Kendall County, Illinois
Committee of the Whole

Thursday, July 10, 2014
County Office Building, Board Room 209-210
111 W. Fox Road, Yorkville IL
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order
The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Chair John Shaw at 4:00p.m., who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call
Members: Judy Gilmour - here, Scott Gryder - here, Dan Koukol – present, Matt Prochaska - here, John Purcell - yes, John Shaw – aye, Jeff Wehrli – here, Amy Cesich – here, Elizabeth Flowers - present, Lynn Cullick (arrived at 4:19p.m.)

Others Present: David Berault, Latreese Caldwell, Anne Knight, Sheriff Richard Randall, Eric Weis, and Jeff Wilkins

Items of Business

Response to Per Diem Forensic Audit – Nancy Martin addressed the committee on the forensic audit results, the 3 year investigation, the recording of meetings, ad-hoc meetings, special assignments approved by the County Board chair, approved liaisons for meetings, such as VACKC, KenCom, 708 Mental Health Board, Board Rules of Order, and allowed and disallowed per diems.

From the Finance Committee:

Capital Plan Discussion – Member Purcell presented the General Fund Capital Plan for FY 2014 – 2020, and reviewed some of the items that were removed from the original capital requests totaling over 11 million dollars. Member Purcell reported that there is still a deficit of over 2 million dollars.

Latreese Caldwell informed the committee that the department heads and elected officials have submitted their requests, and she reviewed the funding sources, the general fund expenditures and the various requests.

Discussion on Kendall County Homeless:

Anne Engelhart, Executive Director of Kendall County PADS – Ms. Engelhart provided background information and statistical data on the program that has been in operation for five years, including the number of individual guests, total number of overnight stays, and the meals served (supper, breakfast and lunch). Ms. Engelhart
stated that PADS is a unique model of shelter for the homeless, and that they currently have seven shelter sites located in churches that can house a maximum of 15 guests per night.

Ms. Engelhart highlighted three main areas contributing to the success of the program:

**Environment for the homeless guests**: space for the guest, safety and security for the guests and the volunteers, hygiene of the facility, the agreement of behavioral expectations, and homemade and nutritious meals

**The Volunteers**: over 600 county residents serve as PADS volunteers, various site locations available for volunteers to serve in, one-on-one interaction between volunteers and guests, over 100 volunteers available to be called in an emergency situation, intensive and ongoing volunteer training

**Community Networking**: Support available through local organizations such as County and Municipal law enforcement, laundry service provided by Kendall County inmates, transportation available through the Kendall Area Transit program, Kendall County Health Department, Kendall County Pantry, Oswego YMCA showers available to homeless guests, Senior Services at the Beecher Center, Village Grind in Oswego, Caring Hands Thrift Shop

Ms. Engelhart also informed the committee of the immediate and long-term needs of the homeless including employment, affordable housing in the county and assistance with other social, physical, and mental health needs.

**Kent L. Svendsen, Pastor, United Methodist Church of Plano and Millbrook United Methodist Church** – Pastor Svendsen expressed his concern about the increased number of homeless in the county, the increased and various needs of the homeless in the county, the lack of assistance available to the homeless year-round, transitional housing needs, other social, physical and mental needs, safety issues, lack of support systems, lack of employment, and the need for a homeless shelter facility to provide ongoing and year-round assistance that is available to everyone that needs our help.

**Judy Gilmour, on behalf of the Kendall County Health Department** – Ms. Gilmour relayed some of the information shared with her by Dr. Amaal Tokars which included the exceptional and extensive training of the PADS volunteers, the small number of people that are housed at each shelter that contributes to the safety of the guests and volunteers, and the uniqueness of the PADS program that should be recognized nationally.

**Review Draft Board Agenda** – Mr. Shaw asked the committee to review the draft agenda.
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Public Comment – None

Questions from the Media – None

Executive Session – None needed

Adjournment – Member Koukol moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting and the motion was seconded by Member Gryder. There being no objection, the Committee of the Whole, at 5:08p.m. adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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