

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Law, Justice and Legislation Committee
Monday, November 13, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance – Chair Matthew Prochaska called the meeting to order at 3:16p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

ATTENDEE	STATUS	ARRIVED FOR MEETING	LEFT MEETING
Tony Giles		3:24p.m.	
Judy Gilmour	ABSENT		
Audra Hendrix	Here		
Matthew Prochaska	Here		
John Purcell	Yes		

With three members present voting aye, a quorum was determined to conduct business.

Others Present: Public Defender Vicki Chuffo, Court Services Director Alice Elliott, Deputy Commander Joe Gillespie, Assistant State’s Attorney Leslie Johnson, County Engineer Fran Klaas, Deputy Commander Jason Langston, Undersheriff Harold Martin, Chief Deputy Mike Peters, Judge Robert Pilmer, Coroner Jacquie Purcell, and Facilities Management Director Jim Smiley

Approval of the Agenda –Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Purcell. **With three members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.**

Approval of September 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 10, 2018, second by Member Purcell with the correction of the word “Undersheriff” under Others Present. **With three members present voting to approve the amended minutes, the motion passed.**

Public Comment – None

Status Reports

Coroner –Coroner Jacquie Purcell reviewed the monthly report with the committee, and reported 29 total deaths for October, with 26 natural deaths, and 3 accidental deaths (probable overdoses).

Coroner Purcell reviewed the personnel/office activity with the committee for the month of October including a third meeting at the Kendall County Health Department with local law enforcement agencies, EMS agencies, addiction centers, and HIDTA regarding the impact of the opioid addiction in Kendall County.

Circuit Clerk – Written report provided.

Courthouse – Chief Judge Pilmer stated that they are working with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts with respect to Video Interpretation Services, and said that Kendall would be a “test” county for video appearance by litigants for uncontested matters in the next few months. Judge Pilmer will keep the committee updated on the progress of this service.

Court Services – Director Elliott reported that four Probation Officers have been recognized by the Illinois Association for Court Services for Distinguished Service, two supervisors and two line staff.

Additionally they have been working with the Sheriff’s Office on Video Conferencing, and will use it for pre-trial conferencing, expediting the pre-trial process in preparation for court. The department has also been working with the Sheriff’s Office on safety planning and ways to ensure the Probation Officers are safe in the community and also in the building. Ms. Elliott reported Probation Officers are now wearing bullet-proof vests as a result of the planning.

EMA – Written report provided. Director Gillespie reported that they submitted their quarterly grant documentation to the State of Illinois for IEPRA and EMPG grants.

Emergency Siren Testing continued that month as usual.

KenCom – Member Gilmour had nothing to report.

Public Defender – Written report provided. Ms. Chuffo stated that a new Assistant Public Defender was hired and began today.

State’s Attorney – ASA Johnson reported that the office prepared the annual County anti-harassment training for all employees and office/department supervisors. Both training sessions are available on the employee website.

Sheriff’s Report

- a. Operations Division – Written report provided. Chief Deputy Mike Peters reported on the “No Shave November” event, where the deputies and employees are raising funds to support one of the dispatchers suffering from Lymphoma.

Deputy Peters also reported that Deputies and other County employees purchased and wore Pink Badges, Pins, T-Shirts, Hoodies and Sweatshirts throughout the month of October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. The month long sale of items resulted in a donation of \$1500.00 to the Aurora Healthcare Foundation, where 100 percent of the donation benefits the “Pink Possible Campaign” against Breast Cancer.

Peters also reported that there are currently 23 registered child sex offenders, for which they did notices to them advising them they were not allowed to distribute candy to children on

Halloween. As a result of the notifications, the Sheriff's Office was able to produce an arrest for one of the child sex offenders that had an active warrant that extended in a violation of the Sex Offender Registration Act.

Chief Deputy Peters also stated the Sheriff's Office was honored at an annual awards banquet on November 2, 2018 through the Metropolitan Enforcement Directors Task Force Commanders Associations' Annual Awards, which honors dangerous and professional work through hundreds of drug investigations throughout the state. Sheriff's Office personnel recognized were Deputy Harrell, and Inspector Lechowicz.

Deputy Commander Jason Langston reported on a tip received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an arrest was made stemming from that tip and an investigation, and the U.S. Marshalls Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force took another violent child sex offender into custody on a warrant of failing to register as a violent child sex offender. This is a continuing benefit to having a deputy side of this task force and the benefits that come from that.

Deputy Commander Langston also reported on the first round of Vendor Tobacco Compliance, six of seven vendors were checked, and one business was cited for a petty offense for selling to a minor. This is possible by a grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services, and the Sheriff's Office will continue with checks as the New Year proceeds.

- b. Corrections Division – Written report provided. Undersheriff Martin updated the committee on the Securus tablets and E-messaging system that they have been working toward implementing for inmate use. They hope this will be completed by early 2019.

Undersheriff Martin also reported they had a Fire Safety Inspection on October 9, 2018 by Bristol-Kendall Fire District, and the jail had no violations.

Sheriff Baird reported that with the increased federal inmates, they have increased their anticipated revenue for FY2019, by about \$250,000. Sheriff Baird stated that corrections is on track for that this year, and that they feel comfortable with next year's projected revenue increase.

- c. Records Division – Written report provided.

Undersheriff Martin reported that he will retire on January 4, 2019, and thanked the committee and his co-workers for the time he's been with the County.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Legislative Update – Member Prochaska stated that the General Assembly will be entering veto session soon. Prochaska also reported that United County Council of Illinois (UCCI) has informed Illinois Counties that they are will to pay for a County's NACo annual dues this year. Each County must follow the guidelines for requesting the funds, and payment will be sent.

Public Comment - None

Items for November 20, 2018 County Board meeting agenda - None

Executive Session – Not needed

Adjournment – Member Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Purcell.
With four members in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 4:01p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary