

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Law, Justice and Legislation Committee
Monday, May 14, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance - Chair Matthew Prochaska called the meeting to order at 3:15p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Member Purcell left the meeting at 3:54p.m.

Others Present: Sheriff Dwight Baird, Circuit Clerk Robyn Ingemunson, Chief Deputy Coroner Levi Gotte, Undersheriff Harold Martin, Presiding Judge Tim McCann, Chief Deputy Mike Peters, Facilities Director Jim Smiley, Assistant Public Defender Courtney Transier, State's Attorney Eric Weis

Approval of the Agenda –Member Prochaska made a motion to amend the agenda by eliminating items 1 through 4 under New Business, second by Member Hendrix. **With five members present in agreement, the agenda was amended and the motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – Member Purcell made a motion to approve the April 9, 2018 meeting minutes, second by Member Hendrix. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

Public Comment – None

Coroner – Chief Deputy Coroner Gotte reviewed the monthly report with the committee. Member Purcell questioned the date of the Opioid Study, and whether the year should be changed to 2018. Chief Deputy Coroner Gotte stated that a corrected report would be corrected and submitted.

Circuit Clerk – Ms. Ingemunson reported that their case load has increased by approximately 1,000 compared to last year at this same time. Ms. Ingemunson also reported that her office has begun using a new e-file system.

Courthouse – Judge McCann reported that there is an opening for a new Court Services Director with the resignation of former Director Varney. The position will be posted until the end of May.

Judge McCann also reported that they are internally revisiting the Courthouse policy on law enforcement officers carrying firearms within the facility.

Judge McCann also stated that the new Court Administrator and the three Jury Commissioners attended training on the jury system in Sycamore recently.

Court Services – No report

EMA – Written report provided.

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

KenCom – No report

Public Defender – Written report provided. Courtney Transier reported that one of the assistant public defenders resigned and they are currently in the interview process to fill that vacant position.

State’s Attorney – Mr. Weis reported that ASA Anne Knight delivered a healthy baby last week, and will be off on leave for approximately 10-weeks.

Sheriff’s Report

- a. Operations Division – Written report provided. Chief Deputy Peters reported that several personnel were nominated for awards and recognized at the recent Kendall County Association of Chiefs of Police 33rd annual Respect for Law Banquet. Kendall County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Intelligence Team Inspector Robert Lechowicz, was named the county’s Officer of the Year for the second time in five years. Other Sheriff’s Officer personnel were nominated for various awards as well.
- b. Corrections Division – Written report provided
- c. Records Division – Written report provided

Old Business - None

- ❖ *Courthouse Security Update* – Sheriff Baird reported that the Public Safety Center and Courthouse Security system updates have been completed at an actual cost of \$2,933,944, which is a savings of \$293,710.34 from the authorized budgeted amount of \$3,227,655. Sheriff Baird applauded the Facilities Management and Technology personnel for their work in conjunction with the Sheriff’s Office personnel, and the successful completion of the project.
- ❖ *Approval of Resolution Declaring Opposition of HB 4581, the amendment of Juvenile Court Act of 1987* – Member Prochaska provided a brief review of the amendment. Member Gilmour made a motion to forward the resolution to the County Board for approval, second by Member Prochaska. Discussion on the resolution, and the proposed changes to the amendment of Juvenile Court Act.

Member Hendrix made a motion to table the item to a future meeting, second by Member Purcell.

Roll Call: Member Purcell – yes, Member Hendrix – yes, Member Gilmour – no, Member Giles – no, Member Prochaska – no.

Members Purcell and Hendrix voted aye, and Members Gilmour, Giles and Prochaska voting no, the motion failed by a vote of 2-3.

Member Purcell asked for a call to question to send the resolution for approval to the County Board at the June 5, 2018 meeting.

Roll Call: Member Purcell – yes, Member Hendrix – no, Member Gilmour – yes, Member Giles – no, Member Prochaska – yes. **With Members Purcell, Gilmour and Prochaska voting yes, and Members Hendrix and Giles voting no, the motion passed by a vote 3-2.**

New Business

- ❖ *Approval of the Expenditure of Expenses not to exceed \$7,298.00 for Illinois State Association of Counties (consisting of \$2,295.00 for Cook and Collar Counties Caucus, \$4,015.00 for Large County Board Caucus, and \$988.00 for general Illinois State Association of Counties dues) – Member Prochaska made a motion to forward the item to the Finance Committee for discussion, second by Member Hendrix. **With Members Giles, Hendrix and Prochaska voting yes, and Member Gilmour voting no, the motion carried by a vote of 3-1.***

❖ **Legislative Update** - None

Public Comment - None

Item for June 5, 2018 County Board meeting agenda

1. *Approval of Resolution Declaring Opposition of HB 4581, the amendment of Juvenile Court Act of 1987*

Item for May 24, 2018 Finance Committee meeting agenda

2. *Approval of the Expenditure of Expenses not to exceed \$7,298.00 for Illinois State Association of Counties (consisting of \$2,295.00 for Cook and Collar Counties Caucus, \$4,015.00 for Large County Board Caucus, and \$988.00 for general Illinois State Association of Counties dues)*

Adjournment – Member Giles made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Gilmour. **With all in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 4:05p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary