

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 4:30p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chair John A. Shaw at 4:30p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Judy Gilmour - here, Dan Koukol - here, Matthew Prochaska - here, Bob Davidson - yes, John A. Shaw - here, Elizabeth Flowers – present. With six members present, a quorum was established to conduct business.

Member Purcell entered the meeting at 4:35p.m.

Member Gryder entered the meeting at 4:51p.m.

Board Members Absent: Lynn Cullick, Jeff Wehrli

Elected Officials Present: Sheriff Dwight Baird, Judge Timothy McCann, Eric Weis

Other County Employees present: Leslie Johnson, Scott Koepfel, Deputy Commander Joe Gillespie, Undersheriff Harold Martin, Renetta Michelson, Jim Smiley, Jeff Wilkins

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- ❖ *Discuss Final Scope and Project Budget for Security Upgrades for the Courthouse and Public Safety Center* – Member Davidson reported that Facilities Management, Sheriff’s Office and Technology staff have worked closely with Dewberry regarding the design services for the Public Safety Center and Courthouse Security system. Mike Moreland, Project Manager and Craig Clary, Project Designer from Dewberry provided an overview of the system project, the existing equipment, the newer technology and cable management projected, the integration of the system and connection between the Courthouse and the Public Safety system, the control system layouts and locations, and the projected timeline for project completion.

Judge Timothy McCann and Sheriff Dwight Baird conveyed their support of the project and stressed the need to have a new system installed for better information collaboration and security in both buildings.

Sheriff Baird stated that this is a needed item, not a wanted item, and complimented his staff on keeping the current 25-year old system operational. Sheriff Baird commended the Board on being prepared for the new system and already setting aside funding for the expenditure.

Judge McCann informed the committee of some of the positive effects of the new system, including video visitation, which means that there will be less visitors physically coming for visitation at the jail, less time screening the visitors and inmates following physical visitation, pre-trial service officers will have the ability to meet with inmates prior to bond call from their desks by computer instead of going to the jail, attorneys will be able to conduct visitation by computer with inmates rather than visit them in the jail. This new system and the video abilities will also allow communication between the jail and the courthouse, and with other jails and possibly the federal corrections system.

After discussion about the project recommendations, budget, timeline, 10% contingency, overhead and profit, alternate bids, how the project will be completed with the least amount of interruption to daily jail operation, the placement of the cameras and how the new cameras efficiency and accuracy will allow for better monitoring of the courthouse and public safety system, and increase the security of both buildings, and the 100% projected project cost, Chairman Shaw asked for a roll call consensus to forward this item to the County Board.

Roll Call: Member Davidson – yes, Member Flowers – yes, Member Gilmour – yes, Member Koukol – yes, Member Purcell – yes, Member Gryder – yes, Member Shaw – yes, Member Prochaska – yes. **There was consensus by the committee that the item should be voted on at the Special County Board meeting on June 2, 2016.**

- ❖ *Approval of Resolution to establish the compensation, mileage reimbursement and health benefits for County Board members elected to a term beginning December 1, 2016 and ending November 30, 2020* – Chairman Shaw asked the clerk to read an email regarding this issue from Board Member Jeff Wehrli, who was not in attendance. Discussion followed on proposed changes outlined in the resolution, the current per diem system, and the concerns of the Treasurer about submission of vouchers in a timely and efficient manner.

Chairman Shaw conducted a voice vote of consensus to forward the proposed resolution to the County Board.

Roll Call:

Member Purcell – is fine with staying with the per diem system or going to the proposed salary system.

Member Davidson – would prefer to remain on the current per diem system.

Member Flowers would like to stay on the current per diem system.

Member Gilmour said she feels that the per diem method is more fair because it pays people for the meetings they attend, and that it makes sense to pay all ten board members the same (a bifurcated system), she said that going to the salary system will cost the taxpayers additional money.

Member Koukol said that although going to the salary proposal would make things easier for those in the Treasurer's office, he said that there needs to be more value placed on what is expected of, demanded of and done by those serving as Board members. He hopes that this board and the next board will continue this discussion in the future.

Member Gryder said that there were a lot of excellent points made all around, but he feels that meetings could be consolidated, but he would like to have further clarification before making any decisions, he is definitely opposed to any health benefits for County Board members. Member Gryder said that he would support keeping the status quo at this time, but the Board needs to continue having this discussion. Member Gryder would not support the resolution at this time.

Member Prochaska agreed with Member Koukol about the timeliness of this discussion, and agreed that with a flat salary system, committees could be consolidated, and that he agreed with Member Wehrli's statement that there should be an adjustment for members not attending a set percent of county meetings.

There was not consensus by the committee to consider the resolution at the County board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Todd Milliron, Yorkville said that the 180-day timeline only applies to the compensation of county board members, and that the other issues mentioned in the resolution, and any items in the Board Rules of Order could be discussed and changed later.

Lee Hoffer, Oswego said that he feels the board deserves compensation that will bring in good, qualified people to the board. Mr. Hoffer said that the per diem system has been used successfully by practically every government organization throughout the United States. Mr. Hoffer also said that Board members that don't attend meetings should not be compensated.

Mr. Hoffer said that the proposed salary system would not work for the county, and that the taxpayers will get the best use of their dollars spent by using the per diem system.

Mr. Hoffer also said that the Treasurer's office personnel are paid to take care of the documents, and that if someone doesn't submit a voucher properly that the Treasurer shouldn't pay them.

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA - None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - None

REVIEW BOARD ACTION ITEMS

- *Discuss Final Scope and Project Budget for Security Upgrades for the Courthouse and Public Safety Center*
- *Approval of Resolution to establish the compensation, mileage reimbursement and health benefits for County Board members elected to a term beginning December 1, 2016 and ending November 30, 2020*

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not Needed

ADJOURNMENT – Member Davidson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:44p.m., Member Gryder seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary