

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**Law, Justice and Legislation Committee**  
**Kendall County Courthouse Law Library**  
**Monday, May 13, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance** – Vice Chair Matthew Prochaska called the meeting to order at 3:16p.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	<b>ABSENT</b>		
Judy Gilmour	<b>ABSENT</b>		
Audra Hendrix	Here		
Matthew Prochaska	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		

**The three members present voted aye, and a quorum was determined to conduct business.**

**Others Present:** Sheriff Dwight Baird, Public Defender Vicki Chuffo, Court Services Director Alice Elliott, EMA Director Joe Gillespie, Operations Deputy Commander Mitch Hattan, Operations Commander Jason Langston, Presiding Judge Robert Pilmer, Coroner Jacquie Purcell, Corrections Commander Bobby Richardson, Facilities Management Director Jim Smiley, and State’s Attorney Eric Weis

**Approval of the Agenda** –Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Vickers. **The three members present voted aye, the motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes** – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the February 11, 2019 meeting minutes, second by Member Vickers. **The three members present voted aye, the motion carried**

**Public Comment** - None

**Status Reports**

**Coroner** –Coroner Purcell reported 21 deaths in the month of April, with 20 natural and one an accidental opioid overdose. Coroner Purcell informed the committee on her recent visit to London, and hosted for a day by the Coroner’s Court. Written report provided in packet.

**EMA** – Director Gillespie stated that all grant documentation has been submitted to the state. Gillespie stated that EOC IP Radiological EMA training on June 10th is open to department heads and elected officials. Gillespie reminded the group about the Dresden Pre-Drill training on June 25th, and June 30th Dresden Exercise. Testing continued of the Siren, STARCOM and WSPY Emergency Alert System (EAS). Written report included in packet.

**Public Defender** – Ms. Chuffo reported that there has been an increase in Juvenile Detention Hearings recently, and that her office will be busy in the next month with jury trials. Written report provided in packet.

**Court Services** – Alice Elliott reported that Court Services has been awarded a \$45,000 grant through the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority for the purpose of funding the efforts of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Family Violence Council. Ms. Elliott stated that the grant is a pass-through only and is used to pay the part-time contract for services for the coordinator, and funding for trainings to enhance the coordinated efforts of system players to address violence in and around Kendall County. Kendall County serves as the fiscal agent only, and will be responsible for maintaining the required reporting for the grant. Ms. Elliott reported this is not a new program to the county, but taking on the fiscal responsibilities will be.

Ms. Elliott also thanked the County Board and the Sheriff’s Office for the video conferencing technology that has been instrumental in allowing probation officers to interview defendants in the holding area via video conferencing, and to begin the criminal history investigation quickly and allowing more efficient streamlining of service delivery, with minimal invasion of the holding area by an outside agency. Monthly report provided.

**Sheriff’s Report**

- a. Operations Division – Commander Langston reminded the Committee that May 12-19 is National Police Week, and that on May 15<sup>th</sup> all law enforcement personnel would be wearing black bands to remember fallen officers.

Commander Langston reported that the Sheriff’s Office conducted a week long enforcement campaign focusing on distracted driving, from April 21-27. Deputies made a total of 198 traffic stops, issuing 48 citations, including 8 for use of electronic devices while driving, 3 DUI’s, and 1 for illegal transportation of open alcohol.

Commander Langston also mentioned the May 3, 2019 Respect for Law Banquet hosted by the Optimist Club and the Kendall County Chiefs of Police Association, and reported the following Sheriff’s Office personnel receiving awards:

Live-Saving Award: Deputy Craig French, Deputy Todd Brautigam, Deputy Jason Unterborn, Deputy Casey Kailus, Deputy Andrew Nemenoff and Sgt. Ed Belmote

Investigator of the Year Award: Detective Bryan Harl

Citizen of the Year: Tonya Johnson, Civil Division

Commander Langston also reported that Sgt. David Lawson graduated from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command, Deputy Commander Mitch Hattan graduated from the Department of Homeland Security Leadership Academy – session 7, and Commander Jason Langston graduated from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute’s Illinois Police Executive Role in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century course.

Written report provided.

- b. Records Division – Written report provided.
- c. Corrections Division – Written report provided. Commander Bobby Richardson reported that they are currently housing 89 federal inmates in the jail. Commander Richardson stated that the body scanner is functional and that inmates have expressed appreciation for being scanned instead of body cavity searched, and that personnel have expressed appreciation for the efficiency of the scanner and better compliance by inmates.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business**

- *Approval for Sheriff's Office to Issue Invitation to Bid for Food Service* – Member Hendrix made a motion to forward the item to the County Board for approval, second by Member Vickers. Deputy Commander Joe Gillespie informed the committee that the current food service agreement will expire on July 7, 2019. **With three members present voting aye, the motion carried.**
- *Approval of Amendment to Agreement with the United States Marshall's Office to provide Housing for Federal Inmates* – Member Hendrix made a motion to forward the item to the Board for approval, second by Member Vickers. Commander Bobby Richardson briefed the committee on the proposed amendment with increases in the per diem and hourly guard/transportation rates for Federal Inmates housed by the Kendall County Sheriff's Office. **With three members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

**Chairman's Report/Comments** – no report

**Public Comment** - None

**Legislative Update** – Reports from UCCI and ISACo. Member Prochaska updated the committee on some of the movement on state bills.

**Executive Session** – Not needed

**Items for County Board Approval**

*Approval for Sheriff's Office to Issue Invitation to Bid for Food Service*

*Approval of Amendment to Agreement with the United States Marshall's Office to provide Housing for Federal Inmates*

**Adjournment** – Member Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Vickers. **With all in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 4:01p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain  
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk