

COUNTY OF KENDALL ILLINOIS
JUDICIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Courthouse Jury Assembly Room
807 W. John Street, Yorkville IL
Wednesday, May 25, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Judicial Legislative Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Matthew Prochaska at 3:01p.m.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Judy Gilmour - here, Dan Koukol - present, Bob Davidson - yes, Matthew Prochaska – here

Committee Members Absent: John Purcell (excused absence)

Others Present: Aaron Burdick, Vicky Chuffo, Judge Tim McCann, Tina Varney, Eric Weis, Jeff Wilkins

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

Approval of Minutes – Member Davidson made a motion to approve the March 23, 2016 minutes, second by Member Prochaska. **Minutes approved with all in agreement.**

Status Reports

Circuit Clerk – No report

Courthouse – Judge McCann reported that Civil Process has been moved into their new office across from the Jury Assembly room.

Judge McCann also reported that the mural work has begun with Facilities Management preparing the wall for installation, and the artist has started to paint the actual mural. Judge McCann said the mural will depict important times and locations in the history of Kendall County, and even some hidden “treasures” within.

Judge McCann said the artist, Mr. Euloji Ortega, is local to Kendall County and has incredible talent, and that the Kendall Arts Guild has, with our permission, commissioned the painting of the custom mural to be located directly on the upper wall inside the main courthouse doors.

Judge McCann said that work has also begun on the Law Enforcement Memorial which is being constructed by the Kendall County Association of Chiefs of Police. The memorial will recognize the service of our local law enforcement officers as well as recognize those that have died in the line of duty. Judge McCann said there was great attendance at the ground-breaking ceremony last week.

Judge McCann also said that both projects are being privately funded, and that no taxpayer's funds are being used for either project. Aside from some assistance by Facilities Management staff, the remainder of the materials and labor are being paid for through donations raised by the organizations.

Sheriff's Office/Court Security – No report

Court Services/Probation – Tina Varney briefly reviewed the monthly report. She also made note that there is a court order for placement of one minor, and Court Services is awaiting notification of bed availability. This placement will be in excess of \$300 per day, for approximately one year.

Public Defender – Vicki Chuffo said they continue with a normal case load, and they remain busy as usual.

State's Attorney – No report

Legislative Report and Update

- *Review 2016 Legislative Program for Cook and Collar Counties* – Jeff Wilkins provided the status of several bills, and reviewed the PTELL Mandate, other mandates, including SB2227 on Unfunded Mandates. Mr. Wilkins also provided updates on other bills including funding for Meals on Wheels, Disposal of unused Medications, and other legislation opposed generally by the Counties.

Old Business – Member Prochaska said that any legislation regarding the reduction of Juror Fees has stalled out pending the Illinois Supreme Court case. The UCCI submitted an omega brief to the Supreme Court, but the brief was not accepted by the Supreme Court.

New Business

- *Resolution requesting that the Illinois Department of Transportation remove the stop sign at IL-126 and Old Ridge Road* – Motion made by Member Koukol to forward for approval to the County Board the *Resolution requesting that the Illinois Department of Transportation remove the stop sign at IL-126 and Old Ridge Road*, second by Member Gilmour. Member Koukol said that IDOT, according to the original plan was to remove the stop sign, and grind the hill down approximately six inches, but IDOT did not complete the planned work. Member Koukol stated that the Highway Engineer and Chairman Shaw have sent letters to IDOT addressing the situation, with no response, and that any additional assistance from the Judicial Committee would be welcome. **With all members present voting aye, the motion carried.**
- *Resolution Opposing HB5619* – Member Prochaska explained proposed House Bill 5619, and reasoning for the opposition.

Judge McCann said that the larger issue would be the additional cost in opening the building on the weekend, and the additional costs of Sheriff's Deputies, Court Services,

Public Defender, Circuit Clerk, State's Attorney and Judicial personnel providing these services. Judge McCann said the issue would be what provisions these offices have for overtime, staff availability, and compensatory time.

Member Davidson made a motion to forward the *Resolution Opposing HB5619* to the County Board for approval, with the proposed changes to the 2nd paragraph, second by Member Gilmour. **With all in agreement, the motion carried.**

- *Resolution Opposing SB386* – Member Prochaska reported on the proposed bill and the opposition reasoning. Member Davidson made a motion to forward to the County Board for approval the *Resolution Opposing SB386*, second by Member Gilmour. **With all in agreement, the motion carried.**
- *Local Debt Recovery Program Intergovernmental Agreement* – Member Prochaska briefly reviewed the agreement with the committee. Member Davidson made a motion to forward the *Local Debt Recovery Program Intergovernmental Agreement* to the Finance Committee for approval, second by Member Koukol. **With all in agreement, the motion carried.**
- *UCCI Statewide Salary & Fringe Benefits Report* – Member Prochaska briefly informed the committee about the report that was distributed at the recent UCCI meeting in Springfield. Member Prochaska distributed a copy to each Board member earlier in the week. Administrative Services will obtain copies for Judge McCann, Tina Varney and Leslie Johnson.

Items for COW – None

Actions Items for County Board

- *Resolution requesting that the Illinois Department of Transportation remove the stop sign at IL-126 and Old Ridge Road*
- *Resolution Opposing HB5619 (Juvenile Court Hearing)*
- *Resolution Opposing SB386 (Board of Health Authority)*

Public Comments - None

Executive Session – None Needed

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant/Recording Clerk