

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**Law, Justice and Legislation Committee**  
**Kendall County Courthouse Law Library**  
**Monday, March 11, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance** - Chair Tony Giles called the meeting to order at 3:24p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived at Meeting</b>	<b>Left Meeting</b>
Tony Giles	Here		
Judy Gilmour	Here		
Audra Hendrix	<b>ABSENT</b>		
Matthew Prochaska	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		

**With four members present voting aye, a quorum was determined to conduct business.**

**Others Present:** Sheriff Dwight Baird, Chief Deputy Mike Peters, Chief Deputy Coroner Levi Gotte, EMA Director Joe Gillespie, Circuit Clerk Robyn Ingemunson, Public Defender Vicki Chuffo, Facilities Management Director Jim Smiley, and State’s Attorney Eric Weis

**Approval of the Agenda** –Member Prochaska made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Gilmour. **With four members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes** – Member Prochaska made a motion to approve the February 11, 2019 meeting minutes, second by Member Gilmour. **With four members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

**Public Comment - None**

**Status Reports**

**Coroner** – Chief Deputy Coroner Gotte reviewed the monthly report with the committee, and reported 31 deaths for the month of February. Deputy Gotte stated that personnel provided a morgue tour to Aurora University Criminal Justice class, and an open-to-the-public morgue tour, continued with the “Lights of Hope” support group for families and friends impacted by an overdose related death, and attended “A Way Out” program at the Kane County Sheriff’s Office. Written report provided in packet.

**EMA** – Director Gillespie reported the EMA Search and Rescue Squad participated in three missing person searches, and one evidence search, for a gun used in an armed robbery in Dixon in February. Nine EMA members participated in an IAP creation exercise about a train derailment, and will continue monthly training about the IAP, with a knowledge test in late summer. Gillespie also briefed the committee on upcoming National Weather Service event and training in the Jury Assembly Room, the national Weather Service Basic Severe Storm and Tornado Spotter Class on April 8, 2019, and the Dresden exercise. They continued the Siren, STARCOM and WSPY Emergency Alert System (EAS) testing. Written report included in packet.

**Public Defender** – Written report provided in packet.

**Sheriff's Report**

- a. Operations Division – Written report provided. Sheriff Baird reported 32 presentations and events, including a presentation on Anti-Bullying at Long Beach Elementary School in Boulder Hill, the “Ask a Police Officer” event at the Oswego Senior Center luncheon, and the Dementia Friendly Community Kick-Off event at the Oswego Senior Center, and car-seat installation that will continue throughout the summer. The Sheriff’s Office also participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge benefit event in February.

Sheriff Baird stated they are down five positions in the Patrol section of the Office, and hope to hire fill four positions by the end of this month.

- b. Records Division – Written report provided. Discussion on the increase in Sheriff’s Sales this year. Sheriff Baird stated that most were postponed form December due to the holidays.
- c. Corrections Division – Written report provided. Chief Deputy Peters reported they recently had the health and sanitation inspection of the jail kitchen, and passed with no violations. Sheriff Baird said they will go out to bid for the food service contract this spring, and hope to have a contract recommendation for Board approval in May or June.

Sheriff Baird also reported that Chief Peters is in negotiating talks with the Federal Marshall Office after the housing of federal prisoners for the past three years, and the increased costs of housing those prisoners.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business**

*Discussion of State Bill 1216* – Member Giles briefed the committee on the proposed bill and how it might affect the County. Member Prochaska stated that he had contacted UCCI, and ISACo earlier in the day, and said that neither organization felt this bill would progress very far. **There was consensus by the committee that a Resolution Opposing the bill should be presented to the County Board for approval on March 19, 2019.**

**Chairman’s Report/Comments** – Chairman Giles reminded the committee that the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will also meet in the Law Library due to jury trials meeting in the Jury Assembly Room those two weeks.

**Public Comment** - None

**Legislative Update** – Member Prochaska asked that monthly Legislative Updates from ISACo be included in meeting packets.

**Executive Session** – Not needed

**Items for County Board Approval** – *Approval of a Resolution Opposing SB 1216*

**Adjournment** – Member Vickers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Gilmour.  
**With all in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 4:11p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain  
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk