

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Thursday, July 13, 2017

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The meeting was called to order by County Board Chair Scott Gryder at 4:06p.m., who led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL

| Attendee | Status | Arrived | Left Meeting |
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| Scott Gryder | Present | | |
| Lynn Cullick | ABSENT | | |
| Bob Davidson | Yes | | |
| Elizabeth Flowers | ABSENT | | |
| Tony Giles | Here | | 4:48p.m. |
| Judy Gilmour | Here | | |
| Audra Hendrix | Here | | |
| Matt Kellogg | Yes | | |
| Matthew Prochaska | Here | | |
| John Purcell | | 4:12p.m. | |

Others present: Latreese Caldwell, ASA Anne Knight, State’s Attorney Eric Weis

OLD BUSINESS

From Facilities Committee:

- *Approval of Part 1 of the Healy, Bender & Associates, Inc. Architectural Services Proposal in an amount not to exceed \$22,500 and Part 4 in an amount not to exceed \$8,500 – Member Davidson said that Part 4 would be nice, but that his recommendation is to proceed with Part 1 of the proposal immediately.*

Discussion on the feasibility of spending the funds for a study, proceeding with Part 4 of the proposal, the financial state of the County for FY18, other cost effective options and solutions, the demolition of the former funeral home, and prioritizing security and storage needs for the County Office Building. Mr. Davidson asked that the agenda item be changed to: *Approval of Part 1 of the Healy, Bender & Associates, Inc. Architectural Services Proposal in an amount not to exceed \$22,500*

From Admin HR Committee:

Committee Vice Chair Judy Gilmour reported that the committee has reviewed both job descriptions and made changes as necessary. The Administrative Organization Chart was updated to reflect the changes in the Administrative Services Office.

- *Approval of the County Administrator Job Description*
- *Approval to Post the County Administrator Position Opening*
- *Approval of the Deputy County Administrator Job Description*

- *Approval of the Administration Office Organization Chart*

From Boards & Commissions Review Ad Hoc Committee:

- *Approval to Abolish Farmland Protection Commission* – Member Giles informed the committee that after the first meeting, there was consensus by the committee to abolish this committee that wasn't meeting, has no funding, and no active farm participants. Member Prochaska reported that he spoke with the Farm Bureau manager, Dan Reedy, who has no objection to the commission being abolished. State's Attorney Eric Weis informed the committee that a Public Hearing would need to be held to abolish the commission or rescind the ordinance. The State's Attorney's Office will provide the correct verbiage for the Public Hearing agenda.

NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA – None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Gryder informed the committee about the following:

1. Highway Engineer Klaas provided an update on the Millington Bridge situation, and it appears that it will be March 9, 2018 before we will have a letting, so it will be the end of 2018 before the bridge can be built because LaSalle County is using federal funding for their portion of the bridge which requires additional timeframe.
2. Mr. Gryder stated that there was a lengthy discussion on Hideaway Lakes, and that the Law, Justice and Legislation Committee sent a letter to the PBZ Committee requesting that the committee review the Special Use Permit, and there was a meeting on Monday evening with the owner of the facility. Hideaway Lakes has complied with two-thirds of the open violations, and the Health Department plans to re-visit the facility on July 27, 2017, and the PBZ Committee will discuss these findings at their next meeting. Member Davidson stated that the PBZ staff are also planning to revisit the site to evaluate building violations. Mr. Davidson stated that the biggest concerns are the restrictions of the Fire Protection District in entering the property, and locating people without proper signage. Member Hendrix asked if the committee could have an official tour of the property. Mr. Gryder stated they will look into that and report back.
3. Mr. Gryder attended the Northwest Water Planning Alliance meeting on Thursday, with a presentation on Illinois Groundwater Flow Model: New Application Insights for Northern Illinois by Dr. Daniel Abrams, with the Illinois State Water Survey. One of the primary focuses Dr. Abrams had was on southern Kendall County and Joliet area, where he indicated that currently there are 16 million gallons of water a day from Joliet, and if they dig another well further west, there is a good chance that it will drain the water in southern Kendall County down to the Arrington Galesville service which basically means that anyone with a

well down there will have to dig an additional 1,000 feet further at a tremendous cost, and also require more of a pump to bring water back to the surface. Mr. Gryder stated that we need to have a serious discussion with Kendall, Will, and Joliet (our region) because we are now in a grave situation. We now have a monitoring well on Townhouse Road south of Newark that was installed by the State in 2015, and in the last year or so, there haven't been any noticeable changes, and there also hasn't been any tremendous building at this point either. Mr. Gryder stated this is an issue that we need to continue to monitor. One suggestion was to have a well-injection to put water back down there, and there is discussion on the best way to proceed with that corrective procedure, and the need for capital investment.

From the Highway Committee: Member Kellogg informed the committee about the proposed Resolution authorizing the use of Eminent Domain to acquire certain parcels of land for roadway purposes along Grove Road from Sherrill Road to U. S. Route 52. Mr. Kellogg stated this would be an authorization to use this resolution during negotiations to provide an option to citizens to settle. A number of parcels have not replied, and others have replied and have a settlement, but refuse to take the final step for payment. There are 30 parcels that have never gone to Eminent Domain, but if they don't reach an agreement, and Eminent Domain is the final option, those would come back to the Board. State's Attorney Eric Weis stated that before any case is filed, they would come before the County Board.

REVIEW BOARD ACTION ITEMS – Chairman Gryder asked the committee to review the agenda for any updates or changes.

1. Add Public Hearing to Abolish Farmland Protection District
2. Remove A, 1 – Update on Hideaway Lakes
3. Add under E, Facilities Management – Approval of Part 1 of the Healy, Bender & Associates, Inc. Architectural Services Proposal in an amount not to exceed \$22,500.
4. Under 14 – add 708 Mental Health Board Report
5. Under 14 – remove KenCom Executive Board report
6. Under 16 – add Jennifer Hughes, Appointment to the Stormwater Planning Committee as the Oswego Representative

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Member Prochaska made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed, second by Member Kellogg.

Roll Call: Member Hendrix - here, Member Purcell - yes, Member Giles – yes, Member Gilmour - yes, Member Gryder - yes, Member Davidson - yes, Member Prochaska - yes, Member Kellogg – yes.

With all present voting aye, the committee entered into

Executive Session at 4:38p.m. and the committee reconvened into Open Session at 4:49p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Member Hendrix moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50p.m., Member Purcell seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Valarie McClain, Recording Secretary