

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Law, Justice and Legislation Committee
Monday, January 13, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance - Chair Tony Giles called the meeting to order at 3:20p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Committee Member	Status	Arrived at Meeting	Left Meeting
Tony Giles	Here		
Judy Gilmour	Here		
Audra Hendrix	Here		
Matthew Prochaska	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		

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

Others Present: Sheriff Baird, Public Defender Vicki Chuffo, Court Services Director Alice Elliott, EMA Director Joe Gillespie, Assistant State’s Attorney Leslie Johnson, County Administrator Scott Koeppel, Commander Jason Langston, Chief Deputy Mike Peters, Chief Judge Robert Pilmer, Coroner Jacquie Purcell, Commander Bobby Richardson, Facilities Director Jim Smiley.

Approval of the Agenda –Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Gilmour. **With five members present voting aye, agenda was approved.**

Approval of Minutes – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the November 20, 2020 meeting minutes, second by Member Prochaska. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

Public Comment - None

Status Reports

Coroner – Coroner Purcell noted that there were 25 deaths in December and 1suicide. **Written report provided.**

EMA – **Written report provided.** Emergency testing continues.

Public Defender – Public Defender Chuffo reported that there are 2 new Assistants. There are several trials set for February. Member Prochaska asked about Bench Trials. Ms. Chuffo responded that on average her staff does 2-4 Bench Trails a week with Felony Trials running on average at about 6 each a year. **Written report provided.**

Court Services – Written report provided. Director Elliott noted that a new probation officer had started and there is a vacancy for a support assistant. Director Elliot also had a correction to her report.

Sheriff's Report

- a. Operations Division – Written report provided. Commander Richardson noted that the domestic violence team went live. This should hopefully help with the back log. Member Hendrix asked what the plan was to start reducing the waiting lists. Sheriff Baird indicated that the team is just getting started they are working on a warm handoff instead of a cold handoff and more attention. This will take time.

Commander Richardson also reported that they are starting to track cannabis. Three people went to FBI LIDA training.

Commander Langston reported that they are in the process of doing both public and staff surveys. The public survey is still open there have been 50 responses to date with 84% positive response. Some of the comments that are used is knowledgeable, professional and caring. Chair Giles was happy to hear such positive comments. In terms of the staff surveys there was a 75% response rate. Most comments have been positive there are some areas that can be improved upon like communication.

- b. Corrections Division – Written report provided. Deputy Chief Peters is working on the High School Equivalency Program and it is going well. There will also be a IRIS Scanner demonstration on January 21st, at 11:30am. Member Prochaska asked about number of inmates from other jurisdictions. Deputy Chief Peters said numbers are should increase.

Old Business – None

New Business –

- *Discussion and Approval of ISACo Legislative Proposal List* - Member Prochaska reviewed the list of 14 2020 Legislative Proposals that ISACo Board of Directors has identified as important for its membership.
- *Discussion and Approval of ISACo Recommended Legislative Resolutions* – Member Prochaska reviewed ISACOs proposed Resolutions as follows with member approvals.

2019-01 Resolution Urging the General Assembly and Governor to Honor State Shared Partnership Revenue – Motion Member Prochaska, second Member Hendrix with all members voting aye the motion carried.

2019-02 Resolution in Support of Expanding the Ability of Counties to Pursue and Perfect Self Governance – Motion Member Prochaska, second Member Hendrix with all members voting aye the motion carried.

2019-03 Resolution Urging the General Assembly and Governor to Repeal the Administrative Fee on Local Sales Tax Collections - Motion Member Prochaska, second Member Hendrix with all members voting aye the motion carried.

2019-04 Resolution Urging the General Assembly and Governor to Enact Automatic Appropriation Authority for All State-Collected Local Funds- Motion Member Prochaska, second Member Hendrix with all members voting aye the motion carried.

2019-05 Resolution Urging the General Assembly and Governor to Establish Transportation Funding Fairness. Motion Member Prochaska, second Member Hendrix with all member voting aye the motion carried.

2019-06 Resolution in Support of Pursuing a Full and Accurate Count of Population During the 2020 Decennial Census. Motion Member Prochaska, second by Member Vickers with all members voting aye the motion carried.

2019-07 Resolution Urging the Illinois Congressional Delegation to Support an Extension of Federal Medicaid Payments to Detainees Awaiting Trial in County Jail. Member Hendrix, second by Member Vickers with all members voting aye the motion carried.

2019-08 Resolution Urging the Illinois Congressional Delegation to Support Rural Broadband Deployment. Member Hendrix, second by Member Vickers with all members voting aye the motion carried.

2019-09 Resolution Urging the Illinois Congressional Delegation to Preserve Local Zoning Authority in Deployment of Next Generation Telecommunications. Member Hendrix, second by Member Prochaska with all members voting aye the motion carried.

2019-10 Resolution Urging the Illinois Congressional Delegation to Support County Priorities in Any New Federal Infrastructure Package or Surface Transportation Reauthorization. Member Prochaska made a motion, second by Member Hendrix with all members voting aye the motion carried.

Chairman's Report/Comments – Chair Giles reminded the Committee that starting in February for four months the meeting will be in the law library. He also asked members to think about meetings, that if there is no Business and only Reports the meeting can be canceled and the Reports done over email or posted to the website.

Public Comment - None

Legislative Update –None

Executive Session – Not needed

Adjournment – Member Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Vickers. **With five members in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 3:52p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mera Johnson
Risk Management and Compliance Coordinator