

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**JUDICIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, February 1, 2017**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Committee Chair Matthew Prochaska called the Judicial Legislative Committee meeting to order at 3:00p.m.

**Roll Call**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Matthew Prochaska	Present	
Tony Giles	<b>Absent</b>	
Judy Gilmour	Present	
Audra Hendrix	Present	
John Purcell	Present	

**With four members present, a quorum was established to conduct committee business.**

Others Present: Sheriff Dwight Baird, Judge Tim McCann, Judge Robert Pilmer, Nicole Swiss, Courtney Transier, Tina Varney, Eric Weis, Jeff Wilkins

**Approval of Agenda** – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Purcell. **With all present in agreement, the motion carried.**

**Status Reports**

**Circuit Clerk** – Written report submitted

**Courthouse** – Judge McCann read a thank you letter from the family of Judge Cadwell in appreciation for the resolution honoring his service to Kendall County prior to his recent death.

Judge McCann reported that the Courthouse normally holds an appreciation ceremony for the Courthouse Volunteers in May. Judge McCann and Eric Weis would like to include the appreciation ceremony in conjunction with the May Judicial Committee meeting. The committee agreed, and will invite the full Board to participate. A small reception will follow the ceremony.

Eric Weis informed the committee of the death of long-time volunteer Ed Thompson, who volunteered at the Courthouse for the last 10 years. Mr. Weis also briefed the committee on the hours worked, the loyalty and dedication of the volunteers, and the asset that they are to the citizens, elected officials and personnel in the Courthouse.

Judge McCann also briefed the committee on continued roof issues in the older part of the Courthouse, and said they have had leaks in the Probation area and one of the courtrooms. Tina Varney said that they have had three major leaks in the recent past. Judge McCann continues to discuss the issues with Jim Smiley, and hopes that facilities will find a permanent fix to the issue soon.

Judge McCann also reported that by Congressman Hultgren's office who would like permission to use the Jury Assembly room to hold a Town Hall/Informational meeting next Friday, February 10, 2017.

**Court Security** – No report

**Court Services/Probation** –Tina Varney said they have scheduled a leadership training for state probation leaders throughout the State of Illinois in June 2017. Ms. Varney stated that many have already responded that they will attend.

Ms. Varney provided the monthly Juvenile Detention Costs, and Board and Care reports.

Ms. Varney said they are currently supervising 24 people on their GPS monitoring program, which is an increase from previous months.

**Public Defender** – Monthly report provided by Courtney Transier who said their caseloads continue to increase.

**State's Attorney** – Mr. Weis stated they have confirmation for the Open Meetings Act training on May 18, 2017 at 6:00p.m. by the Attorney General's Office. Invitations are forthcoming.

Mr. Weis reported the Drug Court is up and running, and that several candidates are currently going through the process for acceptance into the program.

Mr. Weis said that the Juvenile Justice Council is hosting a free Cyber-Smart Parent Presentation at Traughber Junior High School in Oswego on February 21 from 6:30-8:30p.m. Internet Crimes and Safety expert Detective Rich Wistocki of the Naperville Police Department will present topics including texting, sexting and cyberbullying, and learning how to keep children safe online and on their cellphones.

### **Legislative Report and Update**

- *Federal Legislative Priorities* – Member Prochaska stated that Chairman Gryder and Congressman Hultgren's office have requested that the Judicial Legislative Committee compile a list of federal legislative priorities for the County that will be given to the Congressman. The committee will go through the requests from the department heads and elected officials, and prioritize them. All requests and suggestions should be given to Member Prochaska for further discussion at future meetings.

Suggestion from Member Purcell – EPA Restrictions on Storm Water Run-off (Grove Road Bridge)

Suggestion from Member Hendrix – Funding to update Technology Infrastructure that serves County residents (fiber optic and Wi-Fi that could be resold)

- *State Legislation* – Member Prochaska reviewed the five bills that he is currently following:
  - SB 3 - Local Government Consolidation
  - SB 13 - P-TELL Freeze
  - HB290 - Internal Internet posting for local Government
  - HB442 - Posting of Public Records Online
  - HB678 - Juvenile Court Hearing within 24 hours

Tina Varney said that the State Probation Association is supporting the 48-hour Juvenile Court Hearing rule to align with federal requirements and adult pre-trial standards. Judge McCann stated that holding Juvenile Court within 24-hours would be costly to the County because of the labor requirements and overtime pay that would be needed to conduct the hearings, and the opening of the Courthouse on weekends or holidays.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business**

- *Recommend Board Rules of Order Change and Merger of Public Safety and Judicial Legislative Committees* – Member Hendrix made a motion to forward the item to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion, second by Member Gilmour. **The motion carried by a voice vote.**
- *Determine 2017 Regular Meeting Schedule* – No action taken on this item

**Items for COW**

- *Recommend Board Rules of Order Change and Merger of Public Safety and Judicial Legislative Committees*

**Actions Items for County Board** - None

**Public Comments** - None

**Executive Session** – Not needed

**Adjournment** – Member Hendrix made the motion, second by Member Purcell to adjourn the Judicial Legislative Committee at 3:47p.m. **With all in agreement, the meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain, Recording Clerk