



**DECENNIAL EFFICIENCY ACT COMMITTEE MEETING  
DEKALB, ILLINOIS  
February 27, 2024**

**Call To Order and Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Hess at the Township offices located at 2323 South Fourth Street in DeKalb, Illinois.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Tillotson: Supervisor Hess: Present; Highway Commissioner Craig Smith: Present; Trustee King: Present; Trustee Bradlo: Present; Trustee Thurman: Present, arrived at 6:01pm; Township Resident Dr. Kurt Thurmaier: Present, arrived at 6:05pm; Township Resident Mr. Ellingsworth Webb: Absent; and Township Resident Mr. Zachary Gill: Present; and Trustee McNett: Absent. A quorum was present.

**Public Comment:** None.

Township Resident Gill made a motion for the Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2023, which Trustee Bradlo seconded. They were passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**Discussion and Overview of Draft Report:** Commissioner Smith discussed the services the Road District provides as outlined in the Draft Report. In particular, he discussed the nature of the Road District's equipment, emphasizing the instances where other government bodies share or have bought equipment from the Road District. He discussed the accounting practices and the financial status of the Road District.

Township Resident Dr. Thurmaier asked about what the Road District's policies are for using the DeKalb Township and Road District's credit card to purchase equipment. Commissioner Smith answered by explaining the credit card's limits and discipline for misuse of the card.

Commissioner Smith then discussed how the Road District coordinates scheduling for the sake of efficiency. He discussed how emphasizing safety in a variety of areas in the Road District's work ultimately leads to greater efficiency. He mentioned that the Road District is working on posting all their IGAs online. He discussed the IGAs between the Road District and DeKalb Township as well as the benefits of a separate FOIA officer and attorney for the Road District and Township, respectively.

Supervisor Hess then discussed the services DeKalb Township provides as outlined in the draft report. Township Resident Dr. Thurmaier proposed several edits to the draft report which the committee discussed. Supervisor Hess then went over some of the services the Township provides. Supervisor Hess discussed the property the



Township owns, namely the cemeteries, and Commissioner Smith explained how the Road District's methods of cemetery maintenance promote efficiency. Supervisor Hess then discussed the future purchase of ~~several~~ <sup>new</sup> vehicles for Township employees to use. She explained how having these vehicles would benefit the Township's efficiency and help manage risk.

Township Resident Gill proposed that further explanation for certain local establishments, such as Barb City Manor, could be added to the report, so non-DeKalb area residents would be better able to understand it. Supervisor Hess then discussed how the Township will be ensuring that General Assistance money is used for the purpose it was intended. She discussed revenue accrued from the cemeteries, the accounting practices and financial status of the Township, what the Township does to maintain transparency, and what the Township is working on be more fiscally efficient. Supervisor Hess then opened the floor to questions from others. Several questions were asked and discussions about editing the DeKalb Township Joint report ensued. Supervisor Hess then added that the Township, like the Road District, is also working on posting all their IGAs online.

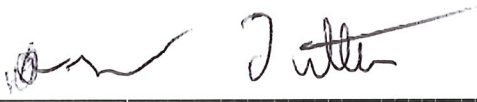
Township Resident Gill made a motion to table item F, Approval of the DeKalb Township Joint Report for the Local Government Efficiency Act, which Trustee Thurman seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Set Date of Next Committee Meeting:** The next meeting was set for April 30, 2024 at 6pm at the Township building at 2323 S Fourth Street in DeKalb, IL and over zoom.

**Survey of Residents in Attendance:** Does not apply.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Thurman and was seconded by Trustee Bradlo. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and the meeting ended at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Andrew "Ondrew" Tillotson, Township Clerk



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Mary Hess, Township Supervisor

