

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Law, Justice and Legislation Committee
Monday, March 12, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance - Chair Matthew Prochaska called the meeting to order at 3:18p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Member Prochaska, Member Hendrix, Member Purcell and Member Gilmour were present.
With four members present voting aye, a quorum was determined to conduct business.

Others Present: Sheriff Dwight Baird, Public Defender Vicky Chuffo, EMA Director Joe Gillespie, Undersheriff Harold Martin, Judge Robert Pilmer, Coroner Jacquie Purcell, Facilities Director Jim Smiley, Court Administrator Nicole Swiss, Court Services Director Tina Varney, and State's Attorney Eric Weis

Member Giles was absent.

Approval of the Agenda – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Gilmour. **With four members present in agreement with the amendment, the motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the February 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes, second by Member Gilmour. **With four members present in agreement, the motion carried.**

Public Comment – None

❖ **Coroner** – Coroner Purcell reviewed her office statistics for the month of February, and reported that all 28 deaths were from natural causes. She also provided an update on presentations conducted by the Coroner's Office and on the Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiner's Association training and various meetings attended by office personnel, and presentations to local High School classes.

❖ **Circuit Clerk** – Written report provided

❖ **Courthouse** – Judge Pilmer reported that they have begun accepting applications for the Court Administrator position, and will have a farewell get-together for Nicole Swiss, who has accepted a new position in Arizona.

Judge Pilmer stated that on April 16th, they will be switching a couple of court calls and judges around.

❖ **Court Services** – Written report provided. Director Varney reported that Kane County did not sign the new agreement until March 5th, but also did not charge Kendall County the new rate for January, and February. Ms. Varney also reported that contract negotiations are ongoing, and that a new meeting date has yet to be determined.

- ❖ **EMA** – Director Joe Gillespie updated the committee on a free basic weather spotters class offered by the National Weather Service and Kendall County EMA on February 8, 2018.

Director Gillespie also reviewed the meetings conducted by EMA, as well as an update on the KC Health Department Hazard Vulnerability Assessment.

Sire, STARCOM and WSPY EAS testing was conducted as usual on the first Tuesday of the month. Written report provided.

- ❖ **KenCom** – Written report provided.
- ❖ **Public Defender** – Vicky Chuffo provided a written report and stated that things continue to be busy with 209 new cases this month, 1,128 open cases, and an increase in DUI and Juvenile Abuse/Neglect appointments.
- ❖ **State’s Attorney** – Mr. Weis reported that Detective Caleb Waltmire of the KC Sheriff’s Office has been assigned to the State’s Attorney’s Office, and will assist in tracking down witnesses, and conducting investigations. The State’s Attorney and Sheriff will review the partnership after six-months.

- ❖ **Sheriff’s Report**

- a. **Operations Division** – Written report provided. Sheriff Baird stated that the State’s Attorney’s Office had two investigators several years ago, and that this is an effort to share resources and assist the State’s Attorney’s Office at no additional cost.

Sheriff Baird reported that his office is also in the process of updating polices based on state law changes that went into effect January 1, 2018.

Sheriff Baird stated that he hosted a “gang talk” in Boulder hill recently, and that Sheriff’s Office personnel will assist in the distribution of light bulbs to Boulder Hill residents for use in outdoor lighting on March 10 & 17. The bulbs were purchased by Brian LeClerq in Oswego Township.

Sheriff Baird also updated the committee on recent crimes in the County, and on two squad vehicles involved in accidents recently, one was rear-ended, and one was t-boned by another vehicle. Sheriff Baird and command staff are working on budget adjustments to replace those vehicles as soon as possible.

Sheriff Baird was happy to report that HIDTA approved and paid for a Drone equipped with a high intensity camera and flair system that will be shared by several law enforcement agencies in the County. The Drone will remain at the Sheriff’s Office and will be instrumental in search and rescue, lost child and water rescue operations.

- b. **Corrections Division** – Written report provided. Undersheriff Martin contributed the increased medical expenses to five Kendall County inmates.

Undersheriff Martin also reported that the jail will be switching from their current medical company Diamond to Greentree, and hope to see a decrease in costs within the next few months.

c. Records Division – Written report provided

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Legislative Update – Member Prochaska reviewed several bills with the committee including HB 4473, SB 2581, HB 5284, HB 2645, HB 4246, HB 4375, SB 2260, SB 2280, SB 3503 and HB 5807.

Items for the March 21, 2018 County Board meeting agenda - None

Adjournment – Member Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Purcell.
With all in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 3:56p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary