

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 4:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The meeting was called to order at 4:00p.m. by County Board Chair Scott Gryder.

ROLL CALL

Board Member	Status	Arrived	Left Meeting
Amy Cesich	Present		
Brian DeBolt	Here		
Elizabeth Flowers		4:17p.m.	
Scott Gengler	Here		
Judy Gilmour	Here		
Scott Gryder	Present		
Matt Kellogg	Present		
Dan Koukol	Here		
Ruben Rodriguez	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		

Others Present: Deputy County Administrator Latreese Caldwell, Financial Analyst Jennifer Karales, County Administrator Scott Koeppel, and Assistant State’s Attorney Jim Webb

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Member DeBolt, second by Member Koukol. **With nine members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 9-0.**

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS – Mr. Koeppel informed the committee of the Facilities Management Request for Qualifications for a Professional Design & Engineering Needs Assessment for the County. Mr. Koeppel asked that this item be included on the January 18, 2022 County Board meeting agenda.

INTRODUCTION OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY & OUTREACH MINISTRY – Felicia Holmes and Ayodele Hayes-Tubbs, Co-Directors of the HOPE pantry and outreach ministry in Plano, Illinois, briefed the committee on their mission, purpose and goals, stating their main goal is to “sow the seed of hope” to every woman, man, boy, and girl. Ms. Holmes stated that HOPE will seize every opportunity to remind local families that there is always HOPE! Ms. Holmes said that first, they focus on reducing food insecurity and empowering families of Plano, Yorkville, and Sandwich. Secondly, they are committed to providing families the resources they need to increase self-sufficiency. Finally, HOPE wants to teach basic home economics to families by showing them how to grow their own produce, bake, sew, and cut coupons to save their family money, all the while promoting balanced nutritional meals and self-sufficiency. Any family or individual in need is welcome to shop from the pantry and participate in the outreach program. Ms. Hayes-Tubbs stated that HOPE will do what is necessary to share available products they receive from local grocers and other organizations with the community. HOPE is a new business and welcomes sponsorships and donations from individuals, businesses and local organizations.

Volunteers are always needed! Additional information about the food pantry and outreach program is available on their website at: www.hopepantrynfp.org or by calling 630-273-2537.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION UPDATE – Superintendent Chad Lockman reported that the Veterans Assistance Commission staff continues to assist, represent, and advocate on behalf of veterans, their widows or widowers, and their families in obtaining earned Department of Veterans Affairs benefits.

Mr. Lockman reported that 1.5 million dollars (new monies) has been brought into Kendall County by Veterans Disability compensation, Veterans pensions, Widow's pensions, and low income pensions. Lockman said the 2022 levy is unchanged for this year, and accounts for a \$60 per tax dollar levy to the VAC.

Mr. Lockman reported that 2021 was a rough year, and that over 100 veterans lost their lives due to the Covid virus at the LaSalle Veterans Home. The IL Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions penned a letter to Governor on January 1, 2021 asking for the resignation or dismissal of the Director of the Illinois Veterans Affairs, and the Director resigned the a few days later.

Mr. Lockman stated that the annual Golf for Vets fundraiser in May was a huge success, with over 136 golfers, and sponsorships were through the roof. They raised over \$22,000 and made \$5000 donations to the Plano, Yorkville and Oswego American Legion posts, and 4 scholarships to very deserving kids.

The Middle East Conflicts Wall of Honor came to Oswego, and was a huge success for young and old veterans. It was a great event that allowed veterans and civilians the opportunity to better understand the conflict, to recognize the fallen, as well as the survivors, and to allow veterans an opportunity to find support and understanding from their local communities, and to find peace from the issues they face.

VAC replaced their aging 12 passenger bus with a new smaller handicapped vehicle. The bus was donated to the Yorkville Legion for funeral details and other community events.

Mr. Lockman praised Deputy Superintendent Karylin Cleavenger on the work she has done since joining VACKC. Ms. Cleavenger specializes in Medicare education, and was appointed to a seat on the National Association of County Veterans Commission Service Officers, and will be presenting classes on Medicare at the National Convention in June 2022.

Mr. Lockman stated that the 2022 VAC Memorial Scholarship applications are now available, and they hope to increase the number of recipients and the amounts.

Golf for Vets will now be known as the Herschel Lukenbill Memorial Golf for Vets event. Lukenbill was a valued advocate for veterans in Kendall County, and will be a tremendous loss to the VAC and Kendall County.

OLD BUSINESS – None

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- *Discussion of Petition 21-46 a Request from Greg Dady on behalf of DTG Investments, LLC and Robert A. Baish on Behalf of Baish Excavating, Inc. for Major Amendments to a Special Use Permit for a Landscaping Business Granted by Ordinance 2007-10 by Changing the Number of Employees Reporting to the Property, Amending the Site Plan, and Removing the Restrictions Forbidding the Parking and Storing of Vehicles, Equipment, and Landscaping Materials Outdoors at 3485 Route 126 (PIN: 06-09-400-005) in Na-Au-Say Township – Member Gengler reviewed the proposed amendments to the petition which has passed through ZPAC, RPC, ZBA, PBZ Committee as well as the Village of Oswego, Village of Plainfield, the Oswego Fire District, and Na-Au Say Township.*

Mr. Asselmeier reviewed the proposed condition changes with the committee, which included the decrease in the number of employees, the amended Site plan, removing restrictions forbidding the parking and storing of vehicles, equipment and landscaping materials outdoors. PBZ staff recommended approval with conditions. Petitioner was agreeable to the conditions proposed by the advisory boards, Oswego Fire Protection District and staff.

Member Gengler made a motion to forward the item to the County Board for approval, second by Member DeBolt. Member Koukol asked for a Roll Call vote.

Board Member	Status
Brian DeBolt	Yes
Elizabeth Flowers	Aye
Scott Gengler	Yes
Judy Gilmour	Yes
Scott Gryder	Yes
Matt Kellogg	Yes
Dan Koukol	Abstain
Ruben Rodriguez	Yes
Robyn Vickers	Aye
Amy Cesich	Yes

With Member Koukol abstaining, and the other nine members voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 9-0-1.

- *Discussion of a contract between Kendall County and Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. regarding the Historic Survey in Kendall and Bristol Townships; Committee of the Whole could refer the Proposal to the State’s Attorney’s Office – Pending approval of the grant for the survey, Member Kellogg made a motion to forward the contract to the State’s Attorney’s Office for legal review, second by Member Flowers. **With ten members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 10-0.***
- *Discussion of Future Land Uses along Route 47 in Kendall and Lisbon Townships – Update on recent meetings with the Mayor of Morris and Kendall and Lisbon Township*

leadership. **There was consensus by the committee to send this item to the Comprehensive Land Plan and Ordinance Committee for review and discussion.**

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA – None

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – No Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not needed

BOARD ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY 18, 2022:

- *Discussion of Petition 21-46 a Request from Greg Dady on Behalf of DTG Investments, LLC and Robert A. Baish on Behalf of Baish Excavating, Inc. for Major Amendments to a Special Use Permit for a Landscaping Business Granted by Ordinance 2007-10 by Changing the Number of Employees Reporting to the Property, Amending the Site Plan, and Removing the Restrictions Forbidding the Parking and Storing of Vehicles, Equipment, and Landscaping Materials Outdoors at 3485 Route 126 (PIN: 06-09-400-005) in Na-Au-Say Township*

ADJOURNMENT – Member DeBolt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Cesich. **With ten members present voting aye, the meeting adjourned at 4:55p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary