Minutes of the Kendall County Public Safety Committee Meeting
Held Monday, September 9, 2013
1000 hours

Present were Board Chair John Shaw, Vice Chair Elizabeth Flowers, Members Judy Gilmour, Matt Prochaska and Amy Cesich. Also present were Sheriff Richard Randall, Chief Scott Koster, Deputy Coroner Jacquie Purcell, KenCom Assistant Director Lynette Bergeron, EMA Director Joe Gillespie, and Facilities Management Director Jim Smiley. One member of the public, Robert Welch, was present.

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

Shaw called for the KenCom Report. Bergeron stated they filled the remaining dispatcher position and that person starts on September 13th. Bergeron 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 will start dispatching for Aurora Township Fire on Tuesday, September 24th. She stated the original date was September 17th but Aurora Township had a scheduling conflict so it has been changed to the 24th. Bergeron stated the Wireless 9-1-1 statistics for the month of August represented 78% of calls received and the statistics for August are attached to the report. Bergeron stated that on Friday September 6th at approximately 11:40 p.m., KenCom experienced a 9-1-1 line outage. She stated they were immediately notified by their phone system that the 9-1-1 lines were compromised. She stated they called the AT&T 9-1-1Resolution Center immediately and they rerouted the 9-1-1 calls to Montgomery and Grundy County until they could get their backup center manned. Bergeron stated the calls were then rerouted to the backup center and they ran out of there until about 5:35 a.m. Saturday when AT&T notified them that they had fixed the issue and the lines were back up. Bergeron stated they then closed the backup center and ran from the main 9-1-1 center. Bergeron stated AT&T started looking into what happened and it was clearly an AT&T line problem. Bergeron stated the KenCom midnight shift worked incredibly quickly and everything in their control was handled very efficiently. Randall stated that KenCom should be recognized for the hard work that they do.

Shaw called for the Coroner’s Report. Purcell stated there were a total of 21 deaths for the month of August and all were natural causes. Purcell stated Coroner Toftoy attended the Illinois Coroner’s & Medical Examiner’s Annual Training Conference. She stated this training also satisfied his annual 24 hour CE requirement with the IL Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Shaw asked for any questions. Flowers asked that the monthly call log be included on the Coroner’s report each month. Purcell stated she would add another column on her report showing which deputy responded to each call and also add the on-call log each month.

Shaw called for the EMA Report. Gillespie stated that the FY14 grant documentation has been submitted and received word back that they got approval for a little over $38,000. Gillespie stated they attended KCEMA training on August 7 and KCEMA Business Meeting was held on August 20. Gillespie stated the Hostile Action Based Dresden Drill was held on August 21. Gillespie stated that at the debriefing a couple of days later he was told that Kendall County
passed with flying colors. Gillespie thanked Judy Gilmour and John Shaw for their assistance in this drill. Gillespie stated on August 30 and 31, EMA assisted in the Yorkville Hometown Days with weather updates and evacuations. Gillespie stated there was a tornado warning on Sunday August 31, which the funnel cloud did not touch down in Kendall County but did touch down in Serena. He stated it was classified as an EN-0 and there was no actual damage other than pulling up some dirt in the farm fields. Gillespie stated they continued with siren testing, STARCOM testing and WSPY EAS testing the first Tuesday morning of August. Shaw asked for any questions. Gilmour stated she wanted to commend Gillespie for running the Dresden drill. She stated she knows it was a lot of work and feels he did a great job.

Shaw called for the Corrections Report. Randall stated that the reports were attached, of which the following statistics were included for the month of August: 363 new intake bookings on a total of 502 charges. They released 362 inmates on 467 charges and 120 inmates were held over from the previous month. They served 12,136 meals. They served an average number of 391 meals a day at a cost of $0.96 per meal. He stated we conducted 16 visitation days with 242 inmates seeing visitors. The Corrections Division logged 3,803 miles during the month and transported 102 inmates. The medical staff saw 310 inmates. Randall stated there were 27 video bond call days with 93 inmates. Randall also said the Corrections Division housed 107 inmates for other jurisdictions within the month and billed out $100,560.00 for 1676 days of confinement.

Shaw called for the Operations Report. Randall stated that the reports were attached, of which the following statistics were included for the month of August: The Sheriff’s Office had 702 calls for service, 927 officer initiated activities, 363 police reports, 15 felonies, 99 misdemeanors, and 107 warrants for a total of 221 arrests. Randall continued that there were 830 traffic contacts, 369 traffic citations, 7 DUl arrests, no Zero Tolerance, 25 property damage accidents, 12 personal injury accidents, and no fatal accidents for a total of 37 accidents. The Operations Division drove 57,268 miles in the month of August. Randall stated that Auxiliary deputies logged 60 hours for the month of August. He stated the total number of cases assigned for Investigations/COPS Activities were 21 and there are currently 54 open cases. Koster stated that there are two things to bring to the committee’s attention on the Investigations Activity report in regards to continued efforts in solving major crimes that weren’t solved at the time they happened. Koster stated there have been charges for additional suspects on both a 2010 armed robbery of the Dollar General in Boulder Hill as well as a 2011 armed robbery of the Oswego Food Mart on Light Road. Koster stated that based on ongoing investigations, the detectives were able to identify and charge another suspect in both of those cases.

Shaw called for the Support Services Report. Randall stated that the reports were attached, of which the following statistics were included for the month of August: He stated that there were 147 papers served, 34 evictions scheduled with 15 cancelled, 38 Sheriff’s Sales, 124 FOIA requests filled. Randall stated there were 187 warrants issued for the month of August with 19 quashed and 169 served and 3,206 outstanding warrants. He continued that the total fees brought in by the Support Services were $61,130.74 for the month of August. Randall continued that Court Security had 15,782 entries, 7,875 articles x-rayed, 100 bond calls, 40 arrests, and 102 articles of contraband refused. Randall stated there was a total of 614 hours of training for the month of August. Randall stated there were no terminations or resignations for the month of
August. Randall stated one Corrections Deputy sustained a minor facial injury during an altercation with an inmate and the deputy had two days work lost.

Smiley stated that renovations on the old KenCom space have begun. He stated they have switched out all the old ceiling tiles with new ones. Smiley stated the furniture has been ordered and the carpet will be ordered this week. Smiley stated the locker room construction at the courthouse is just about complete. He stated the only thing they are waiting for is plumbing and installation of the sink, which will be toward the end of the month.

Shaw asked for Miscellaneous, the 1.25 year land lease agreement between M&A Aggregate, LLC and the County of Kendall/Kendall County Sheriff in the amount of $1.00 annually. Randall stated he is providing the revised land lease for the range because the company has changed. Randall stated he just needs the approval to send the revised land lease to the County Board. Flowers asked which company. Koster stated that the original company was Central Limestone and now it is M&A Aggregate, LLC. Koster stated the changes were made by the State’s Attorney’s Office and the language of the lease is the same. Flowers made a motion to take the revised land lease agreement to the County Board, seconded by Gilmour. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Shaw asked for Public Comment. None.

Shaw made a motion to enter Executive session for the purposes of ILCS 120/2(c)(1) 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. The motion was seconded by Flowers. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried at 10:31 a.m.

The committee returned to open session at 10:36 a.m. (Due to issues with the digital recorder, the return to open session was not recorded but only consisted of the motion to adjourn.)

Shaw asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cesich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Prochaska. All members present voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Bowen
Recording Secretary