Call to Order
The Special COW/Budget and Finance Committee was called to order by County Board Chairman John A. Shaw at 5:00p.m. who led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Lynn Cullick - here, Judy Gilmour - here, Dan Koukol - here, Jeff Wehrli - here, Bob Davidson - yes, Matthew Prochaska - here, John A. Shaw, - aye

John Purcell arrived at 5:04p.m.

Members Absent: Elizabeth Flowers, Scott Gryder

Others Present: Sheriff Dwight Baird, Latreese Caldwell, Jeff Wilkins

Chairman Shaw made a motion to move the Public Comment section before the Business Section of the meeting, second by Member Gilmour.

Roll Call: Lynn Cullick – yes, Dan Koukol – yes, Jeff Wehrli – yes, Bob Davison – yes, Judy Gilmour – yes, Matthew Prochaska – aye, John Shaw - aye

Department Heads and Elected Officials Comments - None

Public Comment – Jim Frederich, Kendall County Board of Health member, described the Board of Health philosophy, provided member and advisory member professional experience and backgrounds, and the reasoning behind their responsibilities, financial decisions, actions and management of funds.

Items from Other Committees - None

Items of Business

➢ FY2016 Budget – Budget and Finance Committee Chair John Purcell informed the committee of the requirement of displaying the proposed county budget at the first County Board meeting in November in order to pass the budget by the end of the month.

Latreese Caldwell briefly reviewed the FY2016 Levy Calculations and Requests, the Finance Committees proposed changes to department heads and elected officials in an attempt to reduce the deficit, and proposed changes that have yet to be discussed with the State’s Attorney and Health Department Director.

Ms. Caldwell explained the proposed $350,000 change to the Health Department’s budget for salaries not covered by their levy, and said that the Health Department receives approximately $1,500,000 in levy funds from the Health Department Levy, the 708 Mental Health Levy and the Senior Services Levy, and their salaries total $2,500,000. The difference in what is funded...
by the levy and what is funded by whatever other grants, fees, etc in the Health Department is $1,000,000. The benefit rate for the Health Department is thirty-eight percent. She then took the million dollars multiplied by that rate, and that’s how she came up with the $357,000 which is for benefits for salaries not funded by the Health Department levy.

Member Wehrli asked the finance committee chair about the possibility of refinancing bonds, how the levy funds are distributed and by whom, the public safety sales tax funding the general fund, the debt service for the jail, and the three courthouse bonds, the increase of the Animal Control transfer by one-hundred and twenty-three percent, and who approved that increase. Mr. Wehrli also shared his thoughts on the payment agreement for the Health and Human Services building bond, and the savings that were realized by both the County and the Health Department.

Member Gilmour asked if any other department or office in the County pays anything toward their employee benefits, or if it is just for the Health Department. Ms. Caldwell reported that GIS pays all of their IMRF, SS and Healthcare costs, Animal Control pays all of their IMRF, Social Security and healthcare costs, VACKC pays their Social Security, healthcare costs, liability insurance, unemployment insurance and all of their bonding as well.

Ms. Gilmour asked if this is the first year that this is being done to the Health Department in this way. Ms. Caldwell explained that the Health Department pays $13,000 for their liability insurance, and that has been flat for the last eight years or so. Ms. Caldwell said that the Health Department liability and workers comp costs are in excess of $60,000 each year, and that the County has always paid for that as well. Ms. Caldwell said that she put these figures together this year to assist the Board in seeing where the proposed $350,000 amount for the Health Department benefits for salaries not covered by their levy.

Member Davidson said that he was told that over the years the Health Department gets a grant, and in that grant and there is money in that grant for wages and benefits, although the County has always paid for those expenses, and that grant money should be used to pay for the Health Department employees benefits for salaries, instead of continuing to use taxpayer money to fund these expenses.

- **Public Safety Center/Courthouse Security System Update** – Member Purcell reported that the Board voted to enter into an agreement with Dewberry regarding the Public Safety Center and Courthouse Security System updates. This agreement has been reviewed by the Facilities and Finance Committees, and has been reviewed by the State’s Attorney’s Office. Member Purcell reviewed the three items to be voted on at the County Board meeting:

1. **A201-2007 Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Architect without a Predefined Scope of Architect’s Services between Kendall County, the Kendall County Public Building Commission and Dewberry Architects, Inc.**

2. **B102-2007 General Conditions of the Contract for Construction between Kendall County, the Kendall County Public Building Commission and Dewberry Architects, Inc.**
3. **Task Order #1 to Dewberry Architects, Inc. in the amount of $221,000.00, for the Kendall County Public Safety Center Jail and Courthouse Security Systems Replacement**

Sheriff Baird explained that the replacement would take approximately two years, but will hopefully be completed by the end of 2017.

**Other Business** - None

**Questions from the Media** – None

**Items for County Board** - None

**Items for Committee of the Whole** – None

**Executive Session** – None needed

**Adjournment** – Member Cullick made a motion to adjourn the Budget and Finance Committee meeting, second by Member Prochaska. *The meeting adjourned at 6:12p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Valarie A. McClain
Administrative Assistant/Recording Clerk