

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**Law, Justice and Legislation Committee**  
**Monday, August 13, 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.**

**Others Present**: Sheriff Dwight Baird, Chief Deputy Mike Peters, Undersherrif Harold Martin, Coroner Jacquie Purcell, Chief Deputy Coroner Levi Gotte, Presiding Judge Tim McCann, State's Attorney Eric Weis, EMA Director Joe Gillespie, Court Services Director Alice Elliott

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

**Approval of Minutes** – Member Henrix made a motion to approve the July 9, 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, and reported 37 deaths for July, 36 natural, and 1 still being determined.

**Circuit Clerk** – Written report provided.

**Courthouse** – Judge McCann stated the State had selected Kendall County to test out a system that allowed litigants in civil court to appear by video call instead of attending. It is the pilot program in Illinois.

**Court Services** – Alice Elliott introduced herself and stated that there was around \$11,000 in revenue.

**EMA** – Written report provided. They continued the Siren, STARCOM and WSPY EAS testing.

**KenCom** – Member Gilmour had nothing to report.

**Public Defender** – Written report provided.

**State's Attorney** – No report

## **Sheriff's Report**

- a. Operations Division – Written report provided. Chief Deputy Mike Peters sated they engaged the community at two events in July, including the County Fair and National Night Out. In addition, they participated in multijurisdictional Sex Offender verification.
- b. Corrections Division – Written report provided. Undersheriff Martin reported that they held a mock jail evacuation, and it went well. There jail passed the Federal inspection with high marks. Finally, the jail is looking at acquiring tablets for inmates to help pursue reintegration courses. They would be paid for out of the commissary fund.
- c. Records Division – Written report provided.

## **Old Business** - None

## **New Business**

### *Approval of Resolution Supporting Extending Metra Commuter Rail Service to Kendall County as High Priority in Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning ON TO 2050 Plan*

The Committee discussed the option of having Metra rail extended into Kendall County. Members in favor of the initiative stated increased economic opportunities as well as citing a current grant for the study to determine viability. Members not in favor cited the possibility of joining the RTA and the increased taxation forthwith as well as stating the study would continue whether or not this resolution was passed.

Member Hendrix made the motion to approve and send to the County Board; Member Giles seconded. Chair Prochaska called for a roll call. Giles –yes, Gilmour – no, Hendrix – Yes, Purcell – no, Prochaska – yes. **Motion passed 3-2.**

### *Resolution Honoring Terry F. Peshia*

Chair Prochaska stated that just for discussion purposes he included a resolution honoring the late Terry F. Peshia. He was once a board member and was a long time pillar of the community. The Chair asked if there no objections he would ask County Board Chairman Gryder to include on the August 21 meeting. There was none.

## **Legislative Update** – No report

## **Public Comment** - None

## **Items for August 21, 2018 County Board meeting agenda**

### *Approval of Resolution Supporting Extending Metra Commuter Rail Service to Kendall County as High Priority in Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning ON TO 2050 Plan*

## **Executive Session** – Not needed

**Adjournment** – Member Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Giles.

**With all in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrez Beltran  
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