

Executive
Committee Meeting
May 23, 2023

MINUTES

Members Present

Mr. Hess, Ms. Polk, Ms. Webber, Ms. Parker, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Carrico, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Miller, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Foster, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

Members Absent

Mr. Sirois, Mr. Long

In Attendance

Department Heads

Kevin Duval, John Coghlan, John Bevis, Erich Blair, Delbert Skimerhorn, Lori Gadbois and Theresa Goudie

Media

Present

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the County Board Chairman, Mr. Wheeler, at 9:01 a.m. Quorum present.

Quorum was present.

Public Comment - None

Approval of Minutes: April 25, 2023

Ms. Parker made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Miller seconded. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Legislative

Mr. Wheeler stated that he doesn't have anything for this month, but next month there may be something depending on what is done in Springfield.

Mr. Hunter asked for an update on the County having judiciary fees. Mr. Wheeler stated that it appears it will not be passed, unless they include it in another fees bill.

Information Services – Kevin Duval

Mr. Duval provided an update to the committee. Mr. Duval included an update with the courthouse updates and Tyler Software.

Health Department – John Bevis

Mr. Bevis reviewed the report with the committee.

Discussions were held.

Mr. Ekhoﬀ made a motion to accept the report, and Mr. Hunter seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Schools – Frank Petkunas

Mr. Petkunas was not present.

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Veterans Assistance Commission – Karen Smietanski

- Monthly Report

Ms. Smietanski was present by zoom and reviewed the reports with the committee.

Ms. Smietanski spoke about how their numbers have increased greatly since relocating next to the VA clinic and it is great being able to help the community more.

Ms. Smietanski spoke about Heroes, Hogs and Hotrods event in Manteno that is coming up.

Mr. Hunter made a motion to accept the report, and Ms. Webber seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

County Administrator’s Report – Anita Speckman

Monthly Update

Ms. Speckman reviewed open positions within the county.

Ms. Speckman stated the only open contract is probation and Mr. Latham handles that.

Ms. Speckman stated that she will be attending training in Springfield tomorrow.

There is a job fair on June 14th and she will be present to represent the county.

Administration

Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations

- Reappointment of Joey Baud to the Greater Mokenca Fire Protection District
- Reappointment of Duane Hull to the Otto Township Fire Protection District
- Reappointment of Paul Grzelak to the Bourbonnais Fire Protection District
- Reappointment of Alyce Argyelan to the Bourbonnais Fire Protection District
- Reappointment of Joseph Kane to the Board of Review
- Reappointment of Mark Kaner to the Board of Review
- Reappointment of Joe Swanson to the University of Illinois Extension
- Reappointment of Lori Gadbois to the Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau

Mr. Wheeler reviewed the reappointments with the committee.

Ms. Polk made a motion to combine and approve, and Mr. Hess seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Openings:

Mr. Wheeler read the openings to the committee.

- **Openings:**
- One Opening on the McGillivray Special Drainage District
- One Opening on the Kankakee River Valley Forest Preserve District Board
- One Opening on the Cabery Area Fire Protection District
- One Opening on the Essex Township Fire Protection District
- One Opening on the St. Anne Fire Protection District
- One Opening on the Kankakee County Board of Health (County Board Member)
- Three Openings on the Kankakee County Board of Health (Members at Large)
- Five Openings on the Kankakee County Ethics Commission

Mr. Wheeler commented on the open positions within the Ethics Commission.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

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Adjournment

**Mr. Hess made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m., and Mr. Fairfield seconded it.
Motion carried with a voice vote.**

Andrew Wheeler, Chairman
Kelly Bylak, Executive Coordinator

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8e5u_od9fgY&list=PLuh0leyRukQQZ7kOxorgYLnUF0nDA2ag0