

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**Law, Justice and Legislation Committee**  
**Monday, February 11, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance** - Chair Tony Giles 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 at Meeting</b>	<b>Left Meeting</b>
Tony Giles	Here		
Judy Gilmour		3:20p.m.	
Audra Hendrix	Here		3:44p.m.
Matthew Prochaska	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		

**With four members present voting aye, a quorum was determined to conduct business.**

**Others Present:** Sheriff Dwight Baird, Chief Deputy Mike Peters, Commander Jason Langston, Deputy Commander Mitch Hatten, Commander Bobby Richardson, Coroner Jacquie Purcell, Presiding Judge Robert Pilmer, State’s Attorney Eric Weis, EMA Director Joe Gillespie, Scott Koeppel, Senior Planner Matt Asselmeier, Court Services Director Alice Elliott, and Public Defender Vicki Chuffo

**Approval of the Agenda** –Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Prochaska with the amendment to move the Chairman’s Report before the Public Comment section.

**With four members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes** – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the January 14, 2019 meeting minutes, second by Member Prochaska. **With four members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

**Status Reports**

**Coroner** –Coroner Purcell reviewed the monthly report with the committee, and reported 19 deaths for the month of January. Written report provided.

**Circuit Clerk** – Written report provided in packet.

**Court Services** – Written report provided. Alice Elliott stated that two new employees, Matt Blackburn from Indiana Probation, and Darian Kerr from DeKalb County (previously an intern with Kendall County), have been hired and they are once again fully staffed.

**EMA** – Written report provided. Search and Rescue was called out twice in the month of January. He continues to monitor the ice jams on the Fox River in the Millington area. They continued the Siren, STARCOM and WSPY Emergency Alert System (EAS) testing.

**Public Defender** – Written report provided in packet.

## **Sheriff's Report**

- a. Operations Division – Written report provided. Commander Jason Langston reported the weather had a larger impact on operations.
- b. Records Division – Written report provided. Discussion on the increase in Sheriff's Sales this year. Sheriff Baird stated that most were postponed from December due to the holidays.
- c. Corrections Division – Written report provided. Chief Deputy Peters stated they expect to receive the Body Scanner for Corrections in March. Sheriff Baird reported that the ability of the scanner to detect drugs or other paraphernalia in body cavities is another step in keeping the staff and facility safer.

## **Old Business** - None

## **New Business**

- A. Discussion and Approval of Gateway Foundation, Inc. and KC Drug Court Agreement – Motion by Member Hendrix, second by Member Vickers. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried.**
- B. Review and Approval of the Mutual Aid Resolution – Motion by Member Hendrix, second by Member Prochaska. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried.**
- C. Discussion and Approval of 2019 ISACo Membership Dues Payment – Motion by Member Hendrix, second by Member Prochaska to forward to the County Board for approval to pay the ISACo Membership dues out of the contingency line item of the budget. Member Prochaska briefed the committee on the advocacy of ISACo, the County's base membership payment last year for the Cook and Collar County Caucuses. This year ISACo is asking the County to also join for the Large County Caucuses (all Counties over 100,000 citizens) this year.

Roll Call: Member Gilmour – yes, Member Hendrix – yes, Member Prochaska – yes, Member Vickers – yes, Member Giles – yes. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

**Chairman's Report/Comments** – Chairman Giles announced that the March 11<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup> meetings will meet in the Law Library due to jury trials meeting in the Jury Assembly Room those two weeks.

**Public Comment** - Jim Brummel, Priscilla Gruber, Ed Gruber, Bob Davidson, Gary Hastert, Chris Pollock, Todd Milliron, Larry Gibson, Fred Davis, Dave Schlapp, Don Brummel, Bill Bergland, Brian Michel, Geri Hendrickson

## **New Business part two**

- A. Discussion of an Ordinance Regulating or Prohibiting the Discharge of Firearms in Unincorporated areas (as defined by 55 ILCS 5/5-1117) – Discussion on gun ranges versus hunting or target practice on personal property, the need for an ordinance in Kendall County, current gun ranges in Kendall County, and legitimate agriculture use and the right to bear arms.

State's Attorney Eric Weis stated addressed the issue of the risk of personal injury that might result from the discharge of a firearm, by saying that state law already in place - Class 4 Felony, with a \$250 fine that would apply to personal injury caused by a firearm. Mr. Weis said that Township rules and regulations are separate from County regulations, and firearm regulations are different from hunting regulations.

Member Prochaska made a motion to dismiss the Discussion of an Ordinance Regulating or Prohibiting the Discharge of Firearms in Unincorporated areas (as defined by 55 ILCS 5/5-1117) indefinitely, second by Member Gilmour.

Roll Call: Member Prochaska – yes, Member Gilmour – yes, Member Giles – yes, Member Vickers – no. **With Members Prochaska, Gilmour, and Giles voting aye, and Member Vickers voting no, the motion carried by a vote of 3-1.** Member Hendrix was absent for this vote.

### **Legislative Update**

A. Discussion of House Bills and Senate Bills – **Item was tabled to a future meeting**

1. HB 1573
2. HB 1448
3. HB 158
4. HB 191
5. SB 108

**Executive Session** – Not needed

**Adjournment** – Member Vickers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Gilmour. **With all in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 4:54p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain  
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk