Minutes of the Kendall County Public Safety Committee Meeting
Held Friday, November 8, 2013
1000 hours

Present were Committee Chair Matt Prochaska and Member Amy Cesich and county board member Scott Gryder pursuant to the Rules of Order was appointed to fill the quorum. Also present were Sheriff Richard Randall, Chief Scott Koster, Coroner Ken Toftoy, KenCom Assistant Director Lynette Bergeron, EMA Director Joe Gillespie, Facilities Management Director Jim Smiley, and Lisa Bowen, recording secretary. Members of the public present were Bob Welch. Absent from the meeting were Elizabeth Flowers, Judy Gilmour, and John Shaw.

Prochaska called the meeting to order and requested a roll call of the members. There were three members present creating the necessary quorum for voting purposes.

Prochaska called for the KenCom Report. Bergeron stated there is nothing to report under personnel. She stated staff continues to work with the Kane County ETSB on revising the necessary agreements for an updated filing with the Illinois Commerce Commission. Bergeron stated that KenCom began dispatching for Montgomery Police on October 29th. Bergeron stated the Wireless 9-1-1 statistics for the month of October represented 75% of calls received and the statistics for October are attached to the report. Prochaska asked if there have been any issues since they started dispatching for Montgomery. Bergeron stated there have been minor issues but it has uneventful. Prochaska asked for any other questions. None.

Prochaska called for the Coroner’s Report. Toftoy’s report showed there were a total of 23 deaths for the month of October and 1 autopsy performed for the month of October. There were 135 permits for cremation for the month of October. Prochaska asked for any questions. Cesich asked about the suicide on October 25th. Toftoy stated the suicide was at the west entrance to Silver Springs State Park where a man slit his wrists. Toftoy stated he was 41 years old. Prochaska asked if there were any other questions for the coroner. None.

Prochaska called for the EMA Report. Gillespie stated that the Tracy Page attended 40 hours of ICS 300/400 training in Dekalb from Sept 30th through October 4th. Gillespie stated he attended the Hoover Fall Fest Incident Action Plan Meeting on October 4th. He stated rebanding of the Starcom radios took place on October 17th. Gillespie stated he attended the Exelon off-site dinner in Morris on October 24th, the Integrated Warning Team Workshop in Lockport on October 28th, and attended the New Coordinators Training in Wheaton on October 29th. Gillespie stated they continued with siren testing, STARCOM testing and WSPY EAS testing the first Tuesday morning of October. Prochaska asked for any questions. Gryder stated he has received emails regarding the safety of living near a nuclear plant. Gillespie asked that the email be forwarded to him. Gillespie stated there is no need to worry. He stated Exelon has provided them with the tools and the training needed to make the county safer to live in because we are more prepared for any incident that could happen. Prochaska asked for any other questions. None.

Prochaska called for the Corrections Report. Randall stated that the reports were attached, of which the following statistics were included for the month of October: 294 new intake bookings on a total of 425 charges. They released 307 inmates on 459 charges and 141 inmates were held
over from the previous month. They served 13,893 meals. They served an average number of 448 meals a day at a cost of $0.92 per meal. He stated we conducted 21 visitation days with 248 inmates seeing visitors. The Corrections Division logged 5,017 miles during the month and transported 119 inmates. The medical staff saw 264 inmates. Randall stated there were 25 video bond call days with 71 inmates. Randall also stated the Corrections Division housed 103 inmates for other jurisdictions within the month and billed out $109,140.00 for 1819 days of confinement. Discussion regarding charges for out of county inmates took place.

Prochaska called for the Operations Report. Randall stated that the reports were attached, of which the following statistics were included for the month of October: The Sheriff’s Office had 569 calls for service, 1,059 officer initiated activities, 311 police reports, 7 felonies, 53 misdemeanors, and 72 warrants for a total of 132 arrests. Randall continued that there were 835 traffic contacts, 275 traffic citations, 3 DUl arrests, no Zero Tolerance, 37 property damage accidents, 6 personal injury accidents, and no fatal accidents for a total of 43 accidents. The Operations Division drove 62,191 miles in the month of October. Randall stated that Auxiliary deputies logged 55.5 hours for the month of October. He stated the total number of cases assigned for Investigations/COPS Activities were 22 and there are currently 52 open cases. Randall stated the COPS deputies spent 74 hours in area schools with the School Resource Officer Program. Cesich asked about the stalking case listed in the reports. Koster stated there are varying degrees of stalking and this one was domestic-related.

Prochaska called for the Support Services Report. Randall stated that the reports were attached, of which the following statistics were included for the month of October: He stated that there were 150 papers served, 33 evictions scheduled with 20 cancelled, 36 Sheriff’s Sales, and 116 FOIA requests filled. Randall stated there will be a moratorium on evictions over the Christmas and New Year’s holidays, December 23 through January 3. Randall stated there were 165 warrants issued for the month of October with 7 quashed and 44 served and 3,323 outstanding warrants. He continued that the total fees brought in by the Support Services were $44,064.17 for the month of October. Randall continued that Court Security had 16,581 entries, 7,909 articles x-rayed, 73 bond calls, 30 arrests, and 97 articles of contraband refused. Randall stated there was a total of 516 hours of training for the month of October. Randall stated there were no terminations, resignations, or new hires for the month of October. Randall stated there was one incident of a damaged windshield to a squad. Smiley stated he has received pricing from a couple companies for phase II of the records department expansion, which is planned for the 2014 budget. Prochaska asked for any other questions for the sheriff. Cesich asked about an update on the quarry/range. Sheriff stated they are moving dirt and it all depends on the progress with the Route 47 project. Gryder asked about Utah concealed carry permits and training. Gillespie stated the State of Illinois is going to require 16 hours of classroom time. He stated if you had the Utah permit part of that time, there is a training credit for it. Discussion ensued regarding concealed carry training and permits.

Prochaska called for Facilities. Smiley stated there was a problem with the PLC with the panic alarms at the courthouse and it was determined that the power source supply internally burned up, and they are in the process of getting that replaced. Smiley stated there was a problem with the air handler in KenCom and they were able to get that fixed. Smiley stated he was asked to
evaluate the grounds for a possible police memorial to check for underground items. Smiley stated he has given his report to the sheriff and command staff involved.

Prochaska asked for Miscellaneous. Toftoy stated he forgot to mention in his report that the LaSalle County coroner called him last week. He stated LaSalle County uses Will County’s morgue and the coroner’s office is union and they are going to strike possibly this week. He stated the LaSalle County coroner asked if they could bring bodies to Kendall County and he told them yes. Toftoy stated he is not sure what Will County charges to use the morgue. He stated if there is an autopsy conducted, it could possibly be $350 to $400 per autopsy, and he thinks it is $25/day for storage in the cooler. Toftoy stated he does not know if it will actually happen, but he wanted to give a heads up just in case. Toftoy stated the LaSalle coroner will use funeral homes for transportation of the bodies to Kendall County.

Prochaska called for Old Business – Jail Security and Access System. Randall stated that at the next meeting they hope to bring a proposal to have a study done of the jail security and access system at this facility and the courthouse. Randall stated at the last county board meeting there was a question about the contract for Accurate Controls. Randall stated this is an ongoing two-year contract that we have been renewing. Prochaska stated that the question was about the fee the company charged to come down here. Gillespie stated that fee is for two trips for three days each year. Gillespie explained they have a staff that has to come out and stay overnight and be here for three days. Discussion ensued.

Prochaska asked for Public Comment. None.

Prochaska asked for a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Gryder made the motion to move into Executive Session, seconded by Cesich. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting aye. Motion passed and Executive Session began at 10:45 a.m.

Executive Session concluded at 10:59 a.m. and open session was continued. Prochaska stated he would like to say it will be nice to get the Public Safety meetings back on a normal schedule after having two months of having to change the meetings. Prochaska asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cesich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gryder. All members present voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Bowen
Recording Secretary