

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Law, Justice and Legislation Committee
Monday, June 10, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance - Chair Tony Giles called the meeting to order at 3:15p.m. who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Committee Member	Status	Arrived at Meeting	Left Meeting
Tony Giles	Here		
Judy Gilmour	ABSENT		
Audra Hendrix	Here		
Matthew Prochaska	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		

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

Others Present: Sheriff Dwight Baird, Public Defender Vicki Chuffo, EMA Director Joe Gillespie, Commander Jason Langston, Deputy Commander Mitch Hatten, Presiding Judge Robert Pilmer, Coroner Jacquie Purcell, Commander Bobby Richardson, Facilities Director Jim Smiley, States Attorney Eric Weis

Approval of the Agenda –Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Vickers. **With four members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the May 13, 2019 meeting minutes, second by Member Vickers. **With four members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

Status Reports

Coroner – Coroner Purcell reviewed the monthly report with the committee, and reported 21 deaths: 19 natural, 1 accidental fall in home, 1 suicide), and 16 cremations for the month of May. Coroner Purcell also reviewed the personnel actives and community service hours for the month. Written report provided.

Court Services – Written report provided.

EMA – Written report provided. Director Gillespie stated that they participated in an Evidence Search for a weapon with Aurora Police due to a homicide; multi-agency search and rescue training on Shoreline Safety; and EMA and IAP Training in the month of May. Siren, STARCOM and WSPY Emergency Alert System (EAS) testing continued.

Public Defender – Public Defender Chuffo reported a substantial increase in all areas. Written report provided.

Sheriff’s Report

- a. Operations Division – Commander Langston reported additional patrols in the Oswego Township area in May in an attempt to deter from recent suspicious activities throughout the area, and increased sheriff’s deputy presence in Boulder Hill due to gang related graffiti and suspected activity found in the area. Commander Langston also reported the Youth Academy would begin on June 11th, and has 18 area youth participating this year.

Deputy Commander Hatten reported on recent National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) training. The NIBIN network assists in incarcerating armed violent offenders plaguing our communities by automating ballistics evaluations and providing actionable investigative leads in a timely manner to law enforcement agencies across the United States. Written report provided.

- b. Corrections Division – Written report provided. Commander Richardson noted a substantial increase in Federal Inmate housing revenue this year compared to May 2018. Richardson reported that the Federal Government is now up-to-date on Federal Inmate Housing payments.

Commander Richardson reported that the first Inmate Work Crew will begin working in the Animal Control facility on Wednesday, June 12 with deep cleaning of the facility expected over the next few weeks in preparation for building renovations and full operation of the Animal Control facility soon. Commander Richardson also updated the committee on the utilization and training of the tablets for the inmates. Richardson stated that the tablets have multiple online resources available to the inmates including a video entitled “Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict”, a short documentary of ordinary people from various walks of life describing the horrors of addiction and how their addiction to prescription drugs and heroin changed their lives forever.

Sheriff Baird mentioned that he has talked to Waubensee Community College regarding online courses that could be available to inmates through the new tablets, and hopes to begin implementation soon.

- c. Records Division – Written report provided.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Chairman’s Report/Comments – No report

Public Comment - None

Legislative Update - None

Executive Session – Not needed

Adjournment – Member Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Prochaska. **With all in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 3:35p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk