



**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 4:00 PM
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by County Board Chairman 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	Here		
Scott Gengler	Here		
Zach Bachmann	Here		
Brian DeBolt	Here		
Elizabeth Flowers	Absent		
Dan Koukol	Here		
Jason Peterson	Here		
Ruben Rodriguez	Here		
Brooke Shanley	Here		
Seth Wormley	Here		

With nine (9) members present a quorum was established.

Staff Present: Christina Burns, Latreese Caldwell, Jennifer Karales, Meagan Briganti, Dan Polvere

Others Present: Jim Cannon

Approval of Agenda – Member DeBolt made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Peterson. **With nine (9) members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 9 - 0.**

Approval of Minutes- Member Rodriguez made a motion to approve the January 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole minutes, second by Member Gengler. **With nine (9) members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 9 -0.**

New Committee Business

A. Connect Kendall County Broadband Update

Board Member and Chair of the Connect Kendall County Commission Zach Bachmann gave a brief update on where the project stands with the Illinois Broadband office. Grant applications have been submitted and are being reviewed. The Illinois Broadband Office is asking for some clarifications on the grant. The CKCC will not receive the full amount of funds they requested. The CKCC is preparing to apply for the next round of grants available through the BEAD program. Mr. Bachmann introduced CEO Jim Cannon of Pivot-Tech Development Inc. who presented an update on the Kendall County Broadband project. Pivot-Tech designs broadband systems. Pivot-Tech believes in a private/public partnership model where

the County owns the asset at the end of the concession agreement. Pivot-Tech puts together the financing on the private equity side, designs the project, and brings financial partners to the table.. The original project, proposed to the state, was 5 middle mile rings.. The state asked that they cut them back and focus on two rings; Ring 1 and Ring 3. Ring 1 is important as it includes the most anchor tenants for private equity investors to achieve an expected rate of return. Ring 3 is important to the state because there is a significant number of unserved and underserved addresses, approximately 3600 addresses in this area.

County Administrator Christina Burns addressed the committee to let them know there are a lot of different people at the table with a lot of different interests in the project. The work that Pivot-Tech and the CKCC have done is trying to navigate all the interests and providing what is best for the community as a whole. She stated that there will be Federal funding coming to support the expansion of broadband particularly into those underserved communities. Open housing meetings were held this past week to engage stakeholders in the project. A question was asked how the rings were determined? The answer was: the cost as every mile of fiber is very expensive, it is what can be supported by revenue. Fixed wireless may be supplemented to areas that will not have fiber. Rings may change due to existing towers, topography, and railroad crossings. A question was asked if any revenue will come back to the county? Mr. Canon answered Yes it will. A minimum of 8% return is expected for the investors, anything past 15% will be split with the county. Mr. Bachmann stated that next year the State of Illinois will receive one billion dollars for broadband expansion, and he feels that the County will be competitive in that application. The project could move quickly, and the project could mobilize in the late summer, if grant funding is received. Chairman Kellogg thanked Christina Burns, Zach Bachmann, and Meagan Briganti and GIS staff and Jim Cannon for all the work they have put into this project so far.

Old Committee Business- None

Department Head and Elected Officials Reports – None

Public Comment –None

Questions from the Media – None

Chairman’s Report – Oswego hosted a Legislative Round Table on January 25th, each taxing body got to present to the group what their needs/priorities are. Mr. Kellogg brought to their attention the long term project of Ridge Road, Broadband project, Public Safety expansion, and the Forest Preserve Sales Tax Referendum. Chili cook-off being held in the COB on Jan. 26, 2024.

Action Items for County Board – None

Executive Session- None

Adjournment – Member Bachmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Shanley. **With nine (9) members present voting aye, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,
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