

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**Law, Justice and Legislation Committee**  
**Monday, June 8, 2020**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance** – Vice Chair Matthew Prochaska called the meeting to order at 3:22p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived at Meeting</b>	<b>Left Meeting</b>
Amy Cesich	Appointed to form a quorum		
Tony Giles	<b>ABSENT</b>		
Judy Gilmour	<b>ABSENT</b>		
Audra Hendrix	Here		
Matthew Prochaska	Here		
Robyn Vickers	<b>ABSENT</b>		

**With only two committee members present, Vice Chair Prochaska appointed Vice County Board Chair Cesich to the committee to form a quorum. Once a quorum was determined, the committee was able to conduct business.**

**Others Present:** Sheriff Dwight Baird, EMA Director Roger Bonuchi, Public Defender Vicki Chuffo, Court Services Director Alice Elliott, County Administrator Scott Koeppel, Sheriff’s Executive Assistant Tracy Page, Chief Deputy Mike Peters, Chief Judge Robert Pilmer, and Coroner Jacquie Purcell, Undersheriff Bobby Richardson

**Approval of the Agenda** – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Cesich. **With all members present voting aye, the amended agenda was approved.**

**Approval of Minutes** – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the March 9, 2020 meeting minutes, second by Member Cesich. **With all members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

**Public Comment** - None

**Status Reports**

**Coroner** – Coroner Purcell reviewed the monthly report with the committee, and reported 39 deaths; with 204 year-to-date deaths.

The Coroner’s Office responded to one accidental overdose death, and authorized 25 cremations. There were six COVID-19 related deaths within Kendall County in the month of May.  
Written report provided.

**EMA – Written report provided.** Director Roger Bonuchi reported multi-agency Search and Rescue Training was cancelled due to COVID-19.

EMA continues working closely with the Kendall County Health Department regarding the changing status of the Corona Virus. EMA Volunteers loaded and delivered 1,700 isolation gowns, and 2,000 masks to four long-term Care Facilities in the County on May 27<sup>th</sup>, made additional PPE orders that will be delivered to Oswego District 308 and the Regional Office of Education.

Mr. Bonuchi reported he continues to attend PPE and IEMA Region 3 meeting three times per week, and Siren, STARCOM and WSPY EAS testing continues on a monthly basis.

**Public Defender – Written report provided.** Public Defender Chuffo stated that appointments for felony, misdemeanor and traffic cases increased slightly since last month, but her office is still seeing the effects of the pandemic on arrests and case filings with a total of new 56 new cases between May 1 and June 1, 2020.

**Court Services** –Director Elliott stated that due to the Pandemic the number of detentions has decreased, which helps with their budget.

Ms. Elliott stated that for a second year, Court Services is applying for the Family Violence Coordinating Council Grant between the State of Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuits. Kendall County serves as the fiscal agent only, and all expenditures are equal to the revenue. **It was the will of the Committee to send the item directly to the County Board for discussion and approval.**

Ms. Elliott also reported that on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the General Assembly adopted the state budget with full funding for the Illinois Supreme Court. Part of that budget is full funding for probation officer reimbursement for the counties, which is good news for Kendall County as some of the fully county funded positions were converted last year to reimbursable positions. Court Services should receive an appropriations letter from AOIC sometime in late July or August. Worth noting is that during the appropriation hearings, legislators expressed the need for a robust probation/pretrial division as the focus on reducing the numbers of those incarcerated increases. Written report provided.

### **Sheriff's Report**

- a. Operations Division – Undersheriff Bobby Richardson reported that over the weekend, they tested 123 applicants for Patrol positions.

Undersheriff Richardson also reported on Sheriff's Office participation with local municipalities in civil unrest protests the last few weeks including Aurora, Plano, Plainfield and Naperville. Sheriff Baird also mentioned increased Sheriff's Deputy participation in Community Public Service mobile events throughout the committee. Written report provided.

- b. Corrections Division – Chief Deputy Peters provided a briefing on the COVID-19 impact on the jail, stating that employees have been instrumental in participating, encouraging inmate participation, safety and compliance, making suggestions for increased safety of employees and inmates, limiting admittance of volunteers, visitors, and vendors, and increased cleaning and decreased interaction where possible. Written report provided.
  
- c. Records Division - Written report provided.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** - None

**Chairman’s Report/Comments** – No report

**Public Comment** - None

**Legislative Update** – None

**Executive Session** – Not needed

**Adjournment** – Member Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Cesich. **With three members in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 3:50p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain  
Administrative Assistant