CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL
Committee Members Present: Lynn Cullick, Judy Gilmour, Dan Koukol, Matt Prochaska and John Purcell (10:04 a.m.)

Others present: Megan Andrews, KC Soil and Water Conservation District, Dr. Amaal Tokars, Department of Health & Human Services, and Melissa Creamer, Department of Health & Human Services, Community Action Division

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Matthew Prochaska made a motion to approve the minutes from April 15, 2013. Dan Koukol seconded the motion. With all in agreement, the minutes were approved.

STATUS REPORTS

Farmland Protection – Megan Andrews shared the information that John Church emailed to the County Board about the Northern Illinois Farmland Conference on June 21 & 22, 2013 at the Community Building Complex of Boone County; 111 West First Street; Belvidere, IL. The conference will highlight the many forms of farming within Northern Illinois, the need for groundwater protection, the growing trend of agri-tourism, state legislation and its impact on agriculture, exhibitors and a tour of working farms and agri-tourism business opportunities.

Soil & Water - Ms. Andrews stated that they participated in the installation of a rain garden in Yorkville at the park along the river on May 4, 2013.

Ms. Andrews gave a report on the Natural Resources Tour 2013, held on May 9, 10, 16 and 17, 2013. The Tour has now developed into a four day event where local fourth and fifth grade students visited eight stations at Hoover Forest Preserve including recycling, insects, prairies, wetlands, trees, bird migration, soil science, Native American village and composting. Groups came from local grade schools, home-schools and Christian school students throughout Kendall County.
Ms. Andrews reported KC Soil & Water will be compiling data for the Illinois Department of Agriculture Transect Survey in the next month or so, and will conduct “window” inventories of over 300 pre-determined sites in the County this year, to view crops planted last year, what is currently planted, and whether there is any erosion in the field, then log and submit those findings to Springfield who will use the data to track tillage trends. This will probably occur in early June.

KC Soil and Water will be conducting their annual Used Oil Recycling Event on Saturday, June 15, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – noon at FS Grainco on Route 47 in Yorkville.

Tuesday June 25 – Day long Farm Camp at Kellogg Farms, and will conclude with a family dinner and fishing.

**Department of Health and Human Services** – Dr. Tokars reported on various ways that HHS was able to provide information, assistance and resources regarding mold mitigation, water/well contamination and well testing to KC citizens that were affected by the recent flooding.

Dr. Tokars introduced Melissa Creamer, from the Kendall Grundy Community Action section of the Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Creamer provided an overview of the programs that are offered by the Community Action offices.

She explained the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) that provides a one-time grant for assistance with heating, propane or electric bills. Citizens are able to apply once per year for this program. To date this fiscal year (September through May), HHS has assisted 850 families in Kendall and Grundy Counties. Ms. Creamer said the number requesting assistance increases each year, and there are more in Kendall than in Grundy due to the population growth in Kendall in recent years. This program is funded with federal and state funds.

**Percentage Income Payment Program (PIP)** – Ms. Creamer explained the PIP program which examines a citizen’s income, usage and household and bases the monthly payment off of that family’s income and usage. She said teaching citizen’s the value of decreasing usage results in lower monthly payments is one of the Community Action primary goals. PIP is a year-round program. A cooling plan allows a one-time grant of $150 to citizens in the event of extreme heat in the summer months.

**Weatherization Assistance Program** – Ms. Creamer said that a team conducts energy audits in county homes to assess ways to help low income citizens save fuel and money while increasing the energy efficiency of their homes, and examination of their heating systems.
**Solid Waste Plan Ad-Hoc Committee** – Dr. Tokars said that after discussions with County Board Chair John Shaw and Judy Gilmour, Board Vice Chair, HHS has created this committee for Solid Waste Planning for 2015. Dr. Tokars reported that Judy Gilmour (H & E Chair) will chair the committee, John Church and Jim Fredericks will also serve on the committee. The County Board Chair will choose several public representatives, and every County municipality has also been invited to participate as well. The first meeting will be on June 26, 2013, and there will be approximately ten meetings over the next two years.

**Water Related Groups** - No report

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**ACTION ITEMS** – None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**- Dan Koukol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lynn Cullick seconded the motion. With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

The next meeting will be on June 17, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Office Building, County Board Rooms 209-210.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Recording Secretary