

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Law, Justice and Legislation Committee
Monday, May 8, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance - Chair Matthew Prochaska called the meeting to order at 3:16p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Member Gilmour, Member Prochaska, Member Hendrix and Member Purcell were present.
With four members present voting aye, a quorum was determined to conduct business.

Committee Members Absent: Tony Giles

Others Present: Sheriff Dwight Baird, Public Defender Vicky Chuffo, EMA Director Joe Gillespie, Undersheriff Harold Martin, Judge Timothy McCann, Commander Mike Peters, Coroner Jacquie Purcell, Facilities Director Jim Smiley, Court Services Director Tina Varney, State's Attorney Eric Weis

Approval of the Agenda – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Gilmour. **With four members present in agreement with the amendment, the motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the April 10, 2017 Law, Justice and Legislation Committee Meeting Minutes, second by Member Purcell. **With four members present in agreement, the motion carried.**

Public Comment – None

- ❖ **Coroner** – Jacquie Purcell reported 22 total deaths for the month of April, with 21 due to natural causes and 1 classified as other. Written report submitted.
- ❖ **Circuit Clerk** – Ms. Ingemunson stated that their numbers continue to decrease, but are on track with last year. Written report submitted.
- ❖ **Courthouse** – Judge Timothy McCann introduced Michelle DelMuro, the Drug Court Coordinator. Judge McCann also invited the committee to the Kendall County Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Memorial for a brief National Police Week memorial service honoring fallen officers on Wednesday, May 17th at 11:30a.m. at the memorial near the front entrance.
- ❖ **Court Services** – Written report provided. Ms. Varney informed the committee that Kendall County will be hosting the Probation Leadership Workshop on June 5 & 6, 2017 at the Courthouse, and said that a National Leader will be the primary presenter for the two-day event.

- ❖ **EMA** – Director Joe Gillespie reported the County received very positive reviews from FEMA and Homeland Security following the recent Dresden Drill.

Deputy Commander Gillespie said there were representatives from the Coroner’s Office, the Highway Department, the Sheriff’s Office, the Health Department and the County Board in attendance during the drill.

- ❖ **KenCom** – Report not provided

- ❖ **Public Defender** – Vicky Chuffo provided a written report and stated that their caseloads continue to increase in every area.

- ❖ **State’s Attorney** – Eric Weis reminded the committee about the Open Meetings Act training being held on May 18, 2017 at 6:00p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room.

- ❖ **Sheriff’s Report**

- a. Operations Division – Written report provided. Commander Peters was pleased to report that the Bike Deputies began patrolling again recently, and that the Sheriff’s Office has received positive feedback and reviews about the patrol from County citizens. The bike patrols are predominantly in the Boulder Hill area.

- b. Corrections Division – Written report provided. Undersheriff Martin stated there are currently 88 inmates, 82 from outside of the County, 10 federal inmates and 60 in County inmates.

Undersheriff Martin also reported that the Sex Offender Registration program is going well, with Deputy Thompson, the Deputy in Charge, conducting constant offender checks and obtaining ongoing training.

- c. Records Division – Written report provided

Old Business - None

New Business

- *Approval of Amendment to Drug Court Agreement* – Michelle DelMuro, Drug Court Coordinator briefed the committee on the reasoning for the amendment to the current agreement. Judge McCann said the funding for this program comes directly from the State of Illinois. Motion made by Member Gilmour, second by Member Hendrix to forward the item to the County Board for Approval. **With four members in agreement, the motion carried.**
- *Court Security Fee Update* – Sheriff Baird stated that Court Security fees have not been updated or increased in 10 years. Sheriff Baird said that current fees being charged are substantially lower than fees charged by surrounding Counties. Member Hendrix noted

that there is a \$600,000 deficit between revenues, fees and expenses. Member Prochaska asked the committee to review the documents, and the item will be discussed further at the June meeting to determine if there should be an increase in fees, and if the item should then be forwarded to the County Board for approval.

Executive Session – Not needed

Public Comment – None

Items for Committee of the Whole - None

Action Items for County Board

- *Approval of Amendment to Drug Court Agreement*

Adjournment – Member Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Gilmour.
With all in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 4:06p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Recording Secretary