

# COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS

## Law, Justice and Legislation Committee

Monday, August 23, 2021

### Meeting Minutes

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

#### **Roll Call:**

Committee Member	Status	Arrived	Left Meeting
Judy Gilmour	Here		
Amy Cesich	Present		
Dan Koukol	Here		
Rubin Rodriguez	Here		
Robin Vickers	Here		

**Others Present:** EMA Director Roger Bonuchi, Court Services Director Alice Elliott, State’s Attorney Eric Weiss, Chief Judge Robert Pilmer, Interim Public Defender Ken Johnson, Circuit Clerk Matthew Prochaska, Coroner Jacquie Purcell, Undersheriff Bobby Richardson

**Approval of Agenda** – Member Koukol made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Rodriguez. **With all members present voting aye, the agenda was approved.**

**Approval of Minutes** – Member Cesich made a motion to approve the July 26, 2021 meeting minutes, second by Member Vickers. **With all members present voting aye, the agenda was approved.**

**Public Comment** – Ronald Mattson and Anthony Sulla spoke in favor of the committee passing the Resolution Declaring Full Support of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

#### **STATUS REPORTS**

Coroner – Written report provided. Coroner Purcell reviewed the July 2021 report stating there were 34 total deaths, including 1 accidental death in Plainfield. Chief Deputy Levi Gotte received his American Board of Medical Legal Death Investigator Certification. Coroner Purcell provided training for the Illinois Search and Rescue Council for Human Bone Identification on July 10, 2021. Coroner Purcell stated 19 community service hours were performed in the morgue in the month of July.

EMA – Written report provided. Director Bonuchi reported that as of August 16, 2021 the IDPH reported Region 2 has a 6% rolling 7-day average positivity rate, which is below the 8% action level. ICU bed availability is 19% below the 20% limit. Director Bonuchi stated the numbers are starting to flatten out.

Public Defender – Judge Pilmer introduced Mr. Ken Johnson as the interim Public Defender for Kendall County. Written reports have been prepared and will be dispersed after the meeting. Judge Pilmer stated the department has a large caseload and Mr. Johnson’s priority will be to fill vacant positions.

Circuit Clerk – Circuit Clerk Matthew Prochaska informed the committee the report will be provided via email after the meeting. Mr. Prochaska stated there has been no changes since the report was given at the previous county board meeting. Mr. Prochaska stated the number of foreclosures are at 2 and the number of evictions are

at 5 for the month of July. Mr. Prochaska reported the work is continuing on implementing the Manual of Recordkeeping. Once implemented the number of case filings will decrease due to the new case filing system. Mr. Prochaska stated Research Illinois is another big change in which the Illinois Administrative Office of Illinois Courts is working on through the Illinois State Supreme Court; once fully implemented an attorney or member of the public will be able to log on and review cases in all 102 counties. Mr. Prochaska stated the system is currently being stressed tested to verify documents that are sealed are not accessible.

Court Services – Written reports will be provided via email. Ms. Elliott reported that the union contract is still under negotiations. Ms. Elliott stated the report was completed and submitted before the State of Illinois Supreme Court made its decision on the pre-trial for the State of Illinois, which will now be reported under AOIC. The change will go into effect sometime in July 2022 to January 2023 or later. Ms. Elliott has a meeting scheduled to obtain further information. The state fiscal year 2022 funding for reimbursement for salaries have increased to \$795,000 which is in effect for July 2021 to June of 2022.

Chief Judge – Judge Pilmer updated the committee on the continuation of jury trials; three preformed last week and two this week. As of today the mask mandate has not been implemented at the Courthouse, but they are required for jury trials as a cautionary measure. Judge Pilmer informed the committee the new computers for Judge’s benches funded through a grant have been delivered and is awaiting installation. Judge Pilmer did state virtual hearings are still continuing. Judge Pilmer informed the committee Judge Volland will be seated in Dekalb County until July 2023, in turn Judge Stephanie Klein, a newly sworn Judge and former Dekalb County prosecutor will be seated in Kendall County. Judge Pilmer explained due to the nature of being a former prosecutor in Dekalb it is not uncommon for a Judge to sit in another county temporarily. Judge Klein will be handling traffic court and misdemeanors.

States Attorney - Mr. Weiss stated by adding the second week of jury trials will be helpful with the backlog of cases. Mr. Weiss stated they are at full staff with attorneys except for the new positions just approved. Mental Health Court is going extremely well with two new applications per week. Mr. Weiss stated the application process to ensure the right people whom will benefit from this court does take longer. It is extremely well received and will be a benefit for Kendall County.

Sheriff’s Report –

- a. Operations Division – Written report provided.
- b. Corrections Division – Written report provided. Undersheriff Bobby Richardson explain the electronic home monitoring program and reported program is going very well.
- c. Records Division – Written report provided.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business**

- Discussion and Approval of a Resolution Declaring Full Support of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Member Cesich made a motion for discussion on the Approval of a Resolution Declaring Full Support of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. Second by Member Koukol. **With all members present voting aye, the motion carried. This item will be sent to the County Board for further discussion, approval and action.**

- Discussion and approval of Master Services Agreement between Kendall County Circuit Clerk and Conscisys

Member Koukol made a motion to forward the approval of Master Services Agreement between Kendall county Circuit Clerk and Conscisys to the September 7, 2021 County Board meeting for further discussion and final approval, second by Member Rodriguez. **With all members present voting aye, the motion carried. This item will be sent to the County Board for further discussion, approval and action.**

- Discussion and approval addendum to the Master Services Agreement between Kendall County Circuit Clerk and Conscisys for Electronic Search Warrants.

Member Rodriguez made a motion to forward the approval addendum to the Master Services Agreement between Kendall County Circuit Clerk and Conscisys for Electronic Search Warrants to the September 7, 2021 County Board meeting for further discussion and final approval, second by Member Koukol. **With all members present voting aye, the motion carried. This item will be sent to the County Board for further discussion, approval and action.**

**Legislative Update** – Chair Gilmour informed the committee Illinois Senate hearings will begin next week on redistricting. HB 2834 designates August 26th as Illinois Constitution Day to commemorate August 26, 1818 as the day the Illinois Constitution was ratified. HB633 Vegetable Garden Protection Act.

#### **Items for the September 7, 2021 Kendall County Board Meeting**

- Approval of a Resolution Declaring Full Support of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America
- Approval of Master Services Agreement between Kendall County Circuit Clerk and Conscisys
- Approval addendum to the Master Services Agreement between Kendall County Circuit Clerk and Conscisys for Electronic Search Warrants

**Items for the August 26, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting** - None

**Chairman's Report/Comments** - None

**Public Comment** – None

**Executive Session** - None

**Adjournment** – Member Cesich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Koukol. **With all members present in agreement, the motion carried the meeting ended at 4:19 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Wald  
Administrative Assistant

