

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 10, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The meeting was called to order at 4:01p.m. by County Board Chair Scott Gryder, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee	Status	Arrived	Left Meeting
Scott Gengler		4:02p.m.	
Judy Gilmour	Here		
Scott Gryder	Present		
Audra Hendrix	Here		
Matt Kellogg	Present		
Matthew Prochaska	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		
Amy Cesich	Present		
Elizabeth Flowers		5:20p.m.	
Tony Giles	ABSENT		

Others Present: Matt Asselmeier, Scott Koeppel, Jim Smiley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment to move the PBZ item before the Admin HR item, second by Member Vickers. **With eight members present voting aye to the amendment, the motion carried by a vote of 8-0.**

Chairman Gryder gave a brief history of the Kendall County Historic Courthouse.

OLD BUSINESS – Scott Koeppel reported that the City of Yorkville had eleven businesses approved and awarded grants by the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant Program.

NEW BUSINESS

Northwest Water Planning Alliance Update - Pete Wallers, President of Northwest Water Planning Alliance, provided information on the Regional and Sub-Regional efforts, the issues and challenges the County is facing such as declining water levels in the deep sandstone, rising chloride levels in the shallow aquifers, and aging infrastructure. Mr. Wallers stated that the sandstone aquifers have been tapped for almost 150 years. Additional challenges with water level declines in deep aquifers might result in some industrial and private wells going dry, lower water levels requiring higher amounts of energy to pump water, flow rate of wells likely to decline because of casing limitations on motor size, water quality in aquifer likely to deteriorate; could force additional treatment, and no back-up water supply for future generations.

From the PBZ Committee:

- *Discussion of Petition 20-14 Request from the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission for Text Amendments to the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance Pertaining to Removing Typographical Errors, Confusing and Conflicting Language, and Related Updates as Outlined in the Packet* – Member Prochaska reported that this project started several years ago and that there are proposed minor changes to the ordinance. Matt Asselmeier summarized he proposed changes to the petition that came from the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee, and said there were no objections from any municipality. **Member Cesich made a motion to remove Section 406, line 5 of the ordinance, second by Member Kellogg. With eight members present voting aye, the motion carried by an 8-0 vote.**

Member Flowers entered the meeting at 5:20p.m.

Member Prochaska made a motion to amend the motion and to forward to the September 15, 2020 County Board meeting for final approval, second by Member Gilmour. With nine members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

From the Admin-HR Committee:

- *Discussion of Employee Handbook Update- County Administrator Direct Oversight of Department Heads* – Mr. Koeppel reviewed the proposed handbook changes with the committee. **Member Prochaska made a motion to approve the Employee Handbook updates, second by Member Kellogg. With nine members present the motion carried by a vote of 9-0.**

Member Hendrix made a motion to forward the item to the September 15, 2020 County Board meeting for final approval, second by Member Flowers. With nine members present voting aye, the motion passed by a 9-0 vote.

- *Discussion of a Resolution Requiring Employees and Visitors to Wear Masks While in Common Areas of any Kendall County Building* – Mr. Koeppel provided information on the resolution.

Suggested changes:

1. Define “Kendall County Buildings” as County Office Building, Historic Courthouse and Highway Department throughout the document
2. Change the word “shall” to the word “should” in the sentence “Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Kendall County Board, that all employees and visitors *should* follow mask and social distancing....”

Member Gengler made a motion to forward the Resolution Requiring Employees and Visitors to Wear Masks While in Common Areas of the County Office Building, Historic Courthouse and Highway Department to the County Board for approval, second by Member Prochaska. With nine members present voting aye, the motion carried by a 9-0 vote.

Proposed County Seal Change Discussion – Mr. Koeppel presented the latest versions of the proposed County Seal changes to the committee. Discussion on colors, design, and items that would be printed with either color or black and white; and uses on flags, stationary, maps, and other County documentation. **Mr. Koeppel stated that the next step would be to adopt an ordinance changing the County Seal. Mr. Koeppel was tasked with creating the Ordinance for a future County Board meeting.**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA – Jim Wyman, WSPY News asked who would enforce the Mask Resolution for County Employees.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – No report

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not needed

ADJOURNMENT – Member Kellogg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Prochaska. **With nine members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary