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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**October 18, 2017**

The DeKalb County Board met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, October 18, 2017. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Clerk called the roll. Those Members present were Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Plote, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, and Chairman Pietrowski. Mr. Hughes, Mr. Osland, Ms. Polanco, and Mr. Faivre were absent. A quorum was established twenty Commissioners present and four absent.

Chairman Pietrowski requested Mr. Jones to lead in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Mr. Porterfield moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2017 Board Meeting. Mr. Roman 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 Mr. Whelan to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote

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

*Mr. Hughes arrived at 7:04 p.m. and Ms. Polanco arrived at 7:05 p.m. the Member count now reflects twenty-two Members present and two absent.*

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REFERRALS**

Chairman Pietrowski shared that earlier today the Request for Proposal (RFP) was released to solicit proposals for the implementation of a website theme design for the County of DeKalb, Illinois. The objective of this initiative is to improve the accessibility of information on the website through site reorganization, intuitive navigation, enhanced search capability, accuracy of information and newer technology and web standards. Chairman Pietrowski encouraged local businesses to submit proposals and the due date for those will be 2:00 PM CDT, Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

Chairman Pietrowski additionally highlighted that the Board has officially recognized the establishment of the DeKalb County Hall of Fame. This program is being established in conjunction with the 2018 celebration of the bicentennial of the State of Illinois. Joiner History

Room's Historian Sue Breese will be in charge of the program. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to identify and recognize examples of outstanding of community leaders. Annual awards to the Hall of Fame will honor men, women, families, and organizations, past and present, who have made outstanding contributions to the betterment of DeKalb County. The program will be a yearly opportunity to highlight the best in our county and to recognize those accomplishments for future generations. Nominations may be made by any individual or organization in DeKalb County by completing a nomination form and returning it to the Joiner History Room county archives by November 30 of each year.

Lastly, the Chairman shared that by invitation of Representative Pritchard, he recently spoke to the Kishwaukee Sunrise Rotary Club regarding DeKalb County Government. Chairman Pietrowski added that if anyone has a club or organization that they would like him to speak at he would be happy to do so.

#### Employee Services Award for September

Chairman Pietrowski additionally recognized the Employee Services Awards for the month of October 2017: Five Years: Jessica Rugerio – County Clerk & Recorder's Office; Ten Years: Beverly Balika – Health Department, Lisa Montgomery – Circuit Clerk's Office, Antonio Watson – Sheriff's Department, Meagan Pettengell – Sheriff's Department, Alexander Becker – Sheriff's Department; Fifteen Years: Debbie Rosenberg – Sheriff's Department, Laura Flink – Sheriff's Department; Twenty-Five Years: Victoria Smith – Court Services.

#### Retirement Recognition for Joan Berkes Hanson

Chairman Pietrowski shared that Joan started her DeKalb County Government career in the Recorder's Office on May 5, 1986. Ironically, is was not at a computer, but with an actual ink pen in hand as she hand-wrote land transactions in the large Recorder books. Not long after that, Joan was promoted to Tax Extension Clerk in 1987 where she calculated the property tax rates that are used in calculating everyone's tax bill in the County.

In 1994 the County decided to create a Geographic Information System (GIS) and Joan was chosen to lead that initiative. Her assignment was to "build the best GIS System in the State of Illinois" and ----- "don't spend a lot of money doing it!" Mission accomplished!

Her next career advancement was to become the Information Management Office Director in 1998. It was a Department that never existed at the County and it was Joan's to create. Her assignment for this Department was to "build a county-wide computer network for everyone to use" and ---- because we are a de-centralized government --- "every user has to be voluntary" --- - and ---- "don't spend a lot of money doing it." Mission accomplished!

Thank you Joan for 31+ years of service to DeKalb County Government!

Ms. Hanson accepted her retirement plaque and spoke to the County Board about her decades of services to the County and what she has taken away from it all. She additionally spoke very highly of her staff, Administration and her family.

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## **PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR**

No individuals asked to address the Board.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Pietrowski recommended approval of the following appointments:

- a. **Kane, Kendall, DeKalb Workforce Development Board:** Jolene Willis appointed immediately until September 30, 2019.
- b. **Victor-Clinton Drainage District:** Tom Bangert appointed immediately for a three-year term until August 31, 2020.

### Motion

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

### Voice Vote

The motion was carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

#### **Ordinance O2017-22: Granting a Special Use Permit for a Storage Business in Milan Township**

### Motion

Mr. Bunge moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves a Special Use Permit, with conditions as specified in the Ordinance, to Kevin and Donna Hickey to allow for the operation of a service use (storage business) in agricultural buildings that are no longer used for agriculture on property located at 12549 University Road, in Milan Township. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

### Voice Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the motion as presented. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

### **COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

#### **Resolution R2017-123: Approval of an Engineering Agreement for Somonauk Road Bridge, .25 Miles South of US Route 30, Near Hinckley**

### Motion

Mr. Frieders moved that the DeKalb County Board hereby approves to enter into an Engineering Agreement with Wendler Engineering Services, Inc. of Dixon, Illinois for the provision of preliminary engineering services incident to the replacement of the bridge on Somonauk Road over Little Rock Creek, in Squaw Grove Road District in the amount not to exceed \$75,480.00. Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

### Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Members voted yea were Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously with all Members voted yea.

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## **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

### **Resolution R2017-124: Authorizing the Execution and Submittal of a State of Illinois Capital Assistance Grant**

#### **Motion**

Ms. Little moved the DeKalb County Board does hereby authorize and direct the County Administrator to sign and 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 required for providing and improving public transportation facilities, rolling stock, equipment and services for DeKalb County. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion as presented.

#### **Voice Vote**

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

## **LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

### **Resolution R2017-125: Kane County Juvenile Justice Council Intergovernmental Agreement**

#### **Motion**

Ms. Leifheit moved that the DeKalb County Board does hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Kane County wherein Kane County will guarantee housing for seven (7) DeKalb County juveniles in need of secure detention at its Juvenile Justice Center with a per diem charge of \$120.00 per day, per juvenile effective for three (3) years December 1, 2017 – December 1, 2020. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those voting yea were Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Resolution R2017-126: Appointment of the DeKalb County Information Management Office**

#### **Director**

#### **Motion**

Mr. Stoddard moved the DeKalb County Board hereby appoints Sheila E. Santos to the position of Director of the Information Management Office for DeKalb County Government as of October 30, 2017 at a salary of \$90,000, with 2% increments to the base salary following six months and one year of successful employment. Ms. Askins seconded the motion as presented.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those voting yea were Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, and Chairman Pietrowski. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Claims**

**Motion**

Mr. Stoddard moved to approve the payment of claims for the month of October 2017, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, including all claims for travel, meals, and lodging, in the amount of \$8,053,987.01. Mr. Reid seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote**

Chairman Pietrowski asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the October Claims. Those Members voting yea were Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jones, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, and Chairman Pietrowski. All Members voted yea. The 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 – September 2017
2. Public Defender's Report – September 2017
3. Adult & Juvenile Monthly Reports – September 2017
4. Pretrial Report – September 2017
5. Sheriff's Jail Report – September 2017
6. Planning & Zoning Building Permits & Construction Reports – September 2017

Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Appointments Scheduled to be made in the Month of November 2017**

1. DeKalb County Nursing Home Foundation Board – 3 position

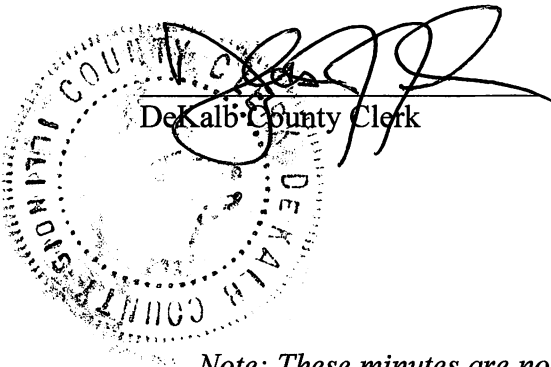
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion**

Mr. Roman moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Willis seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote**

Chairman Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the adjournment. Motion carried unanimously.



  
DeKalb County Board Chairman

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