CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Gilmour at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL
Committee Members Present: Judy Gilmour – here, Dan Koukol – present, Matthew Prochaska – present, John Purcell (arrived at 9:03 a.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Elizabeth Flowers

Others Present: Megan Andrews, KC Soil & Water, Brian Holdiman, Planning Building & Zoning, Dr. Amaal Tokars, Executive Director, Kendall County Health Department, and Jeff Wilkins, County Administrator (arrived at 9:55 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Member Gilmour made a motion to approve the November 17, 2014 meeting minutes, second by Member Prochaska. With all in agreement, the motion carried.

STATUS REPORTS

Health Department – Dr. Amaal Tokars presented the KC Health Department Annual report, including the various programs, services provided to county residents, and person-based and population-based mission, the vision statement, and the strategic plan priorities of the Health Department.

Dr. Tokars briefed the committee on the Community Health Assessment. Dr. Tokars said that this is done every 5 years, and that many community partners, including local schools, local churches, health entities, law enforcement, are invited to participate. The analysis is not complete, but will be presented to the committee in May.

Dr. Tokars said that they are conducting an ethnographic assessment in the county, and will spend time interviewing citizens at public locations including manufacturing, retail, laundromats, and fitness centers. The interviews are scheduled with the facilities, but not with the individuals being interviewed.
The primary questions focus on the areas of:

Physical Health
Community Health
Mental Health
Emergency Preparedness

The interviews are currently being conducted, and the Community Themes and Strengths Assessment will be presented on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 5:00p.m. at the Health Department.

Dr. Tokars briefed the committee on the upcoming Composting seminar on March 20, 2015 at the Kendall County Health Department. This is part of the Professional Seminar Series presented by the Kendall County Health Department.

- **Soil & Water** – Megan Andrews briefly reviewed the schedule for the next few months. Ms. Andrews reported they recently had their annual luncheon and awards presentation.

  Ms. Andrews reported the KC Soil & Water Conservation was notified they will not receive any cost-share funds for the remainder of the fiscal year 2015. Ms. Andrews said they are reviewing their annual budget, and assessing how they can continue to provide services to the county. They are also working on their next 5-year plan.

  Ms. Andrews updated the committee on the current activities and educational classes scheduled in local schools and throughout the community. Ms. Andrews also provided a brief overview of last year’s activities, classes and programs.

  Discussion on retention ponds throughout the county. Ms. Andrews said the ponds low water levels could be a result of last year’s drought.

- **Water Related Groups** – No report

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **May Rain Barrel Month Proclamation** – Member Purcell made a motion to forward the May Rain Barrel Month Proclamation to the County Board at the April 8, 2015 County Board meeting, second by Member Prochaska. With all in agreement, the motion carried.
Nuisance Ordinances – Brian Holdiman presented the county nuisance ordinances to the committee, and said that he has also discussed the issues with the Planning, Building and Zoning committee. Mr. Holdiman would like to have a work group formed to review these ordinances, recommend any changes or updates to the ordinances and to create a uniform, consolidated process county-wide. Mr. Holdiman will contact the Sheriff’s Office, and State’s Attorney’s Office for input and consultation on the current ordinances.

Mr. Holdiman reviewed the process of how complaints are handled and who is involved in the process and resolution of issues/complaints. Mr. Holdiman said the reason for reviewing the ordinances, and the formation of a work group is to coordinate the direction of enforcement of county ordinances, and to update the ordinances, clearly clarify the centralization of the responsibility and implementation of county ordinances, the research and collaboration of the ordinance, and the citation process.

Mr. Holdiman will bring recommendations to the May Health & Environment Committee meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the May Rain Barrel Month Proclamation

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None Needed

ADJOURNMENT- Member Koukol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Prochaska seconded the motion. With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary