Call to Order
The Economic Development Committee met at 8:00 a.m. and was called to order by Chairman Dan Koukol.

Roll Call
Committee Members Present: Lynn Cullick, Judy Gilmour, Scott Gryder, Dan Koukol, Matt Prochaska

Other Board Members Present: County Board Chairman John A. Shaw

County Staff Present: David Guritz, Fran Klaas, Paul LaLonde, Undersheriff Harold Martin, Judge Tim McCann, Becky Morganegg, Dr. Amaal Tokars, Jeff Wilkins, Angela Zubko

Others Present: Carol Berger, Jameson Cunningham, Gina Gregolunas, Congressman Randy Hultgren, Boyd Ingemunson, Brandon McKee, Katherine McQuire, Andrew Mooney, Nick Provenzano, Ruth Richardson, Susan Russell, Ammon Simon, Reed Sullivan, Doug Thomas, Elise Tollefson, Peter Wallers, Representative Keith Wheeler

Approval of Agenda - Member Cullick made a motion, seconded by Member Gryder, to approve the meeting agenda. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

New Business

Recommend Revolving Fund Loan to Law Offices in amount of $120,000 – Mr. Koukol briefed the committee on the proposed musical venue project and the funding of a 20 year note at 1.5 percent interest for the construction at 226 S. Bridge Street, Yorkville, Illinois. Boyd Ingemunson stated that his family has owned the building for many years, but with the road construction in the downtown area, recently moved their office to another location in town. Mr. Ingemunson is also involved in the Three Angels Brewery, located in a 19th century barn south of Yorkville, and said that in conjunction, they have a music production company that has held three music festivals in downtown Yorkville. Mr. Ingemunson said this project would be the next step in the process to have a retail outlet to sell Three Angels beer and also a retail outlet to produce live music. Mr. Ingemunson said that musical artists such as Nora Jones, Nicki Lane, Sturgell Simpson and Cory Chisel have performed in Yorkville in the recent past, and that this project would give them a year-round venue to host a number of musicians on a yearly basis through festivals downtown. Mr. Ingemunson stated they want to incorporate the history of the building, plan to name it “The Law Office”, would incorporate a lot of the existing build-out, reclaim as much from the existing law office such as the trim, shag carpeting and the sound engineering into the project. The timeline is to open as soon as possible.
Annual membership payment for Plano Economic Development Corp – Motion made by Member Cullick, second by Member Prochaska. Mr. Koukol explained that the County works with the municipality Economic Development Offices

Roll Call: Member Gryder – yes, Member Cullick – yes, Member Gilmour – yes, Member Prochaska – aye, Member Koukol – yes. With all members voting aye, the motion carried.

Annual membership payment for Yorkville Economic Development Corp – Motion made by Member Gilmour, second by Member Cullick. Roll Call: Member Cullick - yes, Member Gilmour - yes, Member Prochaska – aye, Member Gryder - yes, Member Koukol - yes. With all members voting aye, the motion carried.

Economic Development & Special Projects Coordinator Update – Jeff Wilkins updated the committee that they have advertised in the Kendall County Record, and three Economic Development type venues. Mr. Wilkins reported that seven applications have been received so far, and that interviews will begin within the next month or so.

Review Federal Legislative priorities and projects – Nine department heads provided information on various county projects:

- Highway Department - Fran Klaas provided information on the Eldamain Road project, which would include a bridge and road extension. Mr. Klaas stated that because there is only Route 47 running north and south. Mr. Klaas stated that the Eldamain Road Corridor project has the support of every public agency in the county, would be a connection for industrial type usage, and is very important for transportation and economic development. Mr. Klaas reported that we have funding for Phase I, Phase II and land acquisition, and that Phase I is completed, Phase II has started and land acquisition has started. Klaas reported they could be project ready in 2017, but they have no funding for construction. The estimated cost for Kendall County is $50 million for the connection from Route 34 to Route 71.

- Kendall Area Transit – Paul LaLonde provided a brief history of the Kendall Area Transit program in Kendall County through the non-profit DeKalb Voluntary Action Center. The KAT program includes Dial—a-Ride and Park & Ride. The program provides transportation to anyone in the county. Mr. LaLonde said that some of their challenges are that the fleet is insufficient due to the rapid growth and service area expansion, lack of centralized facility, and the instability of federal appropriations. Mr. LaLonde stated that needed help from Washington could include a long-term surface transportation bill authorization for more stability and predictability, and more capital infrastructure appropriate for the program demands. Mr. LaLonde said that building up existing programs will strengthen them for long-term effectiveness and sustainability.
Commuter Rail METRA BNSF Extension – Jeff Wilkins updated the group on the project and said that the extension would connect service from the Aurora Transportation Center to Oswego, a fast-growing area of Kendall County. This project is listed as an “unconstrained” project in the GO TO 2040 plan adopted by CMAP in October 2010. Projects categorized as “unconstrained” do not have an identified funding source and cannot proceed under the Federal Transit Administration’s New Starts process. Metra recently a preliminary engineering study and an environmental assessment study for the proposed BNSF Oswego extension, which will take approximately 18-months to complete. In May 2014, representatives from Kendall County, and the communities of Plano and Sandwich expressed interest in being considered as candidates for stations on the extension, and await the findings from both studies so that the work can proceed.

Supplying Clean and Economical Drinking Water - Peter Wallers, Northwest Water Planning Alliance TAC Chairman, updated the group on the state, regional and sub-regional planning, activities and challenges related to supplying clean and economical drinking water in Kendall County. Mr. Wallers briefed the group on the Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA), non-Lake Michigan users, by saying that it is a county municipal voluntary planning organization that serves 5 counties, 70 communities and 1.3 million people, and is governed by 14 elected officials. Mr. Wallers reported the challenges facing the 14th District include mining the deep aquifer, rising chloride levels in the shallow aquifers, aging infrastructure, and funding options.

Kendall County Courthouse – Chief Judge Time McCann reviewed statistics with the group, and provided information on the following planning initiatives:

Pretrial Services Program: Judge McCann said that Pretrial Services includes all persons that are awaiting trial, the Judge must set bond and set bond conditions, and that not all individuals can or should be released on bond. The Pretrial Services Program works with existing GPS staff to form a single unit, is responsible to go to county jail before court everyday to determine who is awaiting bond call, will conduct basic mental health review, risk assessment, verify employment, etc., and will prepare Bond Report for judge with verified information. The main goal is to assist the judge with verified information which will allow setting of bond based on risk to community and other verified information.

Drug Court: Judge McCann reported that Drug Courts already exist in 52 counties in Illinois. The primary goal is to establish a system which is responsive to the unique needs of non-violent criminal offenders with substance abuse addictions. He said productive drug courts establish relationships with treatment provides, and that they
are more intensive than regular weekly court appearances. Judge McCann listed obstacles to Drug Court as funding, buy-in from all system participants, and establishing a sustainable population of participants. There are plans to meet in February to review progress status.

Courthouse Expansion: Kendall County currently has six operating courtrooms every day. Based on existing population, Kendall County has enough population to support a seventh judicial position, which would require expansion to the second floor of the courthouse. Estimated costs for two additional courtrooms would be $6 million for construction and soft costs. The expansion would include public restrooms, detention area, jury rooms, judge’s chambers, court reporter offices, and staffing of court security on second floor. The expansion is planned for 2018 or later.

Integrated Case Management System: Judge McCann reported the current system has been used since 2003, and meets basic needs, but there are concerns about the long-term sustainability. Judge McCann said the newer models all data flow efficiently between other users in the judicial system and office, and all simple public access to records and documents. The estimated cost to replace the current case management system is $3-$6 million. Judge McCann said the Court Automation budget cannot handle this cost without funding from other sources.

- Kendall County Health Department – Dr. Amaal Tokars spent time explaining Global Health & Well Being threats and needed policy discourse, and the results of the KC Community Health Assessment, which revealed the top three immediate needs for Kendall County as housing to be affordable, sufficient insurance, and good in-county jobs that produce living wages. Dr. Tokars stated that health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being. Dr. Tokars said that complete physical and mental health requires a reduction of global threat to well-being as well as affordable access to quality health care, and complete social well-being requires a reduction of global threat to well-being as well as access to quality education, housing, and work.

Dr. Tokars said U.S. Health Reform and Public Policy considerations are: Health Efficacy: quality that is transparent to both providers and participants, expectations of personal and system responsibility to prevention, Health Efficiency: accountable to control costs of insurance actors, accountable to control costs of pharmaceutical actors, and Health Ethos: discern the interconnectedness between other global issues and U.S. health/access, and courage to face powerful lobbies.
- *Forest Preserve District* – Director Dave Guritz provided historical information to the group about the Millbrook Bridge, the structural instability, and the immediate maintenance needs and the replacement costs.

**Old Business** - None

**Chairman’s Report** – None

**Public Comment** – None

**Executive Committee** - None

**Adjournment**
With no further business to discuss, Member Cullick moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Prochaska. There being no objection, the Economic Development Committee, at 10:32 a.m., adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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