

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**Law, Justice and Legislation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for Monday, June 27, 2022**

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**Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance** – Committee Chair Judy Gilmour called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call**

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>	<b>Left Meeting</b>
Judy Gilmour	Here		
Amy Cesich		3:23 p.m.	
Dan Koukol	Here		
Ruben Rodriguez	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		

**Others Present** – Circuit Clerk Matthew Prochaska, EMA Director Roger Bonuchi, Court Services Director Alice Elliott, Commander Jason Langston, Commander Jeanne Russo, Presiding Judge Robert Pilmer, Judge Melissa Barnhart, Assistant Public Defender Chris Wheaton.

**Approval of Agenda** - Member Koukol made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Rodriguez. **With four members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.**

**Approval of March 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes** – Member Vickers made a motion to approve the March 28, 2022 meeting minutes, second by Member Koukol. **With four members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.**

**Special Recognition of Judge Melissa S. Barnhart** – Chair Gilmour read a declaration recognizing Judge Barnhart’s career. Kendall County declared July 10<sup>th</sup> as Judge Barnhart day.

**Public Comment** - None

**Status Reports**

**Coroner** – Written Report Provided.

**EMA** – Written Report Provided. EMA Director Bonuchi reported last week there were 15 members of the Sheriff’s office youth academy participated in a storm spotter class in which they all received their certificates. They will next attend a session at Bristol Kendall Fire for a disaster medical classes. EMA participated in the traffic detail for the Vice President’s visit to the area.

Director Bonuchi explained the process of a local search and rescue mission that took place in Plano, Illinois.

**Public Defender** – Written Report Provided. Public Defender Jason Majer updated the committee the open Assistant Felony Attorney position has now been filled. Attorney Kurt Gustafson has approximately 26 years’ experience, and will help guide newer attorney’s in the office. Mr. Majer reported more cases this month have been appointed to their office, they have closed a significant amount of cases, more than past six months.

***Circuit Clerk – Written Report Provided.*** Circuit Clerk Matthew Prochaska reported time standards will begin to appear on the monthly reports as mandated by the State of Illinois. Mr. Prochaska informed the committee his office is down three clerks and is currently working with finance to increase the starting base salary.

***Court Services – Written Report Provided.*** Director Elliott informed the committee the detention funds will be exhausted by the end of summer. Ms. Elliott states this is not unique, and explained part of this is working with DCFS youth that are staying in detentions longer. The enhanced probation services program that was started last November, works with family counselling services to identify families and youth that are more likely to repeat detention times and see if more intervention would circumvent that process. Ms. Elliott reports it is a slow moving process but the early cases are showing promise.

Ms. Elliott presented a proclamation for the committee approval to move to the county board to designate July 17-23, 2022 as Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week.

Director Elliott introduced Bruce Ludwick, the Community Service Coordinator, to speak to the committee on the Community Service work program.

***Presiding Judge –*** Judge Pilmer reported courtrooms 113 and 115 jury box areas set up for Covid distancing will be returning to normal setting still with some extra spacing. The equipment under the grant for modernizing the courtrooms has been received and the installation should begin in 115 and 113. Courtroom 114 will happen at a later date. Judge Pilmer stated judges' additional assignments will begin July 11, 2022 to cover the retirement of Judge Barnhart. Judge Pilmer informed the committee the process of judge selection. Judge Pilmer stated a replacement judge probably won't be selected until the end of August.

***State's Attorney –*** No Report.

***Sheriff's Report –***

- a. Operations Division – Written Report Provided. Commander Langston reported new recruits are moving through the process to fill the staffing shortages.
- b. Corrections Division – Written Report Provided. Commander Russo reported the medical and dental transports are beginning to slow.
- c. Records Division - Written Report Provided.

**Old Business -**

**New Business**

- ***Discussion and Approval of a Non-Binding Advisory Ballot Question for November Election –*** Chair Gilmore stated the question for the Non-Binding Advisory Ballot Question for November's election is "Should the Illinois Governor be able to use emergency powers indefinitely in order to override other elected officials?" Chair Gilmore went on to explain the background of what a non-binding advisory ballot question would mean along with the reason for this. After committee discussion no action will be taken.

- ***Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Establishing the Judicial Facilities Fee and the Judicial Department Facilities Construction Fund*** – Circuit Clerk Prochaska explained the proposal of Judicial Facilities Fees would allow the Circuit Clerk to assess a \$30.00 fee to certain court case filings, criminal and civil. Mr. Prochaska stated this process is being done in Kane and Will counties. Mr. Prochaska requests a comprehensive fee ordinance to have everything stated in one ordinance. Mr. Prochaska explained to the committee how the process of bond and fees are collected and refunded. Motion to forward the fee ordinance to the State’s Attorney’s Office to create a consolidated comprehensive fee ordinance by Member Cesich. Second by Member Rodriguez. **With four members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 4-1.**
- ***Discussion and Approval of Food Service Response Recommendation*** – Commander Russo reported the results of the Food Service Response ITB. The winning bid was Aramark. Motion to forward for contract approval to Finance by Member Cesich. Second by Member Koukol. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**
- ***Discussion and Approval of a Proclamation Designating July 17-23, 2022 as Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week*** – Member Koukol read the Proclamation to the committee. Motion to forward the Proclamation for approval to the full County Board by Member Cesich. Second by Member Rodriguez. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**Legislative Update** - None

**Chairman’s Report/Comments** – None

**Items for the County Board** – Proclamation Designating July 17-23, 2022 as Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week

**Items for Finance** – Approval of Food Service Response Contract with Aramark.

**Items for the May 12, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting** – None

**Items for the State’s Attorney’s Office** – Creation for a Consolidated Comprehensive Fee Ordinance.

**Public Comment** – None

**Executive Session** – None

**Adjournment** – Member Cesich made a motion to adjourn the Facilities Committee meeting, Member Rodriguez seconded the motion. **With four members present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m. by a vote of 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Wald  
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk