

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Boards and Commissions Review Ad Hoc Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 6, 2017

Call to Order: The Ad Hoc Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Tony Giles at 9:45a.m.

Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum: Tony Giles - here, Matthew Prochaska – here, Judy Gilmour - here **With three members present, a quorum was present to conduct business.**

Committee Members Absent: John Purcell

Member Hendrix arrived at 10:01a.m.

Committee Purpose: To review all county commissions that are a creation of the Kendall County Board or that are appointed by the Kendall County Board or other commissions or committees or boards that the committee should determine to be applicable to the residents of Kendall County as well as the qualifications for individuals serving on those boards. Committee expiration is September 30, 2017.

Approval of Agenda – Motion made by Member Gilmour to approve the agenda as written, second by Member Prochaska. **With three members voting aye, the agenda was approved.**

Items of Business

- *Review of Kendall County’s Appointed Public Entity Listing* – There was discussion on the following Boards and Committees:

TB Board – Member Prochaska stated that under State Statute, there is the possibility of merging TB Board with the Board of Health moving the three current TB Board members to the Board of Health, and the \$15,000 levy to the Health Department. **The committee agreed to invite Dr. Tokars to attend the July 24, 2017 meeting for further discussion.**

University of Illinois Extension Board – Do they meet, and when? Member Gilmour stated that she has yet to attend a meeting, and she’s been on the Board since she began her term. Is there need for County Board participation on the Board?

PBZ Process – Member Prochaska asked that the committee review the entire process, and possibly streamlining the process so that citizens aren’t answering the same questions for three or four different committees.

Public Aid Appeals Committee: Member Prochaska explained that committee members are appointed by the local township supervisors, and that the County Board Chair serves on the committee.

Townships – Member Giles asked about the purpose of a township, the committees/boards responsibilities, whether the townships are still needed in the County, and whether townships could be absorbed into the County to remove an additional layer of government. Member Prochaska stated that Kendall County is under the township form of government with 10 Board members, and if the County changed to commission form, they could reduce the size of the County Board to five members, and absolve townships if desired.

Farmland Protection Commission - Member Prochaska stated that this commission has never met, and doesn't have any funding. He said its original purpose was to purchase agricultural rights to farmland, and the reason it was created was to follow what Kane County was doing, but Kane County's Board was funded by the casino. Member Prochaska stated that the Kendall County Farm Bureau is not against abolishing this commission. **There was agreement by all members present to forward the approval to abolish this commission to the July 18, 2017 County Board meeting.**

Drainage Districts – possibly merging Raymond and Rob Roy Drainage Districts. Member Prochaska stated that the Raymond flows into Rob Roy, and its ultimately what they want to do once they are established. **The committee will review the two districts once they are ready to merge.**

Ethics Commission Review Board – Member Prochaska asked the committee to review the Board, and state laws for the Board to ensure we are in compliance. Member Prochaska stated that the Board should consist of only 3 members, and that any elected officer is not eligible to serve on this Board. **The committee will discuss this item further at the July 24, 2017 meeting.**

Housing Authority Board – Member Prochaska stated that the committee is currently at five, but the County Board can increase the membership to seven if desired. Member Prochaska reported the committee is operating well now that the committee has adequate membership to ensure a quorum. **The committee will discuss further at the July 24, 2017 meeting.**

Fire Protection Districts – Member Prochaska asked that the committee review the districts, and consider changing the district trustees to elected positions, instead of appointed. There was also discussion on consolidation of the districts under one District Chief. **The committee agreed to discuss this item further at the August 4, 2017 meeting.**

KenCom 911 Board – Discussion on why Newark is on this Board as a voting member considering they do not have a police department, and if there is continued need to include representatives from Newark? Member Prochaska stated that there is a clause in the Illinois Constitution that says the County Board can take any position it desires and by County ordinance, referendum or state statute and make it an elected office. **The committee will review this Board in detail at the August 4, 2017 meeting.**

Regional Board of Trustees – Discussion on decisions being made about boundary lines, vouchers, etc. **Item to be discussed further at a future meeting.**

Sanitary Districts – Discussion on the two Sanitary Districts, impact fees, changing to elected positions, and the need for more District position turnover. **There was agreement that there would be further discussion at the August 4, 2017 meeting.**

County Water Commission – Discussion on creating a County Water Commission, the problem between districts, increased growth, the local aquifer, combining the Boards, the Northwest Water Planning Commission, and planning for the future.

- *Review of Planning, Building and Zoning Committees* – KC Senior Planner Matt Asselmeier reviewed the eight committees that Planning, Building and Zoning Department interacts with on a routine basis, and his recommendations for each committee structure, need, and membership. Mr. Asselmeier stated that under state law, the County is required to have the Zoning Board of Appeals by state law, a stormwater oversight committee, and a historic preservation commission. Discussion on abolishing the ZPAC and Ad Hoc Zoning Committees, merging the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Special Use Hearing Officer, changing or re-tasking the purpose of the Regional Plan Commission, including a change to how membership is appointed. **These committees to be discussed further at the August 4, 2017 meeting.**

Public Comment - None

Questions from the Media - None

Executive Session – Not needed

Items for Committee of the Whole - None

Action Items for County Board – *Approval to Abolish Farmland Protection Commission*

Adjournment – Member Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Gilmour. There being no objection, the Boards and Commissions Review Ad Hoc Committee adjourned at 12:02p.m.

Respectfully,

Valarie McClain
Recording Secretary