

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS**  
**Law, Justice and Legislation Committee**  
**Monday, September 9, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance** - Chair Tony Giles called the meeting to order at 3:15p.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	Here		
Matthew Prochaska	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		

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

**Others Present:** Public Defender Vicki Chuffo, Court Services Director Alice Elliott, EMA Director Joe Gillespie, County Administrator Scott Koeppel, Chief Deputy Mike Peters, Judge Robert Pilmer, Coroner Jacquie Purcell, Deputy Commander Jeanne Russo, Facilities Director Jim Smiley, States Attorney Eric Weis

**Approval of the Agenda** –Member Vickers made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment of adding a second Public Comment section before the Legislative Update section, second by Member Hendrix. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes** – Member Hendrix made a motion to approve the August 12, 2019 meeting minutes, second by Member Prochaska. **With five members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

**Public Comment** - None

**Status Reports**

**Coroner** – Coroner Purcell reviewed the monthly report with the committee, and reported 22 deaths for the month of August with 2 caused due to vehicle accidents and 1 suicide. Coroner Purcell stated that personnel attended NEMRT training on Evidence Processing, and Medicolegal Death Investigation training in August. Coroner Purcell attended the Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, and Wisconsin White house Regional Conference and State Officials Day in Washington, D.C. on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Written report provided.

**EMA** – Written report provided. Multi-Agency Search and Rescue training on Orienteering was held at Waterfall Glenn Forest Preserve in Darien, with 30 Search and Rescue professionals from eight agencies in attendance, including four from Kendall County Search and Rescue.

Kendall County EMA Search and Rescue Personnel participated in searches in Cook County for a missing person possibly involved in a homicide, and search in Belvidere for evidence in regards to a homicide of a male.

Several Kendall County Search and Rescue personnel are involved in planning for a full scale Search and Rescue exercise in Kane County in early November, where Search and Rescue professionals from throughout Illinois, the Kane County Sheriff's Office, ILEAS Mobile Field Forces, IL-TF1, Elgin and North Aurora police drones and Civil Air Patrol will participate.

Monthly Siren, STARCOM and WSPY Emergency Alert System (EAS) testing continued.

**Public Defender** – Public Defender Chuffo reported continued increase in all areas. Written report provided.

**Court Services** – Written report provided. Director Elliott reported that due to new standards, Probation Officers are required to spend additional time in the field, causing increased concerns about officer safety. In the spirit of agency cooperation and collaboration, the Oswego Police Department has taken over training Court Services/Probation personnel in defensive tactic techniques should they need to use them, The training will be repeated regularly to ensure the skills become muscle memory. The Sheriff's Office will be providing OC Spray training, and Probation Officers will begin carrying it in the field. DuPage County Probation is assisting Kendall County Probation in developing verbal de-escalation and home visit safety training that will be practiced in-house to ensure the best defense and prevention of de-escalation of potential crisis situations. Kendall County EMA has been instrumental in providing needed radios for use when on home visits, and KenCom has set-up a system for Probation to utilize the CAD system for officers to call in when out on home visits.

Director Elliott also reported on two new programs that Court Services/Probation has collaborated with the Kendall County Health Department in bringing to the County:

***Thinking for a Change*** is a 26-week cognitive intervention group designed to teach social skills, problem solving skills and decision-making skills. Probation Officers and Health Department Counselors have been trained, and together will deliver the program to Probation Clients determined by the Probation Office or the Court to be good candidates for this evidence-based program, that has shown to be effective in reducing recidivism with moderate to high-risk clients.

***Domestic Violence Offender Treatment*** is a collaboration between Probation and the KC Health Department to become a certified Partner Abuse Intervention Program Provider, and ensure a smooth transition to services/treatments such as Substance Abuse counseling, Mental Health appointments, etc. By overcoming past barriers to this treatment, both the offender and victim are being served, and the sooner an abuser begins treatment, the safer their victim becomes. The goal is to have facilitators fully trained by the end of September, and then begin defining and collaborating on the referral process and service delivery between the two departments by the end of this fiscal year.

## **Sheriff's Report**

- a. Operations Division – Chief Written report provided.
- b. Corrections Division – Written report provided.
- c. Records Division – Written report provided.

## **Old Business** - None

## **New Business**

- *Discussion and Approval of the X-Ray Machine Service Agreement with Smith's Detection* – Member Hendrix made a motion to forward the item to the County Board for approval, second by Member Prochaska. **With five members voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**
- *Discussion and Approval of the Sheriff's Office Fee Study* – Member Hendrix made a motion to forward the item to the County Board for approval, second by Member Vickers. **With five members in agreement, the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**
- *Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Prohibiting Cannabis Business Establishments* – Member Prochaska made a motion to forward the item to the Board for approval, second by Member Vickers. Mr. Giles asked for clarification of a yes or no vote, or simply doing nothing and it being allowed. Mr. Koepfel stated that the LJL Committee is specifically reviewing the ordinance, and then voting yes or no to send it to the County Board for final approval-, PBZ Committee is reviewing the zoning specific to Cannabis Business Establishments if the ordinance is allowed, and the Admin HR Committee is reviewing the implication of the ordinance as it pertains to employees. Discussion on the pros and cons of allowing Cannabis Business Establishments in the County, legal opinion of whether the County can opt-out of specific categories of the ordinance, and pros and cons of approving the ordinance.

ROLL CALL: Member Gilmour – yes, Member Vickers – no, Member Hendrix – no, Member Prochaska – yes, Member Giles – yes

**With Members Gilmour, Prochaska and Giles voting yes, and Members Vickers and Hendrix voting no, the motion carried by a vote of 3-2 to forward the item to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.**

## **Chairman's Report/Comments** – No report

## **Public Comment** - None

## **Legislative Update** - None

## **Executive Session** – Not needed

**Items for the September 17, 2019 County Board Agenda**

- *Approval of the X-Ray Machine Service Agreement with Smith's Detection*
- *Approval of the Sheriff's Office Fee Study*

**Items for the September 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole Agenda**

- *Approval of an Ordinance Prohibiting Cannabis Business Establishments*

**Adjournment** – Member Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Prochaska. **With five members in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 4:11p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain  
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk