Call to Order
The Budget and Finance Committee met at 3:30p.m., and was called to order by Chair John Purcell.

Committee members present: Matthew Prochaska, Bob Davidson, John Purcell, Scott Gryder (arrived at 4:02p.m.), Elizabeth Flowers (arrived at 4:17p.m.)

Others Present: Jason Andrade, Keith Bielema, Latreese Caldwell, Steve Curatti, Debbie Gillette, Tom Thomas, Dr. Amaal Tokars, RaeAnn Van Gundy, Jeff Wehrli, Jeff Wilkins

Approval of Claims
Member Davidson made a motion to forward the claims for approval in an amount not to exceed $788,412.31, second by Member Prochaska. With all members present voting aye, the motion carried.

The committee took a brief recess at 3:54p.m. and reconvened at 4:00p.m.

Items of Business

2015 Senior Tax Levy Applicant Presentations – John Purcell reviewed the Senior Tax Levy presentation and grant procedure, the requested amounts, the available levy amount, and encouraged the committee to ask questions of the presenters.

Fox Valley Family YMCA/Request: $7,000 – Stephanie Wayne explained that the YMCA offers land and water exercise programs for all Kendall County seniors. They offer reduced rates to all seniors, but offer additional grants if needed. They also offer monthly trips, weekly classes and monthly social activities for seniors as well. Ms. Wayne stated that they have recently incorporated documentation of more measurable outcomes to better provide information when requesting funding from Kendall County.

Ms. Wayne reported the number of senior County users served in 2014 was 8,834 with Yorkville, Plano and Sandwich are the municipalities that utilize the YMCA most often.

Kendall County Health Department/Request: $59,178 – Presenters included Dr. Amaal Tokars, Jason Andrade, Steve Curatti, and Keith Bielema. Dr. Tokars said that the senior service levy is most helpful in assisting seniors to remain in their homes.

Steve Curatti informed the committee of the KC Health Department Transitions program partnerships including Senior Service Association, Oswego Senior Center, Fox Valley Visiting
Nurses, The Alzheimer’s Association, Rose Terrace and Kendall Drive Senior Apartments, Presence Mercy Hospital, Rush-Copley Hospital, Prairie State Legal Services, local law enforcement agencies, clergy and local churches, senior housing authorities, the KC State’s Attorney’s Office, as well as Kane County and DeKalb County Health Departments. Mr. Curatti stated that these partners meet at the HHS once a month and share ideas, resources concerns, etc.

Keith Bielema, Transition Program Director, provided two examples of client cases showing progress that was achieved with education, outreach, resources, assistance, and service provided through the Health Department Transition Program and collaboration with other local senior services organizations.

**Fox Valley Older Adult Services/Request: $60,000** - Cindy Worsley, Executive Director, stated that FVOAS has been in existence since 1992. Ms. Worsley indicated they currently operate an adult day service program with two different facilities, one in Aurora and one in Plano. They are starting a new program with the adult day program this year using the Montessori methods with those exhibiting signs of dementia. Ms. Worsley reported they have found that dementia patients respond well to Montessori methods, and have shown marked response to this type of treatment. She said research in this area continues throughout the United States and Europe.

The second program offered by Fox Valley Older Adult Services is the in-home program available to those individuals 60 years and older, and also to those on state support/public aid. The FVOAS aides come to these homes 2-27 hours per week and assist the clients with non-medical activities, responsibilities or household chores. Having someone to assist with basic non-medical service has proven to be vital in enabling these seniors to remain in their homes.

The in-home service provides weekly service to clients in their homes, and the adult day service program operates in local facilities where clients are transported to those facilities each day. Ms. Worsley said that monies from Kendall County are primarily used to cover mileage for the aides serving Kendall County senior residents, which is a substantial cost to the program.

Ms. Worsley updated the committee on the new electronic visit verification software program that they began using this year. The software requires aides to log-in when they arrive at a clients’ residence, for each service provided while the aide is in the home, and when the aide leaves the residence. Ms. Worsley explained that although this is a state requirement, there has been no additional funding provided by the state to cover the additional cost to FVOAS. The monthly fee for this software is $1400, and the initial cost for the software program installation was $10,000.

Ms. Worsley said that because of the recent budget cuts approved by the State House and Senate this week, the 2.25% cut to the Fox Valley Older Adult Services program will be approximately $2500.
Community Nutrition Network/Request: $30,000 – Cindy Helland, Director, and Louise Maritato, Kendall County Manager, provided background information on the organization, and on services provided, including wellness checks and delivery of meals to homebound senior client homes throughout Kendall County. There has been an increase in clients requesting second daily and weekend meals. Clients are asked to pay a suggested donation per meal, many of these seniors are unable to pay for these meals, and no senior is refused service in the program if they are unable to pay. The cost of $10 per meal includes transportation costs. Clients are assessed by the KC Health Department prior to enrollment in the program.

The committee took a brief recess at 5:02 p.m. and reconvened at 5:25 p.m.

VNA Health Care/Request: $15,000 – Ann Cheverton, Vice President of Care Coordination and Clinical Evaluation and Chrissie Howorth, Vice President of Philanthropy and Business Relations provided information and background history on the organization by saying, VNA Health Care has providing care for the under and under-served since 1918, and has 9 health centers in the Fox Valley area. Ms. Howorth said that home health care is at the core of their organization. VNA was the first agency in Illinois given a license in the State of Illinois to provide in-home care within a multi-disciplinary team of physicians, pharmacists, nurses, therapists, social workers, and case managers.

Ms. Cheverton said that the need for in home care has increased tremendously in the last 10 years, and that “baby boomers” born in the late 50’s and early 60’s will soon entering the age of needing these basic services. Chronic disease management is on the rise among seniors, especially in the areas of diabetes and heart disease.

Ms. Cheverton said that home health care through VNA includes the physician, physician assistant and/or nurse in-home visits. Ms. Cheverton shared that what is unique about VNA is the extent of the resources available through the organization in addressing any gaps in the care of in-home clients because of their vast network of healthcare providers and specialists. Chronic care and chronic disease care gaps, those gaps after hospitalization, rehab, home-health or therapy care are now being recognized by the government and realizing that chronic disease and chronic disease management isn’t addressed or paid for by anyone.

Prairie State Legal Services/Request: $8,500 – Kathryn Bettcher, Managing Attorney of Fox Valley office, and Kathleen Finn, Staff Attorney for Kendall County, provided background information on the not-for-profit organization that has a goal of trying to remove barriers from seniors, 60 years and older, that might hinder their independency and living at home. Ms. Bettcher stated there are currently eight attorneys in the Fox Valley office that provide services to Kendall, Kane and DeKalb County seniors, and can assist with research and provide various other resources.

Ms. Finn reported there are numerous legal issues that seniors face on a daily basis including guardianship, consumer counseling, food stamp issues, elder abuse situations, and counseling regarding foreclosure issues. Ms. Finn meets with clients at the KC Health Department at least twice per month, at the Beecher Center at least once per month, and at the Oswego Senior
Center as needed, as well as in their homes and apartments. Clients must meet specific income guidelines to qualify for the services of PSLS. Ms. Finn said that there is a lot of collaboration with other county senior service organizations.

**Senior Services Associates, Inc./Request: $124,880** - Bette Schoenholtz, Executive Director, began by providing information on the challenges of the program, the services provided, the clients served throughout Kendall County, and the partnerships the program has with other Kendall County senior providers/organizations.

Senior Services Associates has companion, recreational, educational, and exercise programs as well as wellness activities that they operate out of the Beecher Center in Yorkville, abuse awareness, retired senior volunteer program, the transportation program, and daily meal program. They service seniors 60 years and above, and most are well into their 70’s.

**Oswegoland Seniors, Inc./Request: $41,800** – Bob Wyngard, Executive Director, explained the grants they receive, and the funds from Kendall County, Oswego Township and the Village of Oswego. Some of the partners to the program include Oswego Fire Protection District, the KC Department of Health & Human Services, Senior Services Associates, KC Veteran’s Affairs Commission, YMCA, Optimists Club, Oswegoland Park District, Oswego School District, all area health care providers, and all area senior living environments.

Mr. Wyngard reported there are 7 paid part-time workers, including 3 salaries for executive services, 4 salaries for administrative services, and two paid fitness instructors who are paid out of grant monies. The program also utilizes volunteers in every area of the organization. They have 70 different programs, and utilize 70 volunteers on a routine basis.

Mr. Wyngard said that the program does have clients that are not Kendall County residents, and during 2014, they added a transportation program to their services, and the bus is already completely paid off.

Mr. Wyngard stated the organization has raised over $100,000 in fundraising efforts in the past two years.

Discussion and final recommendations of funding allocations to agencies from 2015 Senior Social Services Property Tax Levy. Chair Purcell said the FY2015 budgeted amount was $324,500, the FY2015 requested amount is $346,358, leaving a difference of $21,858.

Member Davidson made a motion to go forward into Fiscal Year 2016 with a fund balance, second by Member Gryder. **With Members Purcell, Davidson and Gryder voting aye, and Members Prochaska Flowers voting nay, the motion carried with a 3-2 vote.**

Chair Purcell said this would leave $16,000 in a fund balance to carry forward to Fiscal Year 2016.
Member Gryder made a motion to give a 1.8 percent increase to all Senior Levy Applicant Organizations, second by Member Davidson. Discussion followed.

Member Prochaska made a motion to amend the original motion by decreasing the KC Health Department to $59,178, and increasing the Oswegoland Seniors to $39,749, second by Member Gryder.

Roll Call Vote on the amended motion: Member Davidson – yes, Member Flowers – no, Member Gryder – yes, Member Prochaska – aye, Member Purcell – no

With Members Davidson, Gryder and Prochaska voting aye, and Members Purcell and Flowers voting nay, the amended motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

**FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Member Purcell made a motion to forward the final recommendations for the senior levy awards in the amount of $308,380 to the County Board for approval, second by Member Gryder.

Roll Call Vote: Member Gryder – yes, Member Prochaska – no, Member Flowers – no, Member Davidson – yes, Member Purcell – yes

With Members Gryder, Davidson and Purcell voting aye, and Members Flowers and Prochaska voting nay, the motion passed by a 3-2 vote.
Member Davidson made a motion to forward the final recommendations in the form of a resolution to the County Board for approval, second by Member Gryder.

Roll Call Vote: Member Flowers – no, Member Gryder – yes, Member Prochaska – no, Member Purcell – aye, Member Davidson – yes

With Members Gryder, Purcell and Davidson voting aye, and Members Flowers and Prochaska voting nay, the motion passed with a 3-2 vote.

Other Items of Business

- FY 2015 Budget Discussion – item tabled to the next meeting
- FY 2016 Budget and Levy Discussion - item tabled to the next meeting

Items for County Board

- Recommend approval of claims in an amount not to exceed $788,412.31
- Recommend approval of funding allocations to agencies from 2015 Senior Social Services Property Tax Levy

Executive Session – None needed

Adjournment – Member Gryder made a motion to adjourn, second by Member Prochaska. With all members voting aye, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valarie A. McClain
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary