KENDALL COUNTY ILLINOIS
Budget & Finance Committee
BUDGET HEARING
Tuesday, August 26, 2014
County Board Rooms 209-210

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Chair John Purcell called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m.

2. Members Present: John Purcell, and Amy Cesich (arrived at 1:03p.m.),

   Members Absent: Lynn Cullick, Elizabeth Flowers and Judy Gilmour

   Chairman Purcell appointed John A. Shaw and Matthew Prochaska to serve on the Budget & Finance Committee today to form a quorum.

   Others Present: Latreese Caldwell, Bob Jones, Jeff Wilkins

3. Proposed Budget Changes: Latreese Caldwell reviewed the changes made by the Finance Committee from the last Budget Hearing meeting, including the reduction of the part-time investigators for the Public Defender by $5000 and reduced the Contractual Services for Administrative Services by $2650.

   Ms. Caldwell stated that she was contacted by Andy Nicoletti who increased the new construction numbers which would increase the levy revenue by an additional $37,777.

   Ms. Caldwell also received a call from Chief Deputy Scott Koster who asked that the Undersheriff position for $108,000 be removed from the Sheriff’s budget, remove one Corrections deputy position for $79,000, and recalculate one Deputy start date for a vacant position.

4. Review of Budgets:

   State’s Attorney’s Office – Eric Weis reviewed his proposed budget, and said there will be an increase in dues and memberships to the Illinois Supreme Court, and there will be an increase in the training budget line item to include Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) national training. Mr. Weis stated he would like to send at least one or two attorney’s to this training.

   Mr. Weis said there is also a proposed increase in the Appellate Prosecutors Service to $32,000. The fee structure is based on population, and the increase hasn’t been done since 2000, when the County population exceeded 100,000.
Mr. Weis reviewed the salary line item, and said that he is proposing a 3 percent salary increase for his staff in compliance with the committee’s request, but that he feels his staff deserves higher increases given increases others in the County have received in recent years, and that half of his staff have Juris Doctorate degrees. Mr. Weis reviewed the proposed stipends for various staff and the reasons for those stipends. Mr. Weis explained his reason for requesting a part-time clerical secretary.

Public Safety Center – Scott Koster reviewed the proposed budgets for the Corrections, Sheriff’s Office and Vehicles.

Health Department, - Dr. John Palmer, Health Board Finance chair gave an overview of the various programs of the Health Department, and provided an overview of the proposed budget, and said they anticipate a decrease in their budget revenue. Dr. Palmer said that they would need to take funds from the fund balance to maintain their budget, and that they have increased their dependence on the levy. Dr. Amaal Tokars introduced Health Board members and key Health Department personnel in attendance.

Court Services – Tina Varney explained her request for three new personnel which included a Sex Offender Officer, a Pre-trial and Pre-trial Technology Probation Officer. Ms. Varney stated that AOIC has sent them an additional $29,000, and that they would receive $210,000 for FY2015. Ms. Varney said that her office has also applied for additional funding from AOIC, but will not have those results until later in the fall. Ms. Varney said that if these salaries are not reimbursed by the state, she would withdraw her request for these positions.

Judiciary Office – Judge Tim McCann reviewed the proposed budget and explained there is very little change.

Highway Department - Fran Klaas reported that his budget is basically status quo. Mr. Klaas said that he is respecting the committee’s instructions of no salary increases in excess of 3 percent. Mr. Klaas does anticipate one retirement and replacement of that position in FY 2015.

KC Soil & Water – Butch Konicek reviewed their budget and explained some of their struggles with a decrease in state funding allocations.

Coroner’s Office - Jacquie Purcell provided a brief overview of the budget and said there is minimal change to this year’s budget.

University of Illinois - Sandra Davis and Wayne Munsinger reviewed their budget and said they anticipate a 5 percent increase from the State Matching fund.
5. **Other Business** - none

6. **Public Comment** - none

8. **Executive Session** – none needed

9. **Adjournment** – Member Prochaska made a motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing, second by Member Cesich. *With all in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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