

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REMOTE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 16, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The meeting was called to order at 4:00p.m. by County Board Chair Scott Gryder, and Member Prochaska lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL:

| Attendee | Status | Arrived | Left Meeting |
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| Amy Cesich | Present | | |
| Elizabeth Flowers | ABSENT | | |
| Scott Gengler | Here | | |
| Tony Giles | ABSENT | | |
| Judy Gilmour | Here | | |
| Scott Gryder | Here | | |
| Audra Hendrix | Aye | | |
| Matt Kellogg | Present | | |
| Matthew Prochaska | Here | | |
| Robyn Vickers | Here | | |

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Prochaska. **With eight members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 8-0.**

APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL CLAIMS – Member Hendrix made a motion to forward claims to the County Board for approval, second by Member Kellogg. **With eight members voting aye, the motion carried.**

ROLL CALL:

| Attendee | Status |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Amy Cesich | Yes |
| Scott Gengler | Yes |
| Judy Gilmour | Yes |
| Scott Gryder | Yes |
| Audra Hendrix | Aye |
| Matt Kellogg | Yes |
| Matthew Prochaska | Yes |
| Robyn Vickers | Yes |

Member Flowers and Giles were absent. **With eight members present voting aye the motion to forward the Claims to the County Board on May 19, 2020 for approval, the motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

- *Discussion of Kendall County Electric Aggregation Bid Results* – Chris Childress, reviewed the bids, the process, and the timeline for the Electric Aggregation Program with vendor. Mr. Childress stressed the mandatory requirement of notifying unincorporated citizens of the program, the new vendor, the rate, and sending two letters (one from ComEd, and one from vendor) to citizens one-month apart.

Mr. Childress explained the County becoming an EPA Green Power Community, which then qualifies the County for a Civic Grant of \$157,878 per year.

There was consensus by the Board to forward the item to the June 2, 2020 County Board meeting for approval.

- Discussion of Resolution Regarding Loans to Municipalities – Scott Koeppel shared that some municipalities are concerned about participation in the Downstate Small Business Grant Stabilization program because they don't have the funds to backup any repayment of funds if a recipient doesn't utilize grant funds appropriately, and is required by the state to repay the grant. Mr. Koeppel stated that the resolution was written by the State's Attorney's Office on behalf of the County. This item was first discussed at the Economic Development Committee meeting in April, and the loan amounts approved at the Finance Committee for the City of Yorkville, the Village of Oswego, the City of Plano and the Village of Montgomery. Funds have also been set aside for the smaller municipalities interested in participating in the program. **There was consensus to forward item to the May 19, 2020 Board meeting for approval.**

- *Discussion of Elected Officials Salaries*

- Circuit Clerk Salary – Chairman Gryder reported that due to potential conflict of interest, Member Prochaska recused himself from this discussion. Mr. Kellogg reviewed the Resolution for the KC Circuit Clerk Salary at zero percent increase for the next 4 years. **There was consensus to forward the Resolution for the Kendall County Circuit Clerk Salary to the June 2, 2020 County Board meeting for approval.**

- *Coroner Salary* – Member Kellogg also stated there was consensus and recommendation by the Finance Committee to recommend salary increase of:

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| <i>FY 21</i> | <i>15%</i> | <i>\$67,974</i> |
| <i>FY22</i> | <i>2%</i> | <i>\$69,334</i> |
| <i>FY23</i> | <i>2%</i> | <i>\$70,720</i> |
| <i>FY 24</i> | <i>2%</i> | <i>\$72,135</i> |

Comments by Finance Committee members, and discussion of the proposed salary increase for the Coroner position. **There was consensus by the**

Committee to forward the item to the June 2nd Board meeting for discussion and final approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA – Jim Wyman, had a question on the Solar Panel installation near the Courthouse, will be energized (functioning) in a November/December timeframe. The County received an extension by the Illinois Solar Authority, delay caused by Covid-19 restrictions, and delays and problems with the City of Yorkville Zoning Department.

Mr. Wyman asked for further explanation of the EPA Green Power Community grant funds of \$157,878, and where it might go. Member Kellogg stated the fund would be discussed at the next Finance meeting.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Chairman Gryder updated the group on discussions with other Counties Chairs and personnel on the effects of Covid-19, the revenue loss, the effect on small businesses, as well as the Governor’s 5-stage Reopen Illinois Plan, and the desire for Kendall County to be reclassified out of the Northwest Region 1 for reopening plans.

Member Cesich stated that any reopening should be based on the health data, and the most appropriate region for Kendall County, a more densely populated, and AG classified County.

Chairman Gryder wanted to ensure the following groups were recognized in the month of May, and said that the Proclamations will be presented to each group formally at a future County Board meeting.

Proclamation National Poppy Day
Proclamation National Nurses Month
Proclamation National Law Enforcement Week

REVIEW BOARD ACTION ITEMS – Chairman Gryder asked the committee to review the draft County Board agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE.

ADJOURNMENT – Member Kellogg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Hendrix. **With nine members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary