

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Health & Environment Committee
Monday, March 19, 2018
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 3:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: John Purcell – here, Judy Gilmour – here, Tony Giles – here

Members Absent: Elizabeth Flowers, Matthew Procahska

Others Present: Dr. Amaal Tokars - KC Health Department, Jenny Wold - KC Soil & Water District, Jacque Purcell – Kendall County Coroner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Member Purcell made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment of moving the Coroner first under status reports. It was second by Member Giles. **With three members present in agreement, the motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Member Giles made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 18, 2017, second by Member Purcell. **With three members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

STATUS REPORTS

- **Coroner's Office: Opioid Discussion – Coroner Purcell**
Coroner Purcell stated she was asked to speak on the deaths in Kendall County related to Opioids. She continued that there was a rise in overdose deaths in the County. Coroner Purcell also presented data from the State of Illinois Department of Public Health that showed Kendall County in relation to neighboring counties, stating Kendall's average overdose rate was higher. Finally, she stated due to this the Coroner's Office would be starting toxicology tests on all deaths in the County to better track the effects of opioids.
- **Health Department** – Dr. Tokars was asked to speak next on the topic. She stated that the issue has been growing in the nation over several years, and that it is seen across all age groups and demographics. In addition, governments have been slow to respond as they have not been able to gather information or take preventative measures. However, Illinois created a program to help doctors get information on what prescriptions are being prescribed to patients to cut down on multiple scripts or dangerous combinations. It is now required for doctors to be a part of it. She concluded by saying they would continue to work with the Kendall County Coroner's Office on studying and prevention.
- **Board of Health** – Member Giles reported that at the January meeting the Board of Health went over the annual report and strategic plan.

- **Kendall County Soil and Water District** – As it was National Agriculture week, Jenny Wold provided information on agricultural related careers to the Committee, emphasizing its importance. She also stated that they are having their fish sales next week for those wishing to stock their ponds. Though they have the all the basic stock, those that control the algae are always in high demand.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – None

COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not Needed

ADJOURNMENT – Member Purcell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Giles. With no objections, **the meeting was adjourned at 4:00p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrez Beltran
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