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the motion. It was moved unanimously.

Resolution R2015-51: Stepping Up Initiative

Motion

Mr. Jones moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the County Board Chairman to sign on to the Stepping Up program's "Call to Action" to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in Illinois and across the country, to support a national initiative, and encourage all county officials, employees and residents to participate in the Stepping Up program. Ms. Leifheit seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously be voice vote.

Resolution R2015-52: County Treasurer's Resolution Deferring the Due Date for Property Taxes for Properties Damaged by the April 9, 2015 Tornado

Motion

Mr. Jones moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby approve to extend without penalty the due date for payment of DeKalb County property taxes for properties damaged by the April 9th storm to October 16, 2015, said extension to be in accordance with the procedures set forth in the resolution. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chairman called for a voice vote on the motion. It was moved unanimously.

<u>Resolution R2015-53: Creation and Appointments of the Emergency Preparedness Task Force Motion</u>

Mr. Jones moved The DeKalb County Board does hereby approve the creation and appointment of sixteen members to the Emergency Preparedness Task Force and are charged with the responsibility to draft and submit a Disaster Recovery Plan to the County Board for approval. Mr. O'Barski seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Pietrowski updated the Committee on the status of the Sober Living Home. He shared that the Sycamore City Council approved the Special Use Permit for the DeKalb County Drug Court to operate a male Sober Living Home on the property located at 491 E. State St., Sycamore, IL. He added that the County will be closing on the purchase of the home and property on May 29th.

APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED TO BE MADE IN THE MONTH OF JUNE 2015

- 1. Community Services Administrative Board 5 positions
- 2. DeKalb County Convention & Visitor's Bureau 2 positions
- 3. General Assistance Appeal Board 6 positions
- 4. Stormwater Management Committee 6 positions

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Gudmunson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

DeKalb County Board Chairman