

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**Law, Justice and Legislation Committee**  
**Monday, October 25 2021**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Roll Call:**

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>	<b>Left Meeting</b>
Judy Gilmour	Here		
Amy Cesich	Present		
Dan Koukol	Here		
Ruben Rodriguez	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		

**Others Present:** Coroner Jacquie Purcell, Interim Public Defender Ken Johnson, Circuit Clerk Matthew Prochaska, Court Services Director Alice Elliott, County Administrator Scott Koepfel, Court Services Special Programs Supervisor Shannon McCarty, Chief Deputy Michael Peters, Undersheriff Bobby Richardson, ASA Jim Webb

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

**Approval of Minutes** – Member Cesich made a motion to approve the September 27, 2021 meeting minutes, second by Member Rodriguez. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.**

Chair Gilmour congratulated Sheriff Baird on being named the Illinois State Crime Commission “SHERIFF OF THE YEAR”. Sheriff Baird stated that this award is because of the men and women of the Sheriff’s Office that contribute to the daily operation and success of his office, and the County Board that is financially supportive of his requests and initiatives. Sheriff Baird will receive the award at a special presentation on November 4, 2021.

**Public Comment** – None

**Status Reports**

**Coroner** – **Written report provided.** Coroner Purcell stated that September was a busy month for her office with 31 deaths. Coroner Purcell stated that October has also been a busy month with several suicides, car accidents and drug overdoses thus far.

Coroner Purcell reported that they are struggling with issues with their cooler, the top drawer is not easily accessible, and the bottom drawer is off the track, meaning only three drawers are available for bodies. There are also ongoing operational issues with the cooler that need to be repaired by an outside vendor.

Chief Deputy Gotte provided new recruit orientation/training for three new Kendall County Sheriff's Office deputies on September 28, 2021.

Three new coroner's assistants were hired, and there were a total of 20 community service hours served at the Coroner's Office in September.

**EMA** – Written report provided.

**Public Defender** – Interim Public Defender Kenneth Johnson reported that the office is now fully staffed, and provided background on three new hires. Mr. Johnson reported that two of the new hires are bilingual and a tremendous asset for their Hispanic clients.

Mr. Johnson reviewed staff caseloads, including 176 new cases during the month of September, and stated they have 1791 open cases as of October 25, 2021.

When asked what the appropriate number of cases should be for each attorney, Director Johnson indicated that an average would be 150 cases per attorney. Mr. Johnson stated that Juvenile cases often involve several members of his office at the same time, and take additional time. Domestic cases have also increased due to the pandemic and quarantine, and the delay of jury trials when the courthouse was closed, and Traffic cases have also increased with residents back at work, school and on the road.

**Circuit Clerk** – Written report provided. Circuit Clerk Matthew Prochaska stated that the caseload has remained status-quo, with an increase in non-quasi criminal cases.

Mr. Prochaska gave details of the pending contract with Conscisys Corporation, stating funding is already budgeted, and that he will ask Chairman Gryder to include this Resolution on the November 2, 2021 County Board agenda.

**Court Services** – Written reports provided. Director Elliott reported they are still in union negotiations, and that the current contract expires at the end of the month. There is one vacancy in the office.

Elliott stated that in line with her efforts to highlight existing programming and services provided to their clients under their supervision, and to provide the Committee with a better understanding of their operation and the direction the office is pursuing toward facilitating their mission of “serving the community by promoting positive behavioral change utilizing proven methods to increase public safety”.

Director Elliott introduced Special Programs Supervisor Shannon McCarty, and stated that Shannon came to Kendall County from DuPage County in 2020. Ms. McCarty's experience in DuPage County as a sex offender officer and past experiences working with Domestic Violence cases provided an opportunity to utilize her expertise and change the way these types of victim based cases are supervised.

Ms. McCarty provided an overview of Sex Defense Probation, the type of client who is a good fit for the program, the differences between sex offender clients and other clients, the conditions and restrictions of the program, the Containment Team Model approach with these clients, and her work with Law Enforcement, Polygraph Examiners, and Treatment Providers. Ms. McCarty outlined

changes that have been made to the program in Kendall County and future changes including internet monitoring access software, and evidence based services that promote change to increase victim and community safety.

**Chief Judge** – No Report

**State’s Attorney** – No Report

**Sheriff’s Report**

- a. Operations Division – Written report provided. Undersheriff Bobby Richardson reported that the Sheriff’s Office is currently has seven open deputy positions due to retirement, promotion, and relocation. Undersheriff Richardson stated that he was available for any questions regarding the written report in the packet.
  
- b. Corrections Division – Written report provided. Chief Deputy Michael Peters stated there is one vacancy in Corrections due to a promotion. Chief Deputy Peters stated that he was available for any questions regarding the written report in the packet.
  
- c. Records Division – Written report provided.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business**

- *Discussion on an Ordinance Regulating Hawkers, Peddlers, Itinerant Merchants, and Transient Vendors* – Mr. Koepfel stated that the current ordinance was updated and formatted for 2021. Discussion on the current ordinance and copies of ordinances from DuPage, Grundy, Kane and Will Counties.

The committee made the following changes:

- 1. Change the name of the updated ordinance to “Ordinance Regulating Solicitors and Peddlers”
- 2. Change the hours of operation to Monday through Saturday from 9:00a.m. until 7:00p.m. Solicitation on Sundays is Prohibited
- 3. Change the Penalty range to “No less than fifty (\$50) dollars and no more than five hundred (\$500) dollars
- 4. Adding the definitions of Peddler and Solicitor

Member Cesich made a motion to forward the updated ordinance to the County Board for approval on November 2, 2021. Member Vickers made a second to the motion. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**Legislative Update** – No report

**Chairman’s Report/Comments** – No report.

**Items for the November 2, 2021 Kendall County Board Meeting**

- *Approval of an Ordinance Regulating Solicitors and Peddlers*

**Items for the November 10, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting** – None

**Chairman’s report/comments** - None

**Public Comment** – None

**Executive Session** – Not needed

**Adjournment** – Member Cesich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Vickers.

**With members in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 4:24p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain  
Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary