



**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 4:00 PM
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by County Board Chair Matt Kellogg who led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call

Board Member	Status	Arrived	Left Meeting
Matt Kellogg	present		
Scott Gengler	present		
Zach Bachmann	present		
Brian DeBolt	present		
Elizabeth Flowers	absent		
Dan Koukol	present		
Jason Peterson	present		
Ruben Rodriguez	present		
Brooke Shanley		4:15 p.m.	
Seth Wormley	Present		

With eight (8) members present a quorum was established.

Staff Present: Attorney James Webb, Scott Koepfel, Latreese Caldwell, Jennifer Breault, Andy Nicoletti

Others Present: Nate Kloster; Voluntary Action Center CFO, Val Nickerson, Ethan Kruger; WSPY News, Executive Director CASA Amy McNamara

Approval of Agenda – Motion made by Member DeBolt, second by Member Rodriguez. **With eight members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 8 - 0.**

Approval of January 12, 2023 & January 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Member Bachmann, second by Member Wormley. **With eight members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 8 - 0.**

Approval of Claims – Motion made by Member DeBolt, second by Member Rodriguez to forward claims to the next County Board meeting.

ROLL CALL

Matt Kellogg	Yes
Scott Gengler	Yes
Zach Bachmann	Yes
Brian DeBolt	Yes
Elizabeth Flowers	absent
Dan Koukol	Yes
Jason Peterson	Yes
Ruben Rodriguez	Yes
Brooke Shanley	absent
Seth Wormley	yes

With eight members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 8- 0.

New Committee Business -

A. *Special Presentation - Voluntary Action Center – Nate Kloster CEO of the Voluntary Action Center gave a presentation on the Voluntary Action Center and the Kendall Area Transit services. A copy of the presentation was included in the packet (pages 7-12). He spoke about their downstate operating grant, and local match calculations and municipal contributions to VAC. The program has funding capacity to meet demand, but the current program funding is constrained by current municipal funding. He explained the need for transportation services in Kendall County is great, and with continued growth of the county the need will only increase. They are currently turning away 163 rides per month due to limited capacity. He explained that the current fleet of buses are getting older, and most costs are associated with maintenance, labor, and fuel costs. He outlined the current funding model and answered questions regarding their efforts to tap into Medicare claims, private and corporate sources, and possible advertising on the buses.

B. *Presentation - Chief County Assessment Official Andy Nicoletti presented to the board members a slide presentation on the Illinois property tax system and the assessment appeal process. Mr. Nicoletti answered questions from the board members. A written report was provided in the packet.

C. *Discussion - FY23-24 ARPA- Drainage District – Scott Koeppel stated the State’s Attorney is working on the grant agreement for ARPA funds in the amount of \$500,000 with the money will go to Yorkville, and Yorkville will work with the Drainage District. The drainage district will clean up the ditches to avoid flooding, cleanup will be in Yorkville unincorporated and incorporated areas where the creek runs. The Drainage District has no professional staff and is all voluntary, so obtaining federal grants are hard for them to acquire. The Drainage District works to improve the waterways for proper drainage to minimize flooding in the County.

D. Approval of agreement for disbursement and use of Kendall County’s American Rescue Plan Act Funds with CASA Kendall County for the amount of \$25,000 – Board member Scott Gengler recused himself from any voting on this matter as a conflict of interest. Executive Director for CASA Amy McNamara presented an overview of what the money will be used for to the board. The ARPA money will be used to fund the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) position, which a local attorney had agreed to the amount previously. Ms. McNamara answered questions

regarding the program and the GAL position. A board member noted that the attorney is generously giving away many hours of his time to the organization.

Member Peterson made a motion to forward to County Board, second by Member Bachmann. **With eight (8) members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 8- 0.** Board member Scott Gengler did not vote on this agenda item.

E. Approval of agreement for disbursement and use of Kendall County’s American Rescue Plan Act Funds with Kendall County Forest Preserve District for the amount of \$100,000 – Jennifer Karales said the ARPA money will be used for the Pickerill House for maintenance of patios.

Member Shanley made a motion to forward to County Board, second by Member DeBolt. **With nine (9) members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 9- 0.**

F. Authorize Kendall County Administrator to coordinate with GRNE Solar and allow an education field trip at the Kendall County Solar Field – Scott Koeppel explained that he was approached by GRNE Solar for permission to take students on their leased solar fields for a field trip. They also requested a classroom; Scott indicated that space will be provided at the Health Department. Participants will be required to sign waivers and Facilities Director Dan Polvere will be accompanying the group on the designated day.

Member Peterson made a motion to approve authorization of Scott Koeppel to coordinate with GRNE Solar, second by Member Shanley. **With nine (9) members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 9- 0.**

Old Committee Business- None

Department Head and Elected Officials Reports – None

Public Comment – None

Questions from the Media – None

Chairman’s Report – None

Review Board Action Items –

- Approval of Claims
- Approval of agreement for disbursement and use of Kendall County’s American Rescue Plan Act Funds with CASA Kendall County for \$25,000.
- Approval of agreement for disbursement and use of Kendall County’s American Rescue Plan Act Funds with Kendall County Forest Preserve District for \$100,000.

Executive Session – None

Adjournment – Member Gengler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Peterson. **With Nine (9) members present voting aye, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally A. Seeger
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