

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Law, Justice and Legislation Committee
Monday, July 13, 2020
Remote Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance – Chair Tony Giles called the meeting to order 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	Present		

With five members present voting yes, a quorum was formed to conduct business and the meeting began at 3:15p.m.

Others Present: Sheriff Dwight Baird, EMA Director Roger Bonuchi, Public Defender Vicki Chuffo, Court Services Director Alice Elliott, Chief Deputy Coroner Levi Gotte, County Administrator Scott Koepfel, Sheriff’s Office Commander Jason Langston, Drug Court Coordinator Melissa Moore, Sheriff’s Office Manager Tracy Page, and Sheriff’s Office Chief Deputy Mike Peters

Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Vickers.

Roll Call Vote to Approve Agenda

Committee Member	Status
Judy Gilmour	Yes
Audra Hendrix	Yes
Matthew Prochaska	Yes
Robyn Vickers	Yes
Tony Giles	Yes

With five members present voting aye, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the June 8, 2020 meeting minutes, second by Member Vickers.

Roll Call Vote to Approve Minutes

Committee Member	Status
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Audra Hendrix	Aye
Matthew Prochaska	Yes
Robyn Vickers	Yes
Tony Giles	Yes
Judy Gilmour	Yes

With five members present voting aye, the motion carried.

Public Comment - None

Status Reports

Coroner – Chief Deputy Coroner Levi Gotte reviewed the monthly report with the committee, and reported 29 total deaths for the month of June, two pending suicidal, and three accidental, for a total of 233 year-to-date deaths. Member Hendrix asked if there is an increase in suicidal deaths, and asked the Coroner’s Office to keep watch for any upward trends or increases and report to the Committee. Written report provided.

EMA – Written report provided. Director Roger Bonuchi reported they are in the process of applying for a grant in anticipation of any upswing in Covid-19 cases, and the termination of free PPE supplies from the State. Mr. Bonuchi has compiled an inventory of PPE supplies currently available for all county employees. Mr. Bonuchi stated that he believes if there is a second wave of the virus he anticipates the state will again provide free PPE supplies from the state.

Mr. Bonuchi is working with KenCom Director Lynnette Bergeron on rewriting the severe weather policy for the County, and should complete the rewrite this month.

Bonuchi also stated there was a small hazmat incident, and said he is working on the update of the Emergency Operations Plan, and researching a vendor to conduct the Hazardous Mitigation Plan for the County. The vendor would be paid by a federal or state grant, with no cost to the County.

Kendall County Rescue responded to three different events in the month of June. Siren and STARCOM testing continued for the month of June. WSPY EAS system is currently non-functional, and WSPY has been working to resolve the issue.

Public Defender – Written report provided. Public Defender Chuffo stated they have seen a trend to giving more appointments with misdemeanor in Traffic and Juvenile Delinquency in the last month, and she thinks this will continue to increase, and will track the appointments and report back to the committee. Ms. Chuffo stated that the Juvenile appointments for delinquencies are getting more serious as far as the offenses that were alleged, and also an increase in very serious cases of abuse/neglect. This has caused an increase in the use of experts in the abuse/neglect cases in their budget.

Court Services –Director Elliott reported they are trending back to normal days of detention after covid-19 and the restricted time. Those restrictions are being lifted. Ms. Elliott also stated an increase in the number of juvenile cases and the complexity of those cases, including mental health issues and family crisis issues within the home. She stated that her personnel continues to monitor and continue delivery of service to the youth in the home and involved with the court.

Ms. Elliott reported that last month they received word that they were receiving additional funding from the Supreme Court for one of the positions that was previously only salaried subsidized funded, which is retro funded to July 2019. This has decreased the County only funded positions to just three. This shows the Supreme Court is really committed to Community based corrections and how effective it can be. Also utilizing virtual contact appointments, and also part of a study to track those findings.

Ms. Elliott stated they've had a slight set-back in pre-trial accreditation with the pre-trial supervisor moving to the Aurora Police Department recently, and Ms. Elliott will begin interviews soon for a replacement in August. Written report provided.

Discussion on the Cures Act funding and Covid-19, and an email coming to Department Heads and Elected Officials regarding possible reimbursement for other costs related to the pandemic, what's eligible and what is not guidance.

Sheriff's Report

- a. Operations Division – Commander Langston made note that the new evidence custodian and fleet manager has integrated into the position well and has seen an uptick in the number of items being destroyed, they've completed the evidence room audit with no issues and have been able to reorganize the office and get rid of items as appropriate. Written report provided.
- b. Corrections Division – Chief Deputy Mike Peters stated they have tried to return to normal as safely as possible, pacing to ensure each step of recreational for inmates, and adjusting when necessary when accommodating other programs, and they begin religious services again this weekend. Written report provided.
- c. Records Division – They had some reduction in records due to Covid-19, and will begin resuming evictions later this month. Written report provided.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

From Sheriff's Office:

- *Discussion and Approval of Body Worn Cameras for Patrol and Corrections* – Sheriff Baird reported this concept has been discussed as part of the 5-year Capital plan for some time, and with KenCom choosing to fund the purchase of radios at \$98,000 for this year, giving the office the ability to move forward with this item up on the list of priorities for this year. Sheriff Baird reported this is supported by Law Enforcement, and ensures more credibility of deputies, and accuracy of incident reporting. Discussion on being pro-active on office policies, being ahead of the curve of operational upgrades and changes, the demo of body worn cameras a few years ago, the decision to move the purchase of these items early in the 5-year capital plan, the state statute regarding body cameras, replacement, storage and maintenance costs and funding for the body cameras, the potential increase in FOIA requests for camera footage, and the possibility of additional staff to fulfill the additional FOIA requests.

Commander Langston stated that it takes an average of one-hour of work for every 10 minutes of video for redaction for FOIA requests.

Motion made by Member Prochaska to forward item to the July 30, 2020 Finance Committee meeting, second by Member Vickers.

Roll Call to Approve Forwarding Discussion and Approval of Body Worn Cameras for Patrol and Corrections item to the July 30th Special Finance Committee Meeting

Committee Member	Status
Judy Gilmour	Yes
Audra Hendrix	No
Matthew Prochaska	Yes
Robyn Vickers	Yes
Tony Giles	Yes

With Members Giles, Gilmour, Prochaska and Vickers voting yes, and Member Hendrix voting no, the motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

From Emergency Management Agency:

- *Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the Kendall County Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office – Member Hendrix made a motion to forward the item to the County Board for approval, second by Member Prochaska.*

Mr. Bonuchi reported that IPAWS is a federally funded system that by FEMA for moderation of warning systems. IPAWS is a term used for a set of computers and an open-standard for different warning systems and software that are able to send specific messages to IPAWS. There is no cost to the County, but will need Board approval and County Board Chairman signature.

Roll Call for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the Kendall County Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office

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Judy Gilmour	Yes
Audra Hendrix	Yes
Matthew Prochaska	Yes
Robyn Vickers	Yes
Tony Giles	Yes

- From Drug Court:
Drug Court Coordinator Melissa Moore explained the Gateway Foundation Counseling Services Agreement will include the mental health court if/when that program is developed. This is a renewal agreement, and will allow the Drug Court to utilize state grant funds in order to pay for treatment. This item will be added to the July 21, 2020 County Board agenda.

Chairman’s Report/Comments – No report

Items for the July 21, 2020 Kendall County Board Meeting

- *Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the Kendall County Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office*

Item for the July 30, 2020 Kendall County Finance Committee Meeting

- *Discussion and Approval of Body Worn Cameras for Patrol and Corrections*
- *Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the Kendall County Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office*

Public Comment - None

Legislative Update – None

Executive Session – Not needed

Adjournment – Member Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Vickers.

Roll Call to Approve Meeting Adjournment

Committee Member	Status
Matthew Prochaska	Yes
Robyn Vickers	Yes
Tony Giles	Yes
Judy Gilmour	Yes
Audra Hendrix	Yes

With five members in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 4:13p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant