

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Law, Justice and Legislation Committee
Monday, June 11, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance - Chair Matthew Prochaska called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.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.**

Others Present: Sheriff Dwight Baird, Chief Deputy Mike Peters, Circuit Clerk Robyn Ingemunson, Coroner Jacquie Purcell, Chief Deputy Coroner Levi Gotte, Presiding Judge Tim McCann, Judge Robert Pilmer, Trial Court Administrator Lizette Ulloa, Facilities Director Jim Smiley, State's Attorney Eric Weis, EMA Director Joe Gillespie

Approval of the Agenda –Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Giles. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the May 14, 2018 meeting minutes, second by Member Giles. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

Public Comment – None

Status Reports

Coroner –Coroner Purcell reviewed the monthly report with the committee. She stated that there had been 29 deaths in May, up 6 from May 2017.

Circuit Clerk – Ms. Ingemunson reported that 449 filings more than last year. She continued that the e-file system came online end of April.

Courthouse – Judge McCann stated the Victim Impact Fund, which convicted DUI offenders pay a fee into, is traditionally collected by Court Services and used to pay for speakers for DUI classes. Due to difficulties with accessing that account, the Kendall County Treasurer will now collect and disburse those funds. There will be a creation of a new revenue and expense line items in the budget accordingly. Judge McCann also introduce Lizette Ulloa, the new Trial Court Administrator.

Court Services – No report

EMA – Director Gillespie stated they aided several agencies in searches in the past month. They also continued their Sire, STARCOM and WSPY EAS testing.

KenCom – No report

Public Defender – Written report provided. Ms. Chuffo stated that there was a public defender, Lindsey Lichinski, started. She had worked at Kane County previously.

State’s Attorney – Mr. Weis reported stated the SAO received a grant for the Drug Court program for redeployment. In addition, an ASA with the program can charge 1/10th the salary to the grant.

Sheriff’s Report

- a. Operations Division – Written report provided. Chief Deputy Peters stated that there was a report from a douser that there were bodies of missing persons in Newark. In the interest of following leads, the Sheriff’s Department investigated and found the information unfounded.
- b. Corrections Division – Written report provided. Sheriff Baird stated that inmates from DeKalb and Cook counties are down, but federal inmates are up.
- c. Records Division – Written report provided. Member Hendrix asked about the increase in incidents. Sheriff Baird stated that FOIAs have been on rise as they have been every year.

Old Business - None

New Business

- ❖ *Approval of Resolution Opposing the Creation of a Vehicle Mileage Tax*
Chair Prochaska stated that CMAP and the Illinois General Assembly was looking at levying a vehicle mileage tax. The resolution was to oppose it. Member Gilmour made the motion. Member Hendrix seconded. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried.**
- ❖ *Approval of Resolution Opposing HB 4595 – Creation of an Illinois Employers Mutual Insurance Company*
Chair Prochaska stated that it would create a State sponsored corporation to compete with private companies with a start up loan of \$10 million. Member Gilmour made the motion. Member Purcell seconded. **With four members present voting aye and one voting nay (Member Hendrix), the motion carried.**
- ❖ *Approval of Resolution Setting the Number of Assistant State’s Attorneys*
Mr. Weis stated that when cases cross county lines, the lead State’s Attorney will try the case in both their county and as a Special ASA in another county. Since the County Board authorizes a certain number of ASAs a year, Mr. Weis did not want the possibility of technicality interfering with a case if a Special ASA tried it, putting it over the established limit. This resolution would allow for five Special ASAs at a time if needed. This would not cost the County any money.

Member Hendrix made the motion to approve, member Giles seconded. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

Legislative Update

Chair Prochaska updated the Committee on SB2313 which would allow the County to keep the funds from animal pet population fees that were previously sent to Springfield.

Chair Prochaska updated the Committee on SB3503 stated that after June 1, 2019 that every circuit court room must have a lactation room. The Courts already are working on being compliant.

Chair Prochaska stated that next year the Illinois General Assembly will be collecting 5% from the Local Government Distributive Fund rather than 10%, and 1.25% fee for Sales Tax collection instead of 2%.

Public Comment - None

Item for June 19, 2018 County Board meeting agenda

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Adjournment – Member Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Giles.
With all in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 3:55p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrez Beltran
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