KENDALL COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 4:00 PM
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
County Board Rooms 209-210

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Items of Business

   ➢ Discussion with Court Appointed County Attorney regarding the case of
     Kendall County et al

   ➢ From Admin HR Committee: Potential Purchase of Park and Ride Vehicles 8 & 9

4. Chairman's Report

5. Review Board Action Items

6. Executive Session

7. Public Comment

8. Questions from the Media

9. Adjournment
Resolution in Support of the “Turnaround Agenda” for Local Government Empowerment and Reform

WHEREAS, Illinois state law creates a “one size fits all” approach to collective bargaining for local units of governments. This approach creates added costs which are ultimately passed on to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, voters and local officials should determine what is a subject of bargaining - not the State; and

WHEREAS, local control of bargaining would allow voters or local governments to determine if certain topics should be excluded from collective bargaining, including contracting wages, provisions of health insurance, use of employee time, required levels of staffing, procedures and criteria for personnel evaluations; and

WHEREAS, state law sets thresholds for workers on state and local construction projects increasing costs significantly; and

WHEREAS, state law has increased utilization of Project Labor Agreements for construction projects; and

WHEREAS, repealing the Illinois Prevailing Wage Law and the requirements for Project Labor Agreements would allow local governments more control over construction and project costs; and

WHEREAS, more than 280 unfunded mandates have been imposed in recent years on communities across Illinois, costing those communities billions. Rolling back mandates will create more flexibility in local government budgets; and

WHEREAS, Illinois’ workers’ compensation costs are the seventh highest in the nation – and more than double the costs in Indiana; and

WHEREAS, updating how injuries are apportioned to ensure employers pay for injuries that occur on the job, a clarification regarding the definition of “traveling employees” to ensure a reasonable standard that excludes risks that would impact the general public, and implementation of American Medical Association guidelines when determining impairment would result in major cost savings for local governments; and

WHEREAS, voters in our community should be allowed to decide via referendum whether or not employees should be forced to join a union or pay dues as a condition of employment; and

WHEREAS, local empowerment zones will help attract jobs and make our community more attractive for businesses; and

WHEREAS, local governments face unfunded liabilities that threaten core services and functions of government. State action on pension reform for future work should provide local governments the ability to address pension reform for future work as well;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Citizens of Kendall County as Represented by the County Board of the County of Kendall endorses major reforms in state government that will encourage local control, reduce costs on local governments, empower local voters, and increase competitiveness in our community.
Call to Order
The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Chair John Shaw at 4:00 p.m., who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Dan Koukol – here, Matthew Prochaska – here, Lynn Cullick - here, John Shaw - aye, Bob Davidson - here, Judy Gilmour - here

Board Members Absent: Elizabeth Flowers, Scott Gryder, Jeff Wehrli, John Purcell

Others Present: David Berault, Jill Ferkon, Debbie Gillette, Jim Smiley, Dr. Amaal Tokars

New Business

➢ Unfunded Mandate Task Force – Member Prochaska provided background information on the task force, and said he hopes to discuss this item further at the Judicial Legislative Committee. County Clerk/Recorder Debbie Gillette said that the election office is greatly impacted financially by some of the unfunded mandates. Dr. Tokars said that the Health Department is mostly impacted by redundant services mandates, but said they are able to negotiate those with staff.

➢ Presentation of Kendall County Annual Financial Report for FY 2014 – Matt Schueler from Wipfli, CPAs reviewed the reports with the committee, detailing certain sections and findings.

➢ Petition 14-25: Amendment to the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance to allow bee keeping in residential districts – Member Gilmour provided background, and said they have reviewed state statutes on this issue, and reviewed the proposed amendment to the ordinance.

➢ Resolution Requiring the Audio Recording of all Standing Committee Meetings – Chairman Shaw stated that in the county’s efforts to maintain transparency. Mr. Shaw reviewed the proposed resolution, and explained why the resolution was created.
Honoring former County Board member Jessie Hafenrichter – Member Prochaska read the proposed resolution honoring former county board member Hafenrichter. Discussion following on other suggestions for honoring the former board member with a planted tree, or a plaque displayed at the county office building. There was consensus by the committee members present to ask the County Administrative Services office to research options and report at the April 16, 2015 COW meeting.

Review Draft Board Agenda – Chairman Shaw asked the committee to review the draft agenda and make any changes or additions.

Public Comment – Dr. Tokars read a letter from the Kendall County Board of Health regarding the state budget cuts and the impact on health department programs including home weatherization, medication costs, energy costs, mental health and addiction treatment.

Questions from the Media – Mr. Wyman, WSPY Media asked about the status of Alderman Bob Hyde’s appointment to the Rob Roy Drainage District. Chairman Shaw explained that after one board member researched the issue, and consulted with the State’s Attorney’s Office, the County Board was informed that there would be a conflict of interest because Mr. Hyde is an Alderman in the City of Plano. Therefore, Mr. Hyde was not approved to serve as a drainage district commissioner.

Executive Session – None needed

Items for the County Board

➢ Approval of Petition 14-25: Amendment to the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance to allow bee keeping in residential districts

➢ Approval of Resolution Requiring the Audio Recording of all Standing Committee Meetings

Adjournment – Member Davidson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting and the motion was seconded by Member Cullick. There being no objection, the Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 5:01p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valarie A. McClain
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The County Board directs the Office of Administrative Services to submit this resolution to the State Senators representing Kendall County, Senator Jim Oberweis, Senator Linda Holmes, Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, and Senator Sue Rezin; and to the State Representatives of Kendall County, Representative John Anthony, Representative Mark Batinick, Representative Keith Wheeler, and Representative Stephanie Kifowit; and to the Speaker of the Illinois House, the Illinois House Republican Leader, the Illinois Senate President, the Illinois Senate Republican Leader, and the Governor of the State of Illinois.
Kendall County Sheriff Dwight Baird had reached out to the US Marshals Service in early December 2014 to inquire if they would consider us housing some of their Federal Prisoners. Sheriff Baird believes that we would be quite capable of holding a number of Federal Prisoners (between 40 and 50 prisoners) with no more authorized personnel needed.

Sheriff Baird had the US Marshals Service do an inspection of our jail in late December 2014. The US Marshals Service advised us that our jail passed inspection and that we were up to standard for their purposes. We submitted an online application to be allowed to house Federal Prisoners on January 21, 2015 with the US Marshals Service. The US Marshals Service Regional Office sent the application to the Main Office of the US Marshals Service on March 18th, 2015 for a Grants Specialist to review.

On April 13th, 2015 I received an e-mail from Maiya Morales, Grant Specialist for the US Marshall Service. Ms. Morales after some negotiations verbally agreed to the following:

- The US Marshals Service would pay $75.00 per diem (per day) per Federal Inmate that we would hold on their behalf.
- The US Marshall Service would pay Kendall County $35.00 per hour for the Transportation Guard’s hourly rate.
- The US Marshals Service would also compensate Kendall County for the mileage incurred by the use of our Correction Vehicles in transportation of Federal Prisoners at the current General Service Administration (GSA) mileage rate (currently 57.5 cents for 2015).
- The US Marshals Service would reimburse Kendall County for all outside medical costs for their prisoners.

Sheriff Baird and I support the $75.00 per diem, $35.00 per hour transportation guard hourly rate, the GSA mileage rate as well as reimbursement for all outside medical costs for their prisoners. Ms. Morales advised me that she would need to have a verbal agreement to the terms mentioned above so that she could produce an Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA). Once we
received the IGA the Kendall County Board Chairman and the Sheriff would enter into this agreement once it is approved by the Kendall County Board. We are asking that the Kendall County Board approve the aforementioned $75.00 per diem, $35.00 per hour transportation guard hourly rate, the GSA mileage rate as well as reimbursement for all outside medical costs for their prisoners.

Talking with our Regional US Marshals Service contact, Supervisory Deputy Kenneth Robinson once the IGA is approved we may be receiving our first set of prisoners in about 45 days, depending on availability. Mr. Robinson advised that we would be receiving probably 5 or so prisoners to start then work up to 15 – 20 prisoners. He did say that we could negotiate with him on how many prisoners we would want to have as a maximum.
April 16, 2015

To: County Board
From: Jeff Wilkins
Re: KAT super duty vehicle purchase

The Park n Ride vehicles were originally leased to provide service to the Oswego ParkNRide. The lease has a buy-out provision at the end of lease. With Oswego’s enthusiasm to provide the ParkNRide and plans for a METRA extension, eliminating ParkNRide service this year was extremely unexpected.

Consideration:

$54,087  Budget allocation for lease and purchase
$14,990  Expended
$39,097  Current remaining allocation

Remaining lease payments plus buyout agreement:
2011 Ford/Eldorado, 28+2 passengers: $16,846 buyout in November, 2015, plus remaining 6 lease payments $8,934 = $25,780

2011 Ford/Supreme, 26 passengers: $17,099 buyout in November, 2015, plus remaining 6 lease payments $9,054 = $26,153

Pros:

1) Grants for super-medium vehicles are more difficult through IDOT’s CVP program. When approved delivery can take nearly 3 years. Cost to purchase a new super-medium vehicle without a grant is approximately $100,000. There is no guarantee the County would be awarded vehicles required to expand the program – in addition, by the time the program can expand, the CVP applications could be needed to replace aging existing paratransit vehicles

2) Best practice is one back-up vehicle per type in the fleet. Example, at least 1 light-duty backup for your light-duty vehicles. We currently have 3 super medium-duty vehicles. It would be helpful to have a super-medium duty backup in case the one we currently have goes down. (FYI – Until the PnR went operational, we’ve never had a backup for the super-medium. With ridership growth a backup reduces service disruptions).

3) Long term (or potentially shorter term) planning for flex-routes. Flex-routes are more feasible for the urban portions of the County. These routes offer more flexibility for users, as well as a more economically effective use of funding.

4) Flex-routes offer more economic development investment opportunities for the County, residents, and community businesses. Many businesses favor developments that allow
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#### Notes:

* Buses 8/9 lease not renewed with no PnR operation
* CVP 2015 apply to replace Buses 2 and 4, MV2 as a BU-MV
* More routes than vehicles; double duty shifts were temp fix until expansion
* Route 208 (Food Pantry) will be special route w/BU vehicle

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