

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**Economic Development Committee**

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, April 26, 2019**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Audra Hendrix at 9:00a.m.

**Roll Call**

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>	<b>Left Meeting</b>
Amy Cesich	Present		
Scott Gryder	Here		
Audra Hendrix	Here		
Matthew Prochaska	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		

Staff Present: Mera Johnson, Scott Koepfel

**Approval of Agenda** – Member Gryder made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment to move the Public Comment section before the Approval of the previous month’s meeting minutes, second by Member Cesich. **With five members voting aye, the motion was approved.**

**Public Comment** – Gabriel Murcia introduced himself as the One-Stop operator/manager, which works with Kane, Kendall and DeKalb counties. One-Stop is contracted through the three counties to administer jobseeker services and resources, and other types of services to anyone that has barriers to employment. They also work with senior citizens, veterans, and other citizens. Mr. Murcia stated that Member Hendrix is on the One-Stop Committee that was recently formed to oversee how One-Stop is being viewed in their successes. Mr. Murcia met with Member Hendrix to discuss some of the challenges and successes in Kendall County.

**Approval of March 29, 2019 Meeting Minutes** – Member Gryder made a motion to approve the February 22, 2019 meeting minutes, second by Member Vickers. **With five members voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**Committee Business**

- *Discussion of Kendall County Economic Development Corporation* – Mr. Koepfel updated the committee of the letter and survey that is being sent out to local stakeholders (Chambers, EDC, Cities, School Districts, Large Employers, and other taxing bodies). The committee reviewed and discussed the responses received.

**There was consensus by the committee to forward to the Committee of the Whole for discussion, and to explain the creation of a county-wide Economic Development Corporation, the goals, the purpose, the plan, and the proposed budget.**

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It was decided that in order to maintain separation between being a County department and Economic Development Corporation that the committee would form and register the Economic Development Corporation Board and agent, and hire a Board Director. The Economic Development Corporation will then write their by-laws, determine their annual budget, mission statement, goals, etc.

- *Stakeholder List Update* – Ms. Johnson reported that she contacted local chambers and asked for email addresses of all members. One hundred letters were sent, and nine responses received thus far. Letters were not sent to Oswego or Yorkville stakeholders because their chambers only provided mailing addresses, not email addresses. The committee determined the deadline for accepting survey results as Friday, May 24, 2019. **There was consensus by the committee to have Ms. Johnson send the link to the letter and survey to the Oswego and Yorkville Chamber executives and ask them to forward the link to their members.**

**Chairs Report** – Member Hendrix expressed her desire to see the County save the historic Kendall County Jail, and to use it for the County Treasurer’s Office as opposed to purchasing a bank building for that purpose. Member Hendrix stressed the importance of saving the historic building and preserving a part of Kendall County history.

### **Items for the May 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole**

- *Discussion on the creation of a county-wide Economic Development Corporation, the goals, the purpose, the plan, and the proposed budget*

**Executive Committee** – Not needed

**Adjournment** - Member Prochaska made a motion to adjourn, second by Member Vickers. There being no objection, the Economic Development Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valarie McClain  
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk