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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes
February 6, 2017**

The Health and Human Services Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Facility's Multi-Purpose Room in DeKalb, Illinois. Vice Chairman Askins called the meeting to order and those Committee Members present were Vice Chair Askins, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid and Mr. Whelan. Chairman Little and Mr. Schmarje were absent. A quorum was established with five Members present and two absent.

Others present were Bart Becker, Gary Hanson, Donna Moulton, and Roy Plote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Porterfield and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2017 meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Committee wanted to add Scheduling Senior Tax Levy Site Visits after Chair's Comments.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

There were no comments.

SENIOR SERVICES TAX LEVY SITE VISITS

Ms. Moulton and the Committee present scheduled to following site visits for Senior Tax Levy-Funded Agencies:

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| Tuesday, February 21st: | Voluntary Action Center 2:00 pm |
| Wednesday, February 22nd: | Family Service Agency, DeKalb Site 1:00 pm
Elder Care Services immediately following |
| Thursday, February 23rd: | Fox Valley Older Adults Services 2:00 pm |

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hanson shared that at last's month's meeting the Committee was inquiring about the original ballot language and original intent of the Senior Services Tax Levy. Mr. Hanson provided the original ballot language and wording from the Illinois State Statute that defined the purposes of the Senior Services Tax Levy Allocations. Please refer to the attachments of these minutes.

DEKALB COUNTY NURSING HOME PRESENTATION AND TOUR

DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center Administrator Bart Becker presented a PowerPoint presentations on the County's Rehab & Nursing Center and took the partial tour of the facility.

Mr. Becker's presentation started with sharing that the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center has been existence since 1853. It is the oldest and largest health care provider in DeKalb County. Beginning as a Poor Farm, the facility has evolved over generations to a progressive, skilled nursing center that is highly regarded County-wide for its quality nursing care and for its commitment to improved daily life for seniors with healthcare needs. The facility has 190 beds which are all licensed for any type of use.

The Nursing Home additionally specializes in both short and long-term nursing and rehabilitative services. They are licensed by the State Illinois Department of Public Health and Certified to participate in Medicare and Medicaid programs. Mr. Becker described the different units and noted that the facility additionally offers an alarmed and secured Dementia Care Unit with a gated courtyard and view of the wetlands. This unit specializes in the care of those with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and Related Dementia. Other features of the facility include:

- Comprehensive rehab facilities and gym
- Specialized dementia care
- Full activities and recreational program with Wii equipment
- Gathering place: gift shop, ice cream parlor, barber/beauty, lobby
- Chapel and religious services
- Outdoor courtyards with central gazebo
- Modern rooms, facilities, and equipment
- Support groups and education offerings
- Spacious dining rooms
- Laundry services
- State of the art facility and security

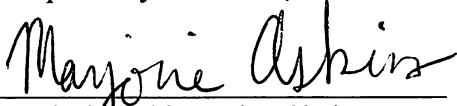
Mr. Becker additionally provided the Committee with staffing, regulations, occupancy statistics and reiterated the proposed expansion plans.

Immediately following the presentation, Mr. Becker took the group on a tour of the DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center's Building A.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,


Marjorie Askins, Vice Chairperson


Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

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DEKALB COUNTY

Shall the DeKalb County Board of DeKalb County annually impose a tax of not to exceed .025% of the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all the taxable property in the County for purpose of providing social services for senior citizens?

YES 138→

NO 139→

NONPARTISAN PRIMARY BALLOT

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BALLOT STYLE 5-59

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:
 To vote, complete the oval to the LEFT of your choice, like this (●).
 For specific information, refer to the card of instruction posted in the voting booth. If you tear, soil, deface or erroneously mark this ballot, return it to the Election Judge and obtain another.

Shaun L. Holmes

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY PROPOSALS

BALLOT FOR DEKALB COUNTY

PROPOSITION TO ESTABLISH A NEW TAX AND TAX RATE FOR VETERANS ASSISTANCE PURPOSES

Shall The County of DeKalb, Illinois, be authorized to levy a new tax for the purpose of providing assistance to military veterans and their families pursuant to the Military Veterans Assistance Act at a new rate not to exceed .03% of the assessed value annually on all taxable property of said County?

YES
 NO

- a) The approximate amount of taxes extendible for the purpose of providing assistance to military veterans and their families under the maximum rate now in force in said County is the sum of \$-0-
- b) The approximate amount of taxes extendible for the purpose of providing assistance to military veterans and their families under the proposed new rate is the sum of \$500,000.

BALLOT FOR DEKALB COUNTY

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE EXISTING TAX RATE FOR GENERAL CORPORATE PURPOSES

Shall the DeKalb County Forest Preserve District, DeKalb County, Illinois, be authorized to establish its general corporate tax rate at .06% on the equalized assessed value on taxable property located within the district for its general purposes, including education, outdoor recreation, maintenance and operations, public safety at the forest preserves, trails, and other properties of the district, land acquisition by purchase from willing sellers and not by condemnation, the preservation and restoration of forests, prairies and wetlands, the protection and restoration of rivers, streams and watersheds, improve flood control, protection of drinking water and the preservation of wildlife habitats?

YES
 NO

The approximate impact of the proposed increase on the owner of a single-family home having a market value of \$175,000 would be \$15.00 in the first year of the increase if the increase is fully implemented.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL

(Vote for) 1

(WITH 83 OF 83 PRECINCTS COUNTED)

YES	7,373	62.65
NO	4,396	37.35
Total	11,769	

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT TAX RATE

(Vote for) 1

(WITH 83 OF 83 PRECINCTS COUNTED)

YES	6,163	52.22
NO	5,639	47.78
Total	11,802	

(a) The approximate amount of taxes extendible for police protection purposes under the maximum rate now in force in said County is the sum of \$ 075

(55 ILCS 5/5-1034) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-1034)

Sec. 5-1034. Tax for provision of social services for senior citizens. The county board may annually impose a tax of not to exceed .025 percent of the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, of all the taxable property in the county for the purpose of providing social services for senior citizens as described in Sections 5-1005 and 5-1091.

This tax shall not be levied in any county until the question of its adoption is submitted to the electors thereof and approved by a majority of those voting on the question. This question may be submitted at an election held in the county, after the adoption of a resolution by the County Board providing for the submission of the question at a referendum. The question shall be certified by the board to the proper election officials, who shall submit the question at an election held in accordance with the general election law. If a majority of the votes cast on the question is in favor of the levy of such tax, it may thereafter be levied in such county for each succeeding year.

(Source: P.A. 86-962.)

(55 ILCS 5/5-1005) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-1005)

19. To appropriate funds from the county treasury to be used to provide supportive social services designed to prevent the unnecessary institutionalization of elderly residents, or, for operation of, and equipment for, senior citizen centers providing social services to elderly residents.

(55 ILCS 5/5-1091) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-1091)

Sec. 5-1091. Transportation vehicles or services for senior citizens. A county board may expend funds or make grants or loans of funds derived either from taxes collected annually for county purposes or from funds received by the county pursuant to the "State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972" for the purposes of providing transportation vehicles or services for senior citizens. Such transportation vehicles or services may be provided by the county or through a not-for-profit corporation. If such transportation vehicles or services are provided by a not-for-profit corporation the county board shall enter into an appropriate contract or contracts to insure that such funds as may be made available by the county to the not-for-profit corporation are used for the purposes of providing transportation vehicles or services for senior citizens.

(Source: P.A. 86-962.)