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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**November 16, 2016**

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, November 16, 2016. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins and Chairman Pietrowski. A quorum was established with all twenty-four Members present.

Chairman Pietrowski requested Ms. Bagby to lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Mr. Luebke moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2016 Board Meeting. Mr. Gudmunson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

It was moved by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh and seconded by Ms. Little to approve the agenda.

Motion to Amend

Mr. Frieders moved amend the agenda by removing Ordinance O2016-16: The Establishment of the DeKalb County Possession of Cannabis and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance. Mr. Stoddard seconded the motion.

Voice Vote on Amendment

After County Sheriff Roger Scott addressed the County Board regarding the reasoning behind removing the Ordinance and County Administrator Gary Hanson confirming that it would have no impact to the proposed budget, Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the motion to amend the agenda. The motion carried with one opposition from Mrs. Haji-Sheikh.

Voice Vote on Agenda as Amended

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS

### Employee Service Awards for October

Chairman Pietrowski recognized the Employee Service Awards for the month of November 2016: Five Years – Carrie Thompson: State’s Attorney; Ten Years – Kelly Doty: Circuit Clerk’s Office, Stacia Runge: Health Department, William Grzywa: Highway Department, Julie Beach: Assessment’s Office; Fifteen Years – Benjamin Hiatt: Sheriff’s Department; Twenty Years – Kimberly Rayphole: Rehab & Nursing, Lisa Sanderson: Administration; Twenty-Five Years – Joyce Sanford: Rehab & Nursing.

## PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

DeWayne Brown of DeKalb, IL requested to speak on Ordinance O2016-16: The Establishment of the DeKalb County Possession of Cannabis and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance which was previously eliminated from the County Board Agenda. Mr. Brown further provided an explanation and his opinions on why Cannabis (Marijuana) should be decriminalized as a way to help grow the economy and help replenish fiscal deficits, to name a few.

Dr. Lourdes “Lulu” Blacksmith, Director of Governmental and Multicultural Affairs at Waubensee Community College, presented Chairman Pietrowski, Vice-Chairman Jones and the DeKalb County Board with a thank you plaque for the County’s partnership with Waubensee Community College as part of their ongoing 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

## APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval for the following appointments:

- a. **DeKalb County Sheriff’s Merit Commission:** Gene Lane reappointed for a six year term beginning December 1, 2016 until November 30, 2022.
- b. **DeKalb County Mental Health Board:** Richard Schluter reappointed for a four year term beginning January 1, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2020.
- c. **Emergency Telephone Systems Board (E911):** Tracy Jones reappointed for a term beginning December 1, 2016 and expiring November 30, 2018.
- d. **DeKalb County Nursing Home Foundation Board:** Joanne Fruit, Marjorie Hash and Margaret Vitkus all reappointed for terms beginning December 1, 2016 and expiring November 30, 2019.
- e. **DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center Operating Board:** Jeff Whelan reappointed for a two year term beginning January 1, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2018.
- f. **Supportive Living Facility Board:** Jeff Whelan reappointed for a two year term beginning January 1, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2018.

### Motion

It was moved by Mr. Faivre and seconded by Ms. Leifheit to approve all of the recommended appointments as presented.

### Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously.

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## REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

### PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

#### Ordinance O2016-13: Granting a Variation in Kingston Township

##### Motion

Mr. Emerson moved the DeKalb County Board hereby grants a variation from the 180-day restriction for the replacement of a nonconforming single-family dwelling on a 2.5-acre property located at 7723 Wolf Road in Kingston Township. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

##### Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for voice vote to approve the motion as presented. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Ordinance O2016-14: Approving a Special Use Permit for an Agribusiness in Mayfield Township

##### Motion

Mr. Emerson moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit to Dibble Family, LLC, representing the property owner, Maplehurst Farms in order to allow an agribusiness in the form of a propane storage and distribution business on a 2.77-acre parcel located at 24330 Five Points Road in unincorporated Mayfield Township. Mr. Frieders seconded the motion.

##### Roll Call Vote

After several County Board Members presented their cases for voting for and against the motion to approve the proposed Ordinance, Chairman Pietrowski requested a roll call vote. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mr. Jones and Mr. Reid. Those Members voting nay were Mr. Brown, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion to approve the Special Use Permit failed with nine (9) Members voting yea and fifteen (15) voting nay.

### COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

#### Resolution R2016-76: Salary/Equipment & Maintenance Operations to Include Snow Removal

##### Materials

##### Motion

Mr. Gudmunson moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of MFT funds for salaries, equipment rental, winter maintenance, seal coat operations and pavement markings in the total amount of \$1,736,000. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Maintenance Project	MFT Funds Programmed
Salaries	\$598,000.00
Equipment Rental	\$400,000.00
Winter Maintenance	\$500,000.00
Seal Coat Operations	\$128,000.00
Pavement Markings	\$110,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,736,000.00</b>

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Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Ordinance O2016-15: Amendment to the DeKalb County Code, Chapter 10 - Animals**

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved that the DeKalb County Board does concur in the recommendations of the DeKalb County Board of Health and the DeKalb County Health and Human Services Committee and hereby approves the revisions to Chapter 10 – Animals as set forth in Attachment A to this Ordinance, effective as of January 1, 2017. Ms. Askins seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The Chairman requested a voice vote to approve the motion as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2016-77: Limiting Rate Referendum for Public Health Services**

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves the attached resolution placing a referendum on the ballot for the April 4, 2017 election for voters to consider a measure to increase funding for the provision of Public Health services by \$500,000 as a one-time exemption to the current property tax limitation base, for 2017 taxes which are collected for the County's 2018 fiscal year. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Several County Board Members stood up and expressed their position on whether or not they agreed with placing a Limiting Rate Referendum question on the April 4<sup>th</sup> ballot as well as asked DeKalb County Public Health Administrator Lisa Gonzalez questions regarding the reasoning behind the need for the referendum. After further discussion, Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on approving the motion as presented. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins and Chairman Pietrowski. Those Members voting nay were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit and Ms. Little. The motion approved with eighteen (18) Members voting yea and six (6) opposing.

**LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**Resolution R2016-78: State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor**

Motion

Mr. Frieders moved the DeKalb County Board hereby agrees to participate in the service program of the Office of the State's Attorney Prosecutor for FY 2017, commencing December 1, 2016, and ending November 30, 2017 in the amount of \$24,000, as budgeted. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

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Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance O2016-17: The Establishment of the DeKalb County Vehicle Seizure and Impound Ordinance**

Motion

Mr. Frieders moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby adopts and establishes the Vehicle Seizure and Impound Ordinance within the County of DeKalb and further approves the Vehicle Seizure and Impound Ordinance Administrative Fee in the amount of three hundred (\$300) for a first offence, or five hundred dollars (\$500) for a second or subsequent offense on a registered owner or lessee of any motor vehicle impounded under this division. Said fees are to be collected by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office and shall become effective January 1, 2017. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

After some further clarifications by Sheriff Scott, Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Askins and Chairman Pietrowski. Those opposed were Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard and Ms. Willis. The motion carried with twenty-one (21) to three (3).

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Ordinance O2016-18: Adoption of the FY 2017 Tax Levy**

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to levy upon all the taxable property within DeKalb County, as assessed, for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016, and to be collected for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017, in the total amount of \$21,359,000. Mr. Metzger seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance O2016-19: Adoption of the Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017**

**Motion**

Mr. Stoddard moved the DeKalb County Board hereby approves that the monies received by the County Treasurer from taxes and other revenues, for the use of DeKalb County during the Fiscal Year starting January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 are hereby appropriated as set forth in the attached twenty-three (23) pages for the purposes necessary for DeKalb County to carry out its responsibilities in the total amount of \$137,013,000. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote in the motion to approve the FY 2017 Budget. Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2016-79: County Clerk & Recorder's Office Fees**

**Motion**

Mr. Stoddard moved that the County Board of DeKalb County, Illinois, hereby approves that the DeKalb County Clerk & Recorder's Geographic Information System (GIS) fee will increase from \$13.00 to \$24.00 and that the County portion of the Micrographics Charge will increase from \$4.50 to \$8.50 and that both fee increases shall become effective January 1, 2017. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R2016-80: Sheriff's Office Fees**

**Motion**

Mr. Stoddard moved that the County Board of DeKalb County, Illinois, hereby approves that the County Sheriff's Office fees will increase for Body Attachment from \$50.00 to \$124.00, Civil Process from \$37.00 to \$56.00, Evictions from \$175.00 to \$184.00, Replevin/Mechanic's Liens from \$350.00 to \$600.00 and Taking Bond from \$15.00 to \$30.00 and that all said fee increases shall become effective January 1, 2017. Mrs. Tobias seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

The Chairman called for a roll call vote. Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Resolution R2016-81: Court Security Fees**

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved that the County Board of DeKalb County, Illinois, hereby approves that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of DeKalb County shall charge and collect a Court Services Fee (Court Security Fee) of \$64.00 (previously \$50.00) payable at the time of filing the first pleading, paper, or other appearance filed by each party in all civil cases, but no additional fee shall be required if more than one party is represented in a single pleading, paper, or other appearance, however, no fee shall be imposed or collected in traffic, conservation, and ordinance cases in which fines are paid without a court appearance and that said fee shall be effective January 1, 2017. Mr. Faivre seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

**Claims Being Paid in November 2016**

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved to approve the payment of claims for this month, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, in the amount of \$7,975,889.38. Mr. Bagby seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the November Claims. Those Members that voted yea were Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins and Chairman Pietrowski. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports of County Officials**

Motion

Mr. Stoddard moved to accept and place on file the following Reports of County Officials:

1. Cash & Investments in County Banks – October 2016
2. Public Defender's Report – October 2016
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – October 2016
4. Pretrial Report – October 2016
5. Sheriff's Jail Report – October 2016
6. Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Reports – October 2016

Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

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**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Pietrowski recognized and thanked Mr. Kevin Hickey for stepping in as the County’s Interim Planning Director during their transitional time in the department.

Former DeKalb County Board Coordinator and current Economic Development Coordinator, Mary Supple, was recognized and presented with a retirement plaque for her twenty-seven years of service with the County. Ms. Supple served under nine different County Board Chairman and noted that she was excited to enjoy her retirement with her family and grandchildren.

Chairman Pietrowski additionally presented a plaque to outgoing State’s Attorney Richard Schmack and thanked him for his years of service as State’s Attorney to the County of DeKalb.

The Chairman along with the entire County Board took the time to recognize, reflect and present plaques to the following outgoing County Board Members:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Services Dates</u>
John Emerson	12/01/2008 – 11/30/2016
Anita Turner	12/01/2005 – 11/30/2016
Jeff Metzger	11/16/2005 – 11/30/2016
John Gudmunson	12/01/2002 – 11/30/2016
Ruth Anne Tobias	01/20/1999 – 11/30/2016

**ELECTION OF COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM**

Motion

Mr. Stoddard made a motion to elect Ruth Anne Tobias to serve as County Board Chairman Pro-Tem at the December 5, 2016 Organizational Meeting. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski requested a voice vote to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

Mrs. Turner moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

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DeKalb County Board Chairman

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DeKalb County Clerk

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