

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
JUDICIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 - 3:00 p.m.

Kendall County Courthouse

Jury Assembly Room

807 West John Street; Yorkville, IL 60560



AGENDA

- 1. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum:** Judy Gilmour, Dan Koukol, Matthew Prochaska, John Purcell, Bob Davidson
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of August 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Status Reports**
 - ❖ Circuit Clerk
 - ❖ Courthouse
 - ❖ Court Services
 - ❖ Public Defender
 - ❖ Sheriff's Office/Court Security
 - ❖ State's Attorney
- 5. Legislative Report and Update**
- 6. Old Business**
- 7. New Business**
 - *Discussion on the Task Force Policy Recommendations and Legislative Bills Introduced*
 - *Approval of the Resolution Honoring Bradley Stephen Barrett*
- 8. Action Items for County Board**
- 9. Public Comment**
- 10. Executive Session**
- 11. Adjournment**

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JUDICIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Courthouse Jury Assembly Room
807 W. John Street, Yorkville IL**

**Wednesday, August 24, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

The Judicial Legislative Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Matthew Prochaska at 3:00p.m.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Dan Koukol - here, John Purcell – present, Matthew Prochaska – here, Judy Gilmour - here. **With four members present, a quorum was established to conduct committee business.**

Committee Members Absent: Bob Davidson

Others Present: Sheriff Dwight Baird, Vicky Chuffo, Judge Tim McCann, Commander Mike Peters, Judge Robert Pilmer, Eric Weis

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

Approval of Minutes – Member Prochaska made a motion to approve the July 27, 2016 minutes with the correction of the name of the representative for the Public Defender’s Office, second by Member Koukol. **Minutes approved with correction, with all members in agreement.**

Status Reports

Circuit Clerk – No report

Courthouse – Judge McCann provided an update on the mural work, and stated that the artist would like to have a formal unveiling. Judge McCann has scheduled the unveiling and reception for October 4, 2016 at 4:30p.m. prior to the County Board meeting.

Judge McCann informed the committee that the U.S. Bankruptcy Court will begin meeting in the Kendall County Jury Assembly room once a week, on October 1, 2016. They will pay Kendall County rent of \$350. The Bankruptcy Court will serve citizens from Kendall, Grundy, Kane, LaSalle and Will counties.

Judge McCann also reported the passing of former Kendall County Judge Leonard Wojtecki on August 13, 2016. Judge McCann said that Judge Wojtecki worked as a Defense Attorney, Public Defender and judge, and was with Kendall County for many years. A celebration of life gathering is planned by the family on August 31, 2016 at Riverside Receptions in Geneva, Illinois from 4:30-8:30p.m.

Sheriff's Office/Court Security – Sheriff Baird introduced Commander Mike Peters to the committee, and said that Commander Peters is now in charge of the Court Security Deputies.

Court Services/Probation – Written report provided

Public Defender – Ms. Chuffo distributed her monthly report and said that there has been an increase in juvenile delinquent cases, and their case load remains high.

State's Attorney – No report

Legislative Report and Update – No report

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Items for COW – None

Actions Items for County Board

- *Approval of corrected July 27, 2016 committee meeting minutes*

Public Comments - None

Executive Session – None

Adjournment – A motion was made by Member Koukol, second by Member Gilmour to adjourn the Judicial Legislative Committee at 3:24p.m. **With all in agreement, the meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant/Recording Clerk



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
EVELYN SANGUINETTI – LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Local Government Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates Task Force

**Task Force Policy Recommendations and
Legislative Bills Introduced**

The Local Government Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates Task Force was created by Executive Order 15-15 issued by Governor Bruce Rauner on February 14, 2015. The purpose of this task force was not only to document problems relating to consolidation and unfunded mandates on local governments, but also to propose government reform recommendations to the Governor and the Illinois General Assembly. In 16 meetings the Task Force voted to endorse the following 27 recommendations.

In 2016, the Lt. Governor's office has worked with legislators from both parties to introduce 8 consolidation related bills (4 House, 4 Senate), and 13 unfunded mandate related bills (7 House, 6 Senate).

A short summary of each recommendation is provided in the following pages of this document. The entire text of each recommendation, as approved by the Task Force, is in the Proposals and Recommendations section of the 406 page Task Force report available on the Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti's website. www.illinois.gov/ltg

Local Government Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates Task Force Consolidation Recommendations

1. Enact a 4-year moratorium on creating new local governments. (Considered on June 24, 2015; Proposal Passed: 21-1-0)
 - Enact a four-year moratorium on creating new local governments, unless this new government is a result of the consolidation of two or more existing local governments.¹
2. Empower Illinois citizens to consolidate or dissolve local governments via referendum. (Considered on June 24, 2015; Proposal Passed: 21-1-0)
 - Set a maximum petition signature requirement of 5 percent of votes cast in the last general election to bring forward a referendum relating to the consolidation or dissolution of a local unit of government.
3. Expand DuPage County's pilot consolidation program to all 102 counties. (Considered on June 24, 2015; Proposal Passed: 21-0-1)
 - Extend to all 102 counties in Illinois the authority to dissolve or consolidate government units whose boards are appointed by the county. (Public Act 098-0126)
4. Allow all townships in the state to consolidate with coterminous municipalities via referendum. (Considered on October 19, 2015; Proposal Passed: 14-0-1)
 - Extend to the 19 other coterminous municipalities/townships in Illinois the same authority that was granted to voters in Evanston Township to hold a referendum to consolidate the township into the city of Evanston. (Public Act 98-0127)
5. Remove the limitation capping a township size of 126 square miles. (Considered on October 19, 2015; Proposal Passed: 14-0-1)
 - Remove the 126-square mile cap on townships to allow larger consolidation of two or more townships into one.
6. Allow counties to retain their existing form of government following a successful referendum to dissolve townships into the county. (Considered on October 19, 2015; Proposal Passed: 14-0-1)
 - Current law requires any county that dissolves its townships into the county to change its structure to commission form of government and cap the number of county board members to five. This proposal allows counties to retain their current form of government.
7. Hold taxpayers harmless from township consolidation. (Considered on October 19, 2015; Proposal Passed: 14-0-1)
 - Allow a county board or citizen-initiated township consolidation referendum to peg the year one local tax rate to the lowest rate among consolidating townships.
8. Allow counties with fewer than 15,000 parcels and \$1 billion in Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) to dissolve all of the elected township assessors and multi-township assessment districts into one,

¹ This recommendation was enacted in law as PA 99-0353 and was made effective January 1, 2016

newly-elected county assessor position and office - by majority vote of the county board or via citizen-led referendum. (Considered on October 19, 2015; Proposal Passed: 14-0-1)

- Consolidation of the township assessor position in the aforementioned circumstances would provide standardized services and a reduced occurrence of unequal assessment practices.

9. Protect the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. (Considered on November 19, 2015; Proposal Passed: 15-0-1)

- Encourages local governments to continue to coordinate service offerings through intergovernmental agreements.

10. School District Consolidation: Provide the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) flexibility to incentivize outcomes of school district consolidation. (Considered on November 19, 2015; Proposal Passed: 14-0-2)

- School district consolidation can lead to enhanced academic offerings, K-12 curriculum alignment, and improved administrative efficiencies. Incentivizing these outcomes through ISBE could lead to school district consolidation without the application of a one-size-fits-all consolidation model.

11. Encourage state agencies – when allocating discretionary state and federal funds to local governments – to encourage regional sharing of public equipment, facilities, training, resources, and administrative functions. (Considered on November 19, 2015; Proposal Passed: 16-0-0)

- Local units of government can achieve significant savings through the consolidation and sharing of services, assets, personnel and function. State agencies should be empowered to incentivize good government, intergovernmental cooperation.

12. Allow merger of general township road and bridge districts that maintain less than 25 miles of road. (Considered on November 19, 2015; Proposal Passed: 12-0-4)

- Current law requires township road and bridge districts with less than 5 miles of road to consolidate into the general township. This proposal would allow consolidation at fewer than 25 miles.

Local Government Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates Task Force

Unfunded Mandates Recommendations

1. **Modernize newspaper public notice mandates. (Considered on June 24, 2015; Proposal Passed: 20-0-0)**
 - Expand public notice mandate requirements to allow local units of government the option to post online public notices and other public information.
 - Expand public document retention requirements to allow local units of government the option to store public documents digitally.
 2. **Repeal or reform Prevailing Wage. (Considered on June 24, 2015; Proposal Passed: 14-5-2)**
 - The repeal or reform of prevailing wages would provide units of government and school districts more local control over contracting.
 3. **Provide third-party contracting mandate relief for school districts. (Considered on June 24, 2015; Proposal Passed: 18-1-1)**
 - Allow schools to contract out non-instructional services like those relating to building maintenance, transportation and food preparation, among others, in a more competitive manner.
 4. **Implement physical education mandate relief for school districts. (Considered on June 24, 2015; Proposal Passed: 19-1-0)**
 - Provide local school districts the flexibility to allow physical education exemptions to children for certain academic reasons or to children who are involved in other qualified physical activities.
 5. **Provide driver education mandate relief for school districts. (Considered on June 24, 2015; Proposal Passed: 17-2-1)**
 - Provide local school districts the authority to contract with a qualified commercial driver training school to provide driver education to students.
 6. **Make collective bargaining permissive, instead of mandatory. (Considered on November 19, 2015; Proposal Passed: 15-1-0)**
 - Allow locally-elected municipal boards and councils, counties and school districts the authority to decide whether employment issues should be mandatory or permissive subjects of collective bargaining.
 7. **Eliminate minimum manning from collective bargaining. (Considered on November 19, 2015; Proposal Passed: 14-1-1)**
 - Restore the authority of a municipality and fire protection district to determine staffing needs – thus revoking PA 98-1151.
 8. **PSEBA: Use the federal definition for catastrophic injury. (Considered on November 19, 2015; Proposal Passed: 13-0-2)**
 - Modernize the Public Safety Employee Benefit Act, by adding the federal definition of 'catastrophic injury' to ensure personnel, their spouses, and children receive support when the individual is injured on the job and is unable to secure gainful employment.
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9. Allow arbitrators to use existing financial parameters of local government as a primary consideration during interest arbitration. (Considered on November 19, 2015; Proposal Passed: 13-0-2).
 - Currently only provided to Chicago Public Schools, this proposal requires arbitrators to make existing revenues the primary consideration during interest arbitration.
 10. Require an annual state review of unfunded mandates on local government. (Considered on November 19, 2015; Proposal Passed: 15-0-0)
 - In 1987, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity was required (PA 84-1438) to conduct a one-time review of unfunded mandates. This proposal requires an annual review of unfunded mandates on local governments.
 11. Merge downstate and suburban public safety pension funds into a single pension investment authority, as amended. (Considered on November 19, 2015; Proposal Passed: 15-0-1)
 - With 656 funds, Illinois has more than 16 percent of the nation's 3,992 public pension funds, but only 4 percent of the nation's population. The proposal would merge downstate and suburban public safety pension funds into a single pension investment authority.
 12. Pass a constitutional amendment on unfunded state mandates. (Considered on December 1, 2015; Proposal Passed: 13-2-0)
 - The amendment should require the state to reimburse local governments school districts for increased expenses relating to future state mandates.
 - Future unfunded mandates need to be characterized as "not reimbursable" and must pass each chamber by a three-fourths majority.
 13. Requests the Governor use his amendatory veto power to insert "if economically feasible" language into any legislation authorizing new unfunded mandates on local governments and school districts. (Considered on December 1, 2015; Proposal Passed: 14-1-0)
 - By tying economic feasibility to compliance with unfunded mandates the Governor can end future costly unfunded mandates.
 14. Economic Feasibility Exemption for local units of government, school districts, community colleges and institutions of higher education. (Considered on December 8, 2015; Proposal Passed: 14-0-1)
 - Provides a process for certain government bodies to exempt themselves from compliance with unfunded mandates when they determine it is not economically feasible to do so.
 15. Give control of employee retirement benefit packages back to local governments for new employees. (Considered on December 8, 2015; Proposal Passed: 13-1-1)
 - Provide local governments the authority to provide blended Social Security and 401k plans to new non-public safety employees and blended defined contribution / defined benefit plans for new public safety employees.
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Local Government Consolidation Bills

Citizen Empowerment Act – **DEAD**

[HB 4967](#) – [SB 2464](#)

(Rep. McSweeney & Rep. Demmer) (Sen. Connelly)

HB 4967 - Never assigned to a committee

SB 2464 - Assigned to Local Government but never voted on.

The bill allows Illinois citizens to place a general election consolidation referendum on the ballot to consolidate a unit of local government. Citizens must collect signatures from a minimum number of registered voters equal to 5% of the total votes cast in the last general election. Referendum is approved when a majority of those voting in the election, or three-fifths of those who are voting on the amendment, support the referendum from both the dissolving unit and receiving unit of local government.

In case of successful consolidation referendum, the bill provides for the transfer of all real and personal property, and any other assets, together with all personnel, contractual obligations, and liabilities of the dissolving unit of local government to the receiving unit of local government.

County Consolidation of Local Governments with County Appointed Boards (DuPage County Expansion)

[HB 4501](#)– [SB 2463](#) - **Alive**

(Rep. Yingling) (Sen. Righter)

HB 4501 - Passed House 93-19, Passed Senate Committee 11-0.

SB 2463 - Assigned to Local Government Committee but never voted on.

This bill would expand the Local Government Reduction and Efficiency powers to dissolve some units of local government to all 102 counties in Illinois. Currently, the powers only apply to DuPage County.

Allows county board, by ordinance, to propose the dissolution of a unit of local government located entirely within one county, to which the county board chairman or county executive directly appoints a majority of its governing board, per P.A. 98-126. Excludes fire protection districts with full-time employees and special districts organized under the Water Commission Act of 1985. Dissolution of local government is subject to backdoor referendum.

Township Consolidation: Eliminating Obstacles, Optional Highway & Assessor Consolidation

[HB 4980](#)– [SB 2470](#) – **DEAD**

(Rep. Franks) (Sen. Oberweis)

HB 4980 - Never assigned to a committee.

SB 2470 - Assigned to Local Government but never voted on.

Eliminating Obstacles to Township Consolidation:

- Removes limitation restricting townships to 126 square miles.
- Provides protection against tax hikes from township consolidation.
- Gives counties the choice to retain current form of government when merging townships into county, rather than being forced into commission-form.

Township Assessor Consolidation:

- Allows for the dissolution of the office of Township Assessor and Multi-Township Assessor in counties with less than 15,000 parcels and less than \$1,000,000,000 in equalized assessed valuation. Matches best-practices standards from other states.
- Process may be completed via resolution of county board, resolution of county board for referendum, or by citizen referendum.
- Assessments to be done at the county level post consolidation.

Township Road & Bridge District Consolidation:

- Allows the abolishing of a road district with less than 25 miles of road.
 - by a resolution supported by three-fifths of the board of trustees
 - by a resolution of a majority of the board of trustees to hold a referendum
 - by filing of a citizen petition signed by at least 5% of the votes cast in the township in the last general election, and referendum.
- Road district duties taken over by the Township Supervisor and Board

Township Consolidation Coterminous Expansion (Evanston)

[HB 4968](#) – [SB 2462](#) – **DEAD**

(Rep. Demmer) (Sen. Oberweis)

HB 4968 - Assigned to Counties & Townships Committee but never voted on.

SB 2462 - Assigned to Local Government Committee, then assigned to Subcommittee on Consolidation which never met.

The bill provides that all townships within a coterminous, or substantially coterminous, municipality may be consolidated via a referendum. Referendum may be initiated by a municipality board or petition signed by 10% of registered voters of the township. In case of successful consolidation referendum, the bill provides for the transfer of all rights, powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, obligations and responsibilities of the township to the consolidating municipality.

Power currently only applies to the City of Evanston. With the revision it would apply to all 20 coterminous townships in Illinois.

Local Government Unfunded Mandate Relief Bills

School Mandates Relief: Third-Party Collective Bargaining, Drivers Education, Physical Education.

[HB 6164](#) - [SB 3098](#) - DEAD

(Rep. Sandack) (Sen. Barrickman)

HB 6164 - Assigned to Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee. Lost on 11-11 vote.

SB 3098 - Never advanced out of Assignments.

Third Party Services: This bill would ease restrictions and financial pressures on schools by removing restrictions on the outsourcing of certain services. Removes a provision that requires any third party that submits a bid to perform the non-instructional services to provide a benefits package for the third party's employees who will perform the non-instructional services comparable to the benefits package provided to school board employees who perform those services.

Commercial Driver Training: Following a public hearing, this proposal would permit school districts to utilize commercial driver training schools for driver's education.

Physical Education: This proposal would provide options to schools and students by providing a better definition of physical education requirements and allowing for alternative means to fulfill these requirements. It would allow school districts to expand the current provisions for exemptions on a case by case basis. An important aspect of this proposal recommends requiring a public hearing at the school board level to approve any relaxation of physical education mandates.

Not Economically Feasible Unfunded Mandate Waiver and Annual Mandate Review

[HB 6094](#) - [SB 3182](#) - DEAD

(Rep. Demmer) (Sen. Righter)

HB 6094 -- Never advanced out of Rules Committee.

SB 3182 -- Assigned to Local Government Committee but never voted on.

Mandate Exemptions: Creates the Local Unfunded Mandate Exemption Act to provide that all units of local government, school districts, and public colleges and universities may, by a majority vote of the governing body, exempt themselves from any mandate that is unfunded if it is determined that it is not economically feasible to comply with the unfunded mandate.

- Provides for notice, public hearing, and other requirements in order for a governing body to exempt itself from any mandate.
- Prohibits exemption from federally required mandates, mandates pertaining to health and public safety, mandates pertaining to civil rights, and instructional mandates for school districts.
- Provides for appeal procedures by State agencies affected by exempted mandates.

Annual Review: Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall submit yearly to the Governor and the General Assembly a review and report on mandates remaining in effect at the time of submittal of the report (this report was last conducted in 1987).

Minimum Manning Repeal and PSEBA Catastrophic Injury Definition

[HB 6095](#) - DEAD

(Rep. Demmer)

HB 6095 – Assigned to Labor & Commerce Committee. Lost on 9 – 15 vote.

Manning Repeal: Provides that in the case of fire fighters, fire departments, or fire district paramedics, arbitration decisions concerning conditions of employment do not include manning levels. The proposal gives elected local officials the decision making authority over manning issues so they can allocate their limited resources in the most efficient manner possible.

PSEBA Definition: The bill contains an additional provision providing clear and reasonable standards consistent with the federal definition for what is considered a “catastrophic injury” under the Public Safety Employee Benefit Act (PSEBA).

Financial Consideration Collective Bargaining

HB 6096 - SB 3179 - DEAD

(Rep. Ives) (Sen. Oberweis)

HB 6096 – Assigned to Labor & Commerce Committee but never voted on.

SB 3179 – Assigned to Labor but never voted on.

This bill would require arbitrators to use a local government or school districts actual existing revenues as the primary consideration when making wage and benefit determinations during interest arbitration.

Pension Freedom for New Local Government Employees

HB 6097 - SB 3276 - DEAD

(Rep. Morrison) (Sen. Murphy)

HB 6097 – Never advanced out of rules.

SB 3276 – Assigned to Executive. Assigned to Subcommittee on Special Issues (EX) but was never voted on.

Under this bill, local governments would be able to opt-out of existing pension plans for new employees. Blended pension plans of Social Security and 401(k) for non-public safety employees could be created, while blended defined contribution/defined benefit pension plans could be created for public safety employees. Local governments would be permitted to give employees investment control of 401(k) style contributions, such as a choice of mutual funds, stocks or bonds. Under the proposal these options would not be a mandatory subject of collective bargaining.

The bill would also provide that service credit received under an alternative retirement plan may not be transferred to any other fund and may not be used under the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act.

Public Notice Modernization

HB 6098 - SB 3181 – Alive

(Rep. Demmer) (Sen. Oberweis)

HB 6098 – Passed Executive Committee 11-0. House Floor Amendment #3 adopted by Rules Committee 4-0. Re-referred to Rules Committee

SB 3181 - Passed Local Government Committee 10-1

The bill provides that a school district or unit of local government may publish any notice, agenda, record, or other information or material required by law electronically instead of in a newspaper.

Further provides that any requirement to store or maintain any public record in microfilm or microfiche form shall be satisfied by the school district or unit of local government's maintenance of such public record in digital form.

Provides that the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal webmaster must compile and update notices and digital public records from all school districts and units of local government without websites.

Constitutional Amendment re: unfunded mandates

[HJRCA 35](#) - [SJRCA 26](#) - DEAD

(Leader Durkin) (Sen. Althoff)

HJRCA 35 – Never advanced out of Rules Committee.

SJRCA 26 – Assigned to Executive: Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments but no vote was ever held.

The amendment requires the State to reimburse units of local government for increased expenses resulting from activities mandated by the General Assembly or State executive action. Exempts mandates requested by a local government or predating the effective date.

Makes unfunded mandates unenforceable unless passed by three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly and specifically characterized as non-reimbursable.

Case Statistics

Annual Case Filings in the 23rd Judicial Circuit, Kendall County

		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Adoption	AD	19	21	21	19	14	15	12
Contempt of Court	CC	7	3	7	3	7	3	3
Criminal Felony	CF	405	429	410	408	417	404	346
Chancery	CH	1858	1393	1536	865	580	488	375
Criminal Misdemeanor	CM	1288	1222	1234	1057	1110	1079	879
Conservation Violation	CV	59	31	41	47	36	29	19
Divorce	D	469	466	431	450	401	408	359
Driving under the Influence	DT	253	290	280	246	243	249	182
Eminent Domain	ED	5	34	41	1	6	13	3
Family	F	170	156	123	138	147	111	130
Juvenile	J	4	3	1	7	10	16	8
Juvenile Abuse & Neglect	JA	32	19	16	18	36	22	8
Juvenile Delinquent	JD	316	260	263	256	241	300	189
Law (claims over \$50,000)	L	141	106	88	117	111	107	84
Law Medium (\$10,000-\$50,000)	LM	1154	1127	934	827	798	734	565
Municipal Corporation	MC	2	0	0	0	2	1	0
Miscellaneous Remedy	MR	170	153	197	189	252	265	329
Order of Protection	OP	117	161	161	226	281	308	305
Ordinance Violation	OV	113	91	85	71	31	17	30
Probate	P	104	124	109	120	134	135	116
Small Claims (\$0-\$10,000)	SC	1795	1478	1419	1350	1333	1105	912
Traffic	TR	16894	12306	12116	10952	9869	9202	10004
Tax	TX	59	66	65	75	48	40	47
TOTAL CASES		25434	19939	19578	17442	16017	15051	14905

As of 10/25/16

TO: Legislative/Judicial Committee Members

FROM: Victoria Chuffo, Public Defender; Monthly Report VC

NUMBER OF CASES ASSIGNED TO EACH PUBLIC DEFENDER
AS OF OCTOBER 26, 2016

VICTORIA CHUFFO, Public Defender

- 71 cases / last month 73 cases - Felony cases

COURTNEY TRANSIER, First Asst. Public Defender

- 85 cases / last month 83 cases - Felony cases

MICHAEL MONTGOMERY, Asst. Public Defender

- 230 cases / last month 227 cases - Felony/ Juvenile cases

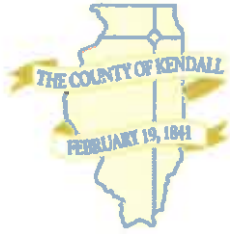
REID SEAGREN, Asst. Public Defender

- 230 cases/ last month 253 cases - Misdemeanor/Traffic cases

CHRISTOPHER WARMBOLD, Asst. Public Defender

- 267 case/ last month 271 cases -
Misdemeanor/Traffic/Juvenile Cases

My office has been appointed a total of 152 new cases between September 27, 2016 and October 26, 2016. The Kendall County Public Defender's Office currently has 883 open cases as of today's date; October 26, 2016. The Public Defender appointments for misdemeanor cases have increased since last month.



COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Resolution Honoring Bradley Stephen Barrett

Resolution _____ - _____

WHEREAS, the members of the County of Kendall, Illinois Board are saddened to mourn the death of Bradley "Steve" Barrett, Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman (NAC) USN (Ret) who passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Steve Barrett was born in Bound Brook, New Jersey on October 26th 1947, the son of Bradley Stephen Barrett Sr. and Joyce (Gaal) Barrett; and

WHEREAS, Steve Barrett and his wife Lyn were united in marriage on November 2, 1968; and

WHEREAS, Steve Barrett enlisted in the U.S. Navy on September 5, 1967, he attended basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center and attended follow-up training as a pharmacy technician; and

WHEREAS, Steve Barrett although trained as a pharmacy tech, he ended up being attached to the Marines in Vietnam where he served as a corpsman flying medical evacuation missions; and

WHEREAS, Steve Barrett on a mission in Vietnam had his helicopter shot down by Viet Cong Guerillas, where several crewmembers were killed, but Steve, along with the other survivors engaged the enemy on the ground until reinforcements arrived, for this action Steve was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for his actions that day in addition to the Air Medal for the vast number of combat aircrew missions in which he participated; and

WHEREAS, Steve Barrett after leaving active duty remained in the Naval Reserves while pursuing a career with Lucent Technologies; and

WHEREAS, Steve Barrett was activated and served during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990-1991; and

WHEREAS, Steve Barrett retired from the Naval Reserves as a Senior Chief Petty Officer in 1999 and retired from Lucent Technologies shortly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Steve Barrett served as Post Commander of the Oswego American Legion Post 675 for many years; and

WHEREAS, Steve Barrett began working for the Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County (VACKC) as a Veterans Service Officer in 2008, and was elected Superintendent of the VACKC in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Steve Barrett was dearly loved by his family and friends, by the community for his continued passion for helping veterans, and for his sense of humor, humility, and accomplishments; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE RESIDENTS OF KENDALL COUNTY AS REPRESENTED BY THE KENDALL COUNTY BOARD, that we mourn the passing of Bradley "Steve" Barrett, Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman (NAC) USN (Ret) and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Administrator create a suitable copy of this resolution to be presented to the family of Bradley "Steve" Barrett, Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman (NAC) USN (Ret) as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Approved on November 1, 2016

Attest: