Call to Order
The Budget and Finance Committee met at 8:21 a.m., and was called to order by Chair John Purcell.

Committee members present: Amy Cesich, Lynn Cullick, Elizabeth Flowers, Judy Gilmour, John Purcell

Board members present: Matthew Prochaska

Others Present: Latreese Caldwell, Jill Ferko, Janet Kaiser, Scott Koster, Stan Laken, Andy Nicoletti, Jim Smiley, Tom Thomas and Jeff Wilkins

Claims Review and Approval
The Committee reviewed the claims report. A motion was made by Amy Cesich to forward the bills in the amount of $1,279,335.64 to the County Board for approval. Lynn Cullick made a second to the motion. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

Department Head and Elected Official Comments

Jill Ferko, County Treasurer – No Report

Debbie Gillette, County Clerk/Recorder – No Report

Stan Laken, Technology – Stan Laken stated that the Technology Department has been working on the five-year plan, and said his staff expressed concern about estimating long-term capital projects. Mr. Laken confirmed with the committee that the long-term capital projects list would be reviewed on an annual basis, and was simply to be used in future financial planning for the County.

Andy Nicoletti, Assessment Office – No Report

Chief Deputy Scott Koster, Sheriff’s Office – Scott Koster said that his staff also expressed concern about the five-year plan expectations. Koster assured his staff that the long-term projections were going to be reviewed annually, and could be amended or adjusted as necessary. Chief Deputy Koster confirmed the submission date as April 30, 2013.
Chief Deputy Koster reported that Public Safety will continue to see a continued impact in overtime due to staff retirement, terminations, separations and the number of foreclosures and Sheriff’s sales. He said there would also be an increase in expenses because of new hire training and uniform costs. Koster stated they are currently taking applications for Corrections and Sheriff’s Deputies.

Jim Smiley, Facilities Management – No Report

Tom Thomas, Department of Health and Human Services – No Report

**Other Items of Business**

1. **2013 Senior Tax Levy Applicant Presentations** – John Purcell explained the Senior Tax Levy presentation and grant procedures, and encouraged the committee to ask questions of the presenters.

**Kendall County Department of Health & Human Services Request: $64,000** – Dr. Amaal Tokars introduced HHS staff including Keith Bielema, Steve Curatti, Jason Andrade, RaeAnn Van Gundy and Karen Cotter and provided information on the Transition program services provided to Kendall County Seniors and reviewed the application and financial documentation with the committee. Dr. Tokars reported that in their efforts to not duplicate services to seniors in the County, the KC Department of Health & Human Services developed service to seniors focusing on those with various types of duress. Dr. Tokars said that HHS served over 5000 seniors last year.

Steve Curatti briefed the committee on HHS collaboration and networking with other senior providers in the County and how they can work together to service and promote health for community seniors. Mr. Curatti reported that the group of senior providers meets at HHS on a monthly basis.

Jason Andrade provided information on areas of impact on County seniors. He reported that HHS Mental Health supports 290 unduplicated clients that remain living in the community. He gave statistics on feedback surveys and said they receive very positive feedback from clients on the service they received from the Kendall County HHS. Mr. Andrade said that HHS strives for respect and kindness to each and every client.

Keith Bielema relayed several client success stories to the committee and resources and ongoing education that were provided to these clients. Mr. Bielema reported that Elder Abuse is on the rise in the County, and that HHS continues collaboration with local law enforcement concerning this issue.
**Community Meals for Seniors Request: $26,250** – Richard Aubrey introduced staff members Bob Robinson, Carol Robinson and Kay Mulliner, and explained their role within the organization.

Mr. Aubrey gave background on the organization and provided information on the services provided to enhance the lives of Kendall County Seniors through the program and local restaurants. Mr. Anderson gave statistics and reported they provided support to 349 seniors in 2012. They project service to 435 seniors in 2013. He said that each year they have met or exceeded their projects, and he reported that all service is provided by volunteers. Mr. Anderson said that all money spent on their program is returned back to the County economy by supporting the local restaurants, and through the taxes.

Mr. Anderson stated their short-term goals for 2013 as evaluating program for improvements, ensure all is running smoothly and estimate future sights for growth, recruit new members to their group and solicit for additional grants and donations. He said the other major funding source is from Wal-Mart.

**Community Nutrition Network Request: $20,500** – Cindy Helland introduced Lois Verincato and explained the program. She explained that they distribute approximately 170 meals a day to homebound, disabled and low income citizens throughout the County. They provide 10 citizens with two meals a day, and predict that will increase each year. She said that the program is mostly staffed by volunteers.

Ms. Helland said they conduct an annual fundraiser to bring awareness to the program and to also raise funds for the program.

**Senior Services Associates, Inc. Request: $129,300** – Bette Schoenholtz provided information on the organization and the services they provide to County seniors. Ms. Schoenholtz reported they have been in service in Kendall County for 30 years. She said they served seniors in 2012. They assist seniors by providing information to seniors on various support resources and funding available to them.

She said they receive funding for their senior companion program, caregiver support program and other programs they offer on a regular basis. Senior Services also connects seniors with County-wide volunteer opportunities.

**Prairie State Legal Services Request: $8,500** – Kathryn Bettcher provided a brief overview of the free legal civil services provided for low-income and senior citizens in Kendall County.
Kathleen Finn gave information about the services specifically provided to Kendall County seniors and collaboration with other County agencies such as the KC HHS and Senior Services organizations. She said Prairie States provides a monthly walk-in service at the Beecher Center in Yorkville, and also meets with clients at the KC HHS.

**Visiting Nurses Association Request: $15,000** – Sonny de Rama gave a brief overview of the program. Mr. de Rama stated they have provided service to Kendall County for over 25 years.

Shannon Setchell described the Home-Health services provided including wound care, as well as occupational, speech and physical therapy.

Ms. Setchell said there has been a two percent reduction in Medicare coverage recently that has affected their program. She said that the grant funding is vital to their services in Kendall County. Mr. de Rama said that the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) was established in 2012 to assist and educate seniors with questions about Medicare changes, open enrollment and changes in coverage.

**Fox Valley Family YMCA Request: $6,906.90** – Stephanie Wayne explained the various programs they offer to County seniors, as well as reductions in membership fees, and program modifications to encourage seniors to participate. She explained the Foxy Seniors program – a time for seniors to come in and socialize with others, take trips once a month, play cards, games, and get to know others at meet and greets.

**Fox Valley Older Adult Services Request: $60,000** – Cynthia Worsley introduced Susan Thanepohn, director of FVOAS. Ms. Worsley said the mission of FVOAS is to keep seniors living independently in their homes, and to keep them healthy both physically and emotionally. She said they have served Kendall County for 41 years.

Ms. Worsley provided information and statistics about the in-home and adult-day services available to seniors at three adult day-care services in the area, one in Aurora, one in Sandwich and one in DeKalb. They do not have Kendall County clients in the DeKalb location.

Ms. Worsley said they work collaboratively with Senior Services, Kendall Area Transit and other local senior services organizations to provide better service to seniors.
**Oswegoland Seniors, Inc. Request: $40,000** – Bob Wyngard introduced staff members and explained their roles in the organization. He said they operate with six part-time employees, and have more than 40 active volunteers. He reported they have over 25 separate programs/activities each week and provided service to 796 unduplicated individuals from Kendall County in 2013.

Mr. Wyngard stated the organization’s primary responsibility is to operate the Oswego Senior Center and to serve in an advisory role to the Village of Oswego. He said their mission is to promote general well-being of the Oswegoland Senior community by honoring and serving seniors by providing an environment that improves quality of life and extends independent living.

**Items from Other Committees** – None

**Old Business** - None

**Action Items for County Board**
- Approval of claims in the amount of $1,279,335.64

**Executive Session** – None needed

**Public Comment** – None

**Adjournment** – Lynn Cullick made a motion to adjourn, second by Amy Cesich. All members voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m. **The next Finance Committee meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2013.**

Respectfully submitted,

Valarie A. McClain
Recording Secretary