

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**Law, Justice and Legislation Committee**  
**Monday, September 14, 2020**  
**Remote Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance** – Vice Chair Matthew Prochaska called the meeting to order at 3:15p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>	<b>Left Meeting</b>
Tony Giles	<b>ABSENT</b>		
Judy Gilmour	Yes		
Audra Hendrix		3:20p.m.	
Matthew Prochaska	Yes		
Robyn Vickers	Yes		

**Others Present:** EMA Director Roger Bonuchi, Public Defender Vicki Chuffo, Court Services Director Alice Elliott, Chief Judge Robert Pilmer, Coroner Jacquie Purcell, Sheriff’s Office Corrections Commander Jeanne Russo, and State’s Attorney Eric Weis

**Approval of Agenda:** Member Vickers made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Gilmour. **With three members present voting aye, the agenda was approved.**

**Approval of Minutes** – Member Gilmour made a motion to approve the June 8, 2020 meeting minutes, second by Member Vickers. **With three members present voting aye, the motion carried by a 3-0 vote.**

**Public Comment** - None

**Status Reports**

**Coroner** – Written report provided. Coroner Purcell reviewed her report with the committee and said that to date they have 311 cases which is more than all of last year. Coroner Purcell also introduced their current intern Ericka Blaszczyk, who began an internship on August 31, 2020. Ericka attends Xavier University where she is pursuing a Master’s Degree in Forensic Nursing/Criminal Justice. Purcell also updated the committee on the community service hours completed by the Office, as well as personnel/office activities for the month.

**EMA** – Written report provided. Director Bonuchi updated the committee on continued Covid-19 safety efforts, and said the Public Assistance Grant application “Step II” has been mailed. EMA continues work with the Grundy Kendall Regional Office of Education in delivering PPE supplies to County School Districts. Mr. Bonuchi stated that they are planning to purchase additional supplies to ensure that the County is fully stocked. Bonuchi stated that he met with KC Health Department Director VanGundy, Sheriff Baird and KC Sheriff’s Office personnel, and members of the Yorkville Police Department to begin planning for a COVID Vaccination event in the near

future. When the vaccination is made available to the public, a date and more details will follow. They anticipate this might be in early November.

Bonuchi stated that the National Weather Service confirmed that a tornado did touchdown in Kendall County on August 10, 2020. EMA worked with the NWS to survey and document damage across the County over August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Bonuchi reported that Exelon conducted EONS testing on their EMnet PC's, which include some in the EOC Radio room. The EONS system provides emergency messaging of needed.

Director Bonuchi stated that if Dresden shuts down, Kendall County EMA will be needed as a nuclear EOC for approximately one year past the shutdown date (likely November 2022). The Dresden 2020 Evacuation Time Estimate Population Update Analysis Final Report was received by EMA. There was no change noted in the Dresden evacuation area.

Kendall County Rescue responded to three different events in the month of June. Siren and STARCOM testing continued for the month of June. IPAWS, EAS, Search & Rescue and meetings attended information were provided in the written packet.

**Public Defender** – Written report provided.

**Court Services** – Written report provided. Director Elliott noted that this past month the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center experienced a shut down due to an outbreak of Covid-19 within the facility. While none of the Kendall County youth were infected, Court Services chose to utilize River Valley Detention Center in Joliet for any new admissions. Kane County was successful in containing the spread of the virus and has resumed normal operations. Kendall County is in the process of reviewing its IGA with Kane County, which will expire in November.

Court Services/Probation welcomed Shannon McCarty, new Special Programs Supervisor on September 14, 2020. Ms. McCarty comes from DuPage County where she had been supervising a high-risk sex offender and domestic violence caseload for the past several years, and will enhance Kendall County supervision of this specialized caseload. Additional responsibilities will include supervision of the pretrial unit, GPS and Drug Court Officer.

Ms. Elliott reported that they are desperately looking for additional community service worksites for the Public Service Program, and welcome any potential prospects.

### **Sheriff's Report**

- a. Operations Division – Written report provided.
- b. Corrections Division – Written report provided.
- c. Records Division – Written report provided.

**Old Business** – None

## New Business

- *Approval of an amendment to the Kendall County Noise Ordinance expending it into Agriculturally Zoned areas that have residentially subdivisions* – Member Prochaska reviewed the proposed changes with the committee. Member Hendrix made a motion to forward to the County Board for discussion and approval, second by Member Vickers. **With four members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.**
  - *Approval of an Ordinance regulating Solicitors and Peddlers, setting hours of operation, requiring registration with the Sheriff, setting the requirements for registration, fines for the violation of the ordinance, and other related items* – Member Prochaska briefed the committee on the ordinance, and the reasoning behind it. **There was consensus by the committee to forward the item to the State’s Attorney’s Office for review, and then revisit the item at the October Law, Justice and Legislation meeting.**
  - *Discussion of Fee Study Results and Recommendation to Increase Sheriff’s Fees and the Taking of Bond Fees* – Discussion of the proposed fee increases. Member Hendrix made a motion to forward the item to the October 15, 2020 Finance Committee meeting, second by Member Gilmour. **With four members present voting aye, the motion carried by a 4-0 vote.**
- d. Approval to enter into a three year Agreement for Services with The Sheriff App with an initial cost of \$23,980 and with annual maintenance costs of \$8,990. - Commander Jeanne Russo stated that they hope to begin using the Arx Alert software in the Sheriff’s Office to assist with tracking civilian and sworn employees. Commander Russo reported:
- This software will be obtained this fiscal year to be utilized throughout FY2021.
  - We have secured a grant for \$7500 from ICRMT and the Arx Alert software company has secured \$4500 in corporate donations to nearly fund the entire program
  - Kendall County will only need to pay \$3000 for the program.
  - This will include all KCSO employees; sworn and civilian
  - The software will track evaluations, early warning signs, investigations, complaints, etc.
  - The program has a public facing dashboard that can be added to the SO website to allow public to see information related to a specific employee regarding complaints, force incidents, etc.
  - This program will reduce FOIA requests because of public access
  - Reported increased:
    - Transparency
    - Public accountability
    - Efficiency
  - Improved and more efficient supervision of staff
  - No cost if not satisfied beyond the initial agreement timeframe
  - Part of existing software agreement with Kencom and Tyler Munis

- Software will interface with other Tyler products to provide a comprehensive look at employees to make sure we are addressing any issues earlier (call/incident; overtime worked; time off usage)

Commander Russo stated the plan is to use funds from the Public Safety Capital fund – Equipment line.

Member Hendrix made a motion to forward the item to the October 15, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion and approval, second by Member Vickers. **With four members present voting aye, the motion carried by a 4-0 vote.**

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

**Items for the October 6, 2020 Kendall County Board Meeting**

- *Approval of an amendment to the Kendall County Noise Ordinance expending it into Agriculturally Zoned areas that have residentially subdivisions*

**Items for the October 15, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting**

- *Approval to enter into a three year Agreement for Services with The Sheriff App with an initial cost of \$23,980 and with annual maintenance costs of \$8,990. - Commander Jeanne Russo stated that they hope to begin using the Arx Alert software in the Sheriff’s Office to assist with tracking civilian and sworn employee*

**Public Comment** - None

**Legislative Update** – None

**Executive Session** – Not needed

**Adjournment** – Member Gilmour made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Vickers. **With four members in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 3:40p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain  
Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary