

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Law, Justice and Legislation Committee
Wednesday, October 14, 2020
Remote Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance – Chair Tony Giles called the meeting to order at 3:15p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Committee Member	Status	Arrived	Left Meeting
Tony Giles	Here		
Judy Gilmour	ABSENT		
Audra Hendrix	Here		
Matthew Prochaska	Yes		
Robyn Vickers	Yes		

Others Present: Sheriff Dwight Baird, EMA Director Roger Bonuchi, Court Services Director Alice Elliott, Sheriff’s Office Deputy Commander Mitch Hattan, Sheriff’s Office Operations Commander Jason Langston, Sheriff’s Office Chief Deputy Mike Peters, Chief Coroner Jacquie Purcell, Sheriff’s Office Undersheriff Bobby Richardson, Sheriff’s Office Corrections Commander Jeanne Russo, Deputy Public Defender Courtney Transier, and State’s Attorney Eric Weis

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

Approval of Minutes – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the September 14, 2020 meeting minutes, second by Member Vickers. **With four members present voting aye, the motion carried by a 4-0 vote.**

Public Comment - None

Status Reports

Coroner – **Written report provided.** Coroner Purcell reported a total of 332 deaths in the County through the end of September, including three suicides and 1 pending potential suicide death.

The Coroner introduced Madalyn Pleva, who began her internship in the office on September 2, 2020. Madalyn will be graduating from Yorkville High School in May, and plans to attend the University of Indiana next fall to study medicine with a focus on Forensic Pathology.

Coroner Purcell was happy to report that Coroner’s Assistant Paty Monarrez was promoted to Deputy Coroner on September 30, 2020. Paty has her degree in Criminal Justice with a Forensic Science concentration. She has served with the office since October 2017.

EMA – Written report provided. Director Bonuchi updated the committee on continued Covid-19 safety efforts as follows:

- IEMA delivered PPE for the polling places.
- Public Assistance Grant Request has been filed for Kendall County EMA, waiting on reply. PPE purchase was \$14,500.
- Additional PPE shipped to us from IEMA, put in storage.
- 2nd meeting with KC Health Department for vaccination event planning. Met with Health Dept. Director RaeAnn VanGundy, staff and members of the Yorkville Police and KC Sheriff's Office to discuss plans for a COVID vaccination event. The date is unknown at this time, anticipated for early November.

Director Bonuchi reported that the Dresden quarterly communications drill testing was conducted recently using the EONS Alert system.

Kendall County Rescue participated to four different events in September:

- September 2 & 9 – Assisted with Search Management for a cold case using K9s in LaSalle County. Serial Killer said that he dumped a body in Peru, IL and searched with Illinois Wisconsin Search Dogs for that body. Nothing definitive found but planned to search the next week when weather is better. One (1) Kendall County EMA Search and Rescue personnel participated in the search.
- September 12 - Missing Person search for a 69 year old female with dementia in Millbrook, IL. Subject found on the front porch of a neighboring house, and had been there all night.
- September 26 - Multi agency Search and Rescue training. Night Search Techniques using SarTopo. Boone County EMA hosted the training at Spencer Park in Belvidere. Two (2) Kendall County EMA Search and Rescue personnel participated in the training.

Director Bonuchi distributed the new 2020 edition of the IEMA Emergency Response Guides to local police and fire departments.

Director Bonuchi will be teaching an online Amateur Radio class each Wednesday at 6:30p.m. through December 9, 2020. Anyone interested in joining the class should contact him.

Bonuchi continues working with FEMA on testing our IPAWS EAS capability to local broadcasters. IPAWS- WEA/EAS first Tuesday of the month alert testing is working well.

The Emergency Alert System (EAS) transmitter was been taken back to WSPY for another check since is inoperable. EMA has been unable to perform EAS testing since the beginning of the year. As mentioned under “IPAWS” (above), we’re working on IPAWS/EAS as the replacement. Siren testing continues the first Tuesday of each month along with Starcom radio tests.

Public Defender – Written report provided. Deputy Public Defender Courtney Transier reported that five attorneys are dealing with 1720 cases. Ms. Transier stated that they had 232 new cases in September, and twelve individuals for bond call.

Court Services – Written report provided. Director Elliott reported that the Court Services/Probation Office is working with the Sheriff’s Office to ensure a smooth transition of the GPS monitoring program to the Sheriff’s Office soon after December 1, 2020. Court Services will provide training and continue to be a resource for several months after the transfer of the program.

Elliott said the shifting of this program to the Sheriff’s Office will allow Court Services/Probation to focus their attention on the facilitation of behavioral change with enhanced service delivery to Sex Offenders, Felony Domestic Violence Offenders, and Juvenile Offenders with complex family dynamics that result in frequent detention stays.

Director Elliott said they are submitting a press release asking for Community Service Worksites in Kendall County to accommodate those required to perform Community Service.

Ms. Elliott also reported that the AOIC funding will be \$125,000 over their expected revenues.

Sheriff’s Report

- a. Operations Division – Written report provided.
- b. Corrections Division – Written report provided. Undersheriff Richardson reported that the Corrections Division and Jail was found to be 100 percent compliant with all mandatory ACA Reaccreditation Audit requirements recently.
- c. Records Division – Written report provided.

Old Business – None

New Business

- *Approval of an Agreement with Kane County for Juvenile Detention Facility* – Court Services Director Alice Elliott stated that the Intergovernmental Agreement between Kane County Juvenile Justice Center and Kendall County is before the committee with a request for approval to the full Board. Ms. Elliott said the current agreement will expire on November 30, 2020. Changes to the agreement include an increase in the daily per diem per day cost.

Member Hendrix made a motion to forward the item to the County Board for final approval, second by Member Prochaska. **With four members present voting aye, the motion carried by a 4-0 vote.**

- *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 asked that this item be postponed to a future meeting.**

Chairman’s Report/Comments – No report

Items for the October 20, 2020 Kendall County Board Meeting

- *Approval of an Agreement with Kane County for Juvenile Detention Facility*

Items for the November 4, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting - None

Public Comment - None

Legislative Update – None

Executive Session – Not needed

Adjournment – Member Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Prochaska. **With four members in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 3:30p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary