

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
LAW, JUSTICE AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**



**Kendall County Courthouse
Jury Assembly Room
807 W. John Street; Yorkville IL
Monday, July 09, 2018 – 3:15 p.m.
Meeting Agenda**



- 1. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**
- 2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum:** Matthew Prochaska (Chair), Tony Giles (Vice Chair), Judy Gilmour, Audra Hendrix, John Purcell
- 3. Approval of the Agenda**
- 4. Approval of the June 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. Status Reports**
 - ❖ Coroner
 - ❖ Circuit Clerk
 - ❖ Courthouse
 - ❖ Court Services
 - ❖ EMA
 - ❖ KenCom
 - ❖ Public Defender
 - ❖ State's Attorney
 - ❖ Sheriff's Report
 - a. Operations Division
 - b. Corrections Division
 - c. Records Division
- 7. Old Business**
- 8. New Business**
- 9. Legislative Update**
- 10. Public Comment**
- 11. Executive Session**
- 12. Adjournment**

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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

1. *Approval of Resolution Opposing the Creation of a Vehicle Mileage Tax*
2. *Approval of Resolution Opposing HB 4595 – Creation of an Illinois Employers Mutual Insurance Company*
3. *Approval of Resolution Setting the Number of Assistant State's Attorneys*

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
EDC and Special Projects Coordinator



KENDALL COUNTY CORONER
————— JACQUIE PURCELL —————

Description	**	Month: June 2018	Fiscal Year-to-Date	June 2017
Total Deaths		18	169	41/202
Natural Deaths		15	153	35
Accidental Deaths	**	2	10	4
Pending		0	0	2
Suicidal Deaths		0	4	1
Homicidal Deaths	**	1	1	0
Undetermined		0	1	0
Toxicology		3	22	5/23
Autopsies		3	20	5/22
Cremation Authorizations		7	104	22/119

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Accidental Death(s):

1. 06/19/2018 – Yorkville – 67-year-old, Male, Drowning due to AMI while swimming
2. 06/24/2018 – Oswego Twp – 26-year-old, Female, Blunt Force Trauma, Pedestrian vs Auto

Homicidal Death(s):

1. 06/05/2018 – Plano – 43-year-old Male, Complications of Paraplegia due to Remote Gunshot Wounds

PERSONNEL/OFFICE ACTIVITY:

1. Chief Deputy Coroner Gotte attended training on Explosives Recognition on June 14. He received his individual license for handling explosives.

————— CARORUM AD CURAM —————

Kendall County Emergency Management Agency

1102 Cornell Lane, Yorkville Illinois 60560

630-553-7500

Joseph T. Gillespie, Director

Tracy Page, Deputy Director

EMA Report

June 2018

1. June 1 = K9 requested for missing person. Person found prior to K9 arriving on scene
2. June 2 = Evidence Search - Dwight. Five (5) EMA personnel in attendance. UCP was also deployed. Weapon found.
3. June 4 = Tour of Farnsworth House Property, hazard mitigation
4. June 5 = K9 requested for 40 yoa male that wrecked car. Person found prior to K9 arriving on scene.
5. June 8 = K9 requested for verification of possible grave sites. Nothing found.
6. June 9 = Multi Agency Training - Search at Pickerill/Pigott Forest Preserve. 18 participants from 6 area agencies
7. June 11 - K9s requested for secondary verification of possible grave sites. 7 ILL-WIS K9 deployed. Nothing found.
8. June 18 - Dosimetry kits updated by the State
9. UPC 6 went to Oswego for Prairie Fest
10. Continued with siren testing on the first Tuesday morning of the month
11. Continued with STARCOM testing first Tuesday morning of the month
12. Continued with WSPY EAS testing first Tuesday morning of the month

TO: Law, Justice and Legislation Committee Members

FROM: Victoria Chuffo, Public Defender; Monthly Report *VC*

NUMBER OF CASES ASSIGNED TO EACH PUBLIC DEFENDER
AS OF JULY 9, 2018

VICTORIA CHUFFO, Public Defender

- 94 cases / last month 79 cases - Felony cases

COURTNEY TRANSIER, First Asst. Public Defender

- 146 cases / last month 169 cases - Felony cases

MICHAEL MONTGOMERY, Asst. Public Defender

- 344 cases / last month 331 cases - Felony/ Juvenile cases

LINDSEY LACHANSKI, Asst. Public Defender

- 220 cases/ last month 222 cases - Misdemeanor/Traffic cases

CHRISTOPHER WARMBOLD, Asst. Public Defender

- 289 case/ last month 318 cases -
Misdemeanor/Traffic/Juvenile Cases

My office has been appointed a total of 250 new cases between June 11, 2018 and July 9, 2018. The Kendall County Public Defender's Office currently has 1,093 open cases as of today's date; July 9, 2018. The Public Defender appointments for felonies, misdemeanors, traffic and juvenile truancy have increased since last month.

KENDALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MONTH-END REPORT



JUNE

2018

OPERATIONS DIVISION

POLICE SERVICES	June-17	June-18
Calls for Service	824	741
Police Reports	271	363
Total Arrests	52	115
Cannabis Civil Law Citations Issued		13
Ordinance Citations Issued		0
TRAFFIC SERVICES	June-17	June-18
Traffic Contacts	218	931
Traffic Citations Issued	131	239
DUI Arrests	2	7
TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATIONS	June-17	June-18
Property Damage	40	43
Personal Injury	8	12
Fatalities	1	1
TOTAL CRASH INVESTIGATIONS	49	56
VEHICLE USAGE	June-17	June-18
Total Miles Driven by Sheriff's Office	56,868.00	67,992
Vehicle Maintenance Expenditures	\$5,691.26	\$1,942.03
Fuel Expenditures	\$9,218.69	\$12,250.48
Fuel Gallons Purchased	4,569	4,689
Squad Damage Reports		0
AUXILIARY DEPUTIES	June-17	June-18
Ride-A-Long Hours	0	0
Auxiliary Hours	111.5	45.25
TOTAL AUXILIARY HOURS	111.5	45.25
EVIDENCE/PROPERTY ROOM	June-17	June-18
New Items into Property Room	163	207
Disposal Orders Processed	62	0
Items Disposed Of	2	11
DVD/VHS Copy Requests	23	91
Items Sent to Crime Lab for Processing	38	29
Pounds of Prescription Medication Collected from Drop Box Pr	41.25	40.25
COURT SECURITY	June-17	June-18
Entries	16,621	14,267
Items X-rayed	5,683	5,005
Bond Call	64	54
Kendall Prisoners	124	90
Other Prisoners	41	31
Arrests made at Courthouse	17	14
Contraband Refused	80	81

INVESTIGATIONS/COPS ACTIVITIES	June-17	June-18
Total Cases Assigned (Patrol/Invest)	18	45
Total Cases Closed (Patrol/Invest)	17	38
Total Current Open Cases (Patrol/Invest)	121	138
Community Policing Meetings/Presentations	32	35

CORRECTIONS DIVISION

JAIL POPULATION	June-17	June-18
New Intake Bookings	275	215
Inmates Released	265	210
Average Daily Population	161	117
Kendall County Inmate ADP	44	52

JAIL MEALS	June-17	June-18
Number of Meals Prepared Kendall	0	0
Price Per Meal	\$0.00	0
Number of Meals Prepared Consolidated Food	13,416	11365
Price Per Meal	\$1.17	\$1.33

INMATE TRANSPORTS	June-17	June-18
To and From Kendall County Courthouse	82	107
Other County Court Transports	7	0
Out of County Prisoner Pickups	18	24
To I.D.O.C	5	5
Medical/Dental Transports	17	21
Court ordered medical transports	0	0
Juvenile To and From Youth Homes/Courts	10	12
Federal Transports	20	42
TOTAL INMATE TRANSPORTS	159	211

INMATE WORK CREWS	June-17	June-18
Number of Inmates	3	16
Number of Locations	2	6
Total Hours Worked	16	120

OUT OF COUNTY HOUSING	June-17	June-18
Number of Inmates Housed for Other Jurisdictions	100	50
Amount Invoiced for Inmates Housed for Other Jurisdictions	\$123,060.00	\$60,180.00

FEDERAL INMATES	June-17	June-18
Number of Federal Inmates Housed	18	31
Amount Invoiced for Housing	\$30,825.00	\$56,250.00
Amount Invoiced for Court Transport	\$6,300.92	\$9,787.86
Amount Invoiced for Medical Transport	\$53.04	\$824.56

MEDICAL BILLING	June-17	June-18
Medical Contractual Services	\$14,470.24	\$15,005.64
Prescriptions	\$7,241.98	\$1,825.48
Medical	\$900.34	\$625.49
Dental	\$27.40	\$95.00
Emergency Medical Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
Medical Supplies	\$385.01	\$222.00
TOTAL MEDICAL BILLING	\$23,024.97	\$17,773.61

Outstanding FTA Fees	June-17	June-18
FTA Fees- Outstanding	\$150.00	\$300.00

Sex Offender / Violent Offenders Against Youth Registrations	June-17	June-18
Sex Offender Registrations	15	12
Sex Offender - Address Verifications Completed	3	8
Sex Offender - Address Verification Attempted	7	18
Total # of Sex Offenders- Jurisdiction/Entire County	34/70	35/69
Violent Offenders Against Youth Registrations	5	0
VOAY - Address Verification Completed	0	0
VOAY - Address Verification Attempted	0	0
Total # of VOAY- Jurisdiction/Entire County	3/15	4/15

RECORDS DIVISION

SHERIFF SALES	June-17	June-18
Sales Scheduled	34	34
Sales Cancelled	16	21
Sales Conducted	18	13

CIVIL PAPERWORK	June-17	June-18
Papers Filed/Received		220
Papers Served/Executed	213	141

REPLEVINS/LEVY	June-17	June-18
Replevin/Levy Scheduled	0	0
Replevin/Levy Conducted	0	0

SUBPOENA/FOIA REQUESTS	June-17	June-18
Accident Reports	36	21
Background Checks	35	16
Incidents	83	88
Subpoenas	9	4
Total Requests	163	129

WARRANTS	June-17	June-18
Total Warrants on File	1,340	1,403
New Warrants Issued	127	122
Total Warrants Served	132	101
Warrants Quashed	28	12

EVICTIIONS	June-17	June-18
Evictions Scheduled for Month	13	16
Evictions Cancelled	2	11
Evictions Conducted	11	5

FEES	June-17	June-18
Civil Process Fees	\$8,262.93	\$5,639.00
Sheriff Sales Fees	\$10,800.00	\$10,200.00
Records Fees/Fingerprinting	\$345.00	\$172.90
Bond Processing Fees	\$1,036.28	\$1,069.14
Total Fees	\$20,444.21	\$17,081.04

KCSO TRAINING

CORRECTIONS DIVISION	June-17	June-18
NATURE OF TRAINING		
Narcan Training		27
OC Training		40.5
Restraint Chair		27
Web-Based Training		35
Nova Stun Belt and Stun Shield		70
Pat Search Practicals		27
Breath Alcohol Testing ISP		16
Basic Evidence Technician		40
TOTAL HOURS	284.25	282.5

OPERATIONS DIVISION	June-17	June-18
NATURE OF TRAINING		
School Walkthroughs		122.5
Felony Traffic Stops and Vehicle Searches		85
Pat Search Practicals		34
Suburban Law Enforcement Academy		248
Explosive Safety, Recognition and Handling Course		24
Basic School Resource Officer		40
Basic Evidence Technician		40
Web-Based Training		32.25
Student Behavioral Threat Assessment Seminar		16
Asset Forfeiture Seminar		16
2018 Cargo Theft Summit		8
TOTAL HOURS	623.5	665.75

COURT SECURITY	June-17	June-18
NATURE OF TRAINING		
Web-Based Training		4.5
Asset Forfeiture Seminar		8
TOTAL HOURS	31	12.5

CORRECTIONS/OPERATIONS COMBINED		June-17	June-18
NATURE OF TRAINING			
SRT		48	48
	TOTAL HOURS	48	48

RECORDS DIVISION		June-17	June-18
NATURE OF TRAINING			
Mistake – Free Grammar & Proofreading			7
Web-Based Training			3.5
Managing Multiple Priorities, Projects and Deadlines			7
Advanced Microsoft Excel			7
	TOTAL HOURS	4	24.5

AUXILIARY		June-17	June-18
Meeting/Training Hours		23	62
1st Amendment Assemblies			
New In-Squad Camera Functions			
40 Hour Mandatory Firearms Course			96
	TOTAL HOURS	23	158

COUNTY BULLETIN

JUNE 2018

Upcoming Events

LOCAL OFFICIALS DAY

Saturday, August 11, 2018

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Illinois State Fairgrounds • Director's Lawn
Springfield, Illinois

RSVP for entrance tickets by July 31st.
LocalOfficialsDay.Eventbrite.com

Sponsored by the Illinois Association of County Board Members, the Illinois Municipal League and the Township Officials of Illinois.

New Illinois 104 bridge opens in Meredosia connecting Morgan and Pike counties

The Illinois Department of Transportation was joined by local officials and community leaders on June 19 in Meredosia to celebrate the completion and opening of the new Illinois 104 bridge over the Illinois River.

With an aging steel truss and increasing maintenance costs, the old bridge was not only costly to maintain, but also posed safety concerns due to its narrow lanes and lack of shoulders. The previous bridge, built in 1936, will be demolished later this summer.

"The Morgan County Board is very appreciative of the many years of hard work that culminated in this new bridge," Chairman Brad Zeller said. "The bridge will assure access to the western part of the state for commercial and agriculture use for many years to come. It is a beautiful structure that will enhance our regions economic viability. Once again the County Board would like to thank everyone involved in this process."



Construction of the \$86.2 million bridge began in 2015. The bridge was built on a new alignment while the old bridge remained open, resulting in minimal impact to traffic and local commerce during construction.

The Meredosia crossing is critical to regional mobility. The closest Illinois River bridge is 36 miles to the south on Interstate 72. The tied-arch style of the new bridge and its location, which is just north of the existing bridge, was decided during a series of public meetings and extensive input from local stakeholders.

The new, wider structure boasts two 12-foot lanes and two 10-foot shoulders, which will allow farm equipment and oversize loads to cross the bridge without stopping traffic heading in the opposite direction. Construction of a pump station and underground stormwater retention chamber will help manage flooding and stormwater runoff. In a final touch, improved streetscapes and park areas will enhance Meredosia's business district. *Top photo credit: Samantha McDaniel-Ogletree / Journal-Courier*

Pike County testing virtual small-business incubator

The Pike County Economic Development Corporation has partnered with the Western Illinois



University Small Business Development Center to form the Small Business Development Center Advantage.

SBDC Advantage is a virtual small-business incubator that offers local businesses or startups free access to a limited number of consultation hours from local business professionals. As reported by the *Herald-Whig*, Pike County is one of two locations in the state selected to test the new concept.

There are a few requirements to participate in the SBDC Advantage. The business must be based in a rural community of 35,000 or fewer residents, which would apply to any Pike County community. The participant must present a business plan for a new or expanding for-profit business and demonstrate a solution to a strong market demand. The business must be registered, and the business owner must commit to remain in the community for at least three years.

Read the full story at www.whlg.com

Peoria County provides local agencies with \$900,000

Addresses several needs to assist people with disabilities



The larger grant awards this year were due to the passing of the advisory referendum in November 2016, when voters approved a hike in the property tax levy for the care and treatment board.



"We are very appreciative of the opportunity to apply for these grants. The more diverse our funding can be, the more we can offer and the better our programs can be. We appreciate the support of the Peoria County Board, the Care and Treatment Board and our whole community," stated CWTC Executive Director Patti Gratton.



Madison County jail renovation nears

A \$14 million, three-year renovation project at the Madison County Jail is slated to begin on July 9th. At its June meeting, the county board approved a contract with Highland-based Plocher Construction.

As reported by *The Telegraph*, the cost includes a base bid of approximately \$8 million, and four alternates that include work on prisoner cells for a total of \$13.15 million. The remainder of the cost would be engineering fees and a 10 percent contingency fund.

The jail is certified for 312 prisoners. Renovation of the facility will be done in phases and is expected to take about three years to complete.

The Peoria County Board for the Care and Treatment of Persons with a Developmental Disability (Care and Treatment Board) announced a record \$900,000 award to five local agencies for the 2018-2019 service year. Requests for proposals went out in early April, and the board received nine requests for funding. The board was able to fund 99.5% of the total requested amount this year.

This was due in large part to the passing of an advisory referendum on the November 2016 ballot, where voters said they would support raising the property tax levy for the Care and Treatment Board. The Peoria County Board followed the will of the voters and raised the levy at the December 2016 board meeting. The levy rate was increased from .99 to 1.99, which is approximately \$13.13 on a \$100,000 house.

"The members of the Board and I would like to thank all the voters and tax payers who supported this increase and the Peoria County Board members and community stakeholders who rallied around the cause," stated Greg Chance, President of the Care and Treatment Board.

One of the grants for Camp Big Sky is to help furnish its new Learning Center to support its Adult Volunteer Training Program.

"We started the program in 2014 and we just used a multi-purpose storage building with some old tables; it was less than ideal. This new center is going to really provide a much more learning-conducive environment," says Brad Guidi, Mission Director.

"The equipment we can purchase with this grant is another big step toward getting this program where it needs to be. Many of the graduates from this program return to the Peoria County area with the skills they've learned and hold volunteer jobs and paid jobs. Our programs at Camp Big Sky enable them to become engaged and contributing members of their community."

Another grant receiver, the Community Workshop and Training Center (CWTC), uses grant money to assist people with disabilities in gaining employment and maintaining employment in their communities. Individuals learn various skills to help them be productive citizens and a part of their community. This program includes on-going job-coaching for the individuals and support for the employers.

In fiscal years 2015 and 2016, the Care and Treatment Board gave out approximately \$500,000 in grants. In 2017, they awarded \$780,000 in grants.

Fatherhood & Reentry class graduate program held in jail

"We offer programming and reentry classes to all of our inmates," said Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran. "We do this in an effort to reduce recidivism by utilizing cognitive behavior therapy, identifying risky behaviors, and linking inmates with resources they need to successful reentry into the community."



The first group of inmates who participated in the Lake County Jail program 'Building Families Together - Fatherhood & Reentry' successfully graduated. The program is dedicated to providing resources and help rebuild families torn apart by a father's incarceration, while inspiring the entire family unit to overcome adversities.

The classes were held once a week for 12 weeks. Each session was two hours long and incorporates lessons on fatherhood, manhood, and reentry. The class instructors consisted of a mental health professional and a male mentor. Eight jail inmates successfully participated in this program, and more programs are scheduled for the future.



Photo credit: Gilbert R. Boucher / Daily Herald



New poster series on Illinois mining available

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is now offering a wider selection of educational posters that highlight the minerals and rocks that are mined in Illinois. The 12-poster series provides a glimpse at the vast array of underground resources available in the state, and the products those resources help create.

Mining has been a critical part of county histories. *Fuller's earth* is one of the minerals featured in the poster series. It's an absorbent clay, mined in southern Illinois' Pulaski County. Baseball groundskeepers often use it to clear the infield after a rain shower.

Copies of the posters may be obtained online at www.dnr.illinois.gov/publications/Pages/Order-Form.aspx.



Grundy County courtroom remodel advances

The Grundy County Courthouse is a step closer to getting its third-floor courtroom renovated. As reported by the *Morris Herald News*, the county board committee that oversees the courthouse recommended a bid from a Morris-based company to replace the aging seats with benches. It now goes to the finance committee for consideration.

History Center receives \$300K donation

The DeKalb County History Center became the recipient of a \$300,000 donation from Doug and Lynn Roberts which will help fund the museum's plans to build a new facility. "We share the vision of a history center located in the county seat where stories will celebrate days gone by as well as help to coordinate local history efforts throughout our county." The history center plans to open the new facility in May 2019.

Perry County Sheriff's Office receives grant to purchase in-car cameras

The Perry County Sheriff's Office has received a grant from Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board for up to \$42,800 to purchase in-car video cameras and to train the deputies to use them, according to a news release from Sheriff Steve Bareis (pictured).

The new equipment will record traffic stops and other incidents where a deputy chooses to turn the recording unit on to protect himself from false accusations or physical harm, the release states. The systems have forward-facing cameras and rear-facing cameras that will record the back seat of the vehicle when a suspect is being transported to Perry County Jail. Camera systems have arrived and are expected to be installed by the end of June.

In the release, Bareis said we live in a day and age in which everything seems to be recorded to video. It is his hope that the cameras will catch the professionalism of the "excellent staff of the Perry County Sheriff's Office."

For more on this story visit www.thesouthern.com; The Southern File Photo.





"The redevelopment of Old Cook County Hospital will unlock tremendous economic potential in this community and provide much-needed amenities for residents and visitors to this area. This project creates historic and lasting urban transformation in the heart of our County," said President Toni Preckwinkle.

Old Cook County hospital redevelopment kicks off with ceremonial groundbreaking

On June 12, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle was joined by a host of elected officials, stakeholders and members of the developer team in a ceremonial groundbreaking for the restoration and redevelopment of Old Cook County Hospital.

The redevelopment project will lead to the end of the 16-year vacancy for the 104-year-old Beaux Arts landmark, which for decades was lauded for its medical innovations and its work as a teaching institution.

The building, located at 1835 W. Harrison St., was designed by architect Paul Gerhardt and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The redevelopment project is headed by the Civic Health Development Group (CHDG), which is led by Chicago-based developer John T. Murphy and includes Murphy Development Group, Walsh Investors, LLC, MB Real Estate, Plenary Group and Granite Companies. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill is the architect, Walsh Construction is the contractor and Jackie Koo, of Koo Interiors, is the interior designer.

"What everyone has said for years can't be done will finally be successfully completed. Once we restore this historical building, we'll not only have a beautiful structure once again, we will see explosive development in the Illinois Medical District that will provide outstanding educational, employment and medical research

opportunities not only for the City of Chicago, but throughout the world," Murphy said. "This remarkable project will unlock billions of dollars in investments and jobs."

Last year, the County entered into a 99-year lease with the group for redeveloping the block-long property on Chicago's Near West Side. The lease followed a lengthy and comprehensive process, which involved numerous stakeholders, to determine the programming of the final project, which will not require any capital investment or direct subsidy from the County. The multi-phased development plan is valued at more than \$1 billion.

CHDG secured about \$135 million in financing. The deal can expect to receive approximately \$24 million from historic tax credits. Construction will commence immediately, beginning with interior, non-structural demolition. Facade restoration is slated to start in July.

A dual-branded 210-room Hyatt House/Hyatt Place will be the first tenants of the rehabilitated structure and is expected to open in 2019 and 2020. Additional spaces include 71,000 square feet of medical office space and 25,000 square feet of retail. Subsequent phases of development may include mixed-use residential, office, retail and parking on County land north, south and east of the existing building.

Citgo donates \$10,000 to support abused children



Will County Board members Mike Friclone (left) and Herb Brooks (right) accepted the ceremonial check from Citgo.

Officials from the Will County Board accepted a \$10,000 check from Citgo to help fund the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), an arm of the Will County State's Attorney's office. The funds will be used to underwrite the only fundraising event of the year for the CAC, "Men Who Cook," to be held September 22 at the Chicagoland Speedway.

"We are grateful to Citgo for its contribution to the effort to help children in our county who have been abused," said County Board Member Mike Friclone. "The good work of the CAC in providing counseling services to children is vital to our county."

The CAC provides critical forensic advocacy and counseling services to abused children in Will County. Last year the agency provided services in nearly 560 new cases for children who were abuse victims.

"I am proud of the good work done by the CAC," said County Board Minority Leader Herb Brooks. "There is no service that is greater than helping children who are abused and neglected."