

Executive
Committee Meeting
May 23, 2023

MINUTES

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Mr. Sirois, Mr. Miller, Mr. Ekhooff

In Attendance

Department Heads

Anita Speckman, Kevin Duval, John Coghlan, Delbert Skimerhorn, Nick Africano and Theresa Goudie

Media

Present

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the County Board Chairman, Mr. Wheeler, at 9:00 a.m. Quorum present.

Quorum was present.

Public Comment - None

Approval of Minutes: May 23, 2023

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

Legislative

Steve Quigley was present from SAQ Consulting and reviewed the last session in Springfield with the committee. Discussions were held.

Information Services – Kevin Duval

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

Health Department – John Bevis

Mr. Bevis was not present and Amy Lafine reviewed the report with the committee.

Mr. Wheeler spoke about the necessity for all ARPA Social Service grant recipients must be on the IRIS System.

Discussions were held.

Schools – Frank Petkunas

Quarterly Report of the Superintendent of Schools for Kankakee and Iroquois Counties.

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

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Veterans Assistance Commission – Karen Smietanski

- Monthly Report

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

County Administrator’s Report – Anita Speckman

Monthly Update

Ms. Speckman reviewed open positions within the county and discussed the job fair that she attended on June 14th.

2023 Public Defender IDOR Salary Reimbursement

Ms. Speckman reviewed the salary reimbursement with the committee.
Discussions were held.

Mr. Hess made a motion to approve, and Mr. Fetherling seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 11 ayes and 0 nays.

Voting aye were: Mr. Hess, Ms. Webber, Ms. Parker, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Carrico, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Foster, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

VESSA Policy Changes

Ms. Speckman reviewed the policy changes with the committee. There were no questions.

Ms. Webber made a motion to approve, and Mr. Long seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Administration

Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations

- Reappointment of Antonio Carrico to the Kankakee County Board of Health
- Reappointment of John Schaafsma Jr. to the St. Anne Fire Protection District

Mr. Fetherling made a motion to combine and approve the reappointments for Carrico and Schaafsma, Mr. Long seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

- Appointment/Reappointment to the Kankakee County Board of Health (Members-at-Large)

Mr. Wheeler advised that there were 4 applications for 3 open positions on the Board of Health. All 4 applicants were invited to attend the meeting in person or by zoom. If they were unavailable, they could submit a letter as well. Johanek, Panozzo and Gustafson were present at the meeting and currently service on the Board of Health.

The committee reviewed the applications. Mr. Wheeler advised that if any of the committee has questions, they are able to ask them now.

Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve the appointment of Yvette Rose, and Ms. Foster seconded it. Many discussions were held.

Mr. Carrico spoke as the Chairman of the Board of Health, stating that every member of the Board of Health is extremely qualified and he has no complaints about the current committee.

Mr. Fairfield requested that the 3 applicants that are present today, give a brief bio to the committee.

Mr. Fetherling made a motion to table, and Ms. Webber seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote of 10 ayes and 1 nay. Voting nay was Mr. Fairfield

Voting aye was: Mr. Hess, Ms. Polk, Ms. Webber, Ms. Parker, Mr. Carrico, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Foster, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

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oYvette Rose
oJim Johanek
oNeelie Panozzo
oRodney Gustafson

Ms. Parker spoke about food safety and requested Mr. Johanek to explain his training and knowledge of food safety.

Each present applicant spoke to the committee and advised of their role for the Board of Health. Discussions were held.

Mr. Long asked about attendance by the Board of Health. Discussions were held.

Discussions were held regarding adding another member to the board of Health or other positions within the board that others could be considered for.

Mr. Carrico made a motion to combine and approve the reappointments of Jim Johanek, Neelie Panozzo and Rodney Gustafson to the Board of Health, Mr. Fetherling seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 11 ayes and 0 nays.

Voting aye were: Ms. Polk, Ms. Webber, Ms. Parker, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Carrico, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Foster, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

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
- Five Openings on the Kankakee County Ethics Commission

New Business

SAQ Consulting

Mr. Wheeler advised that this item is for extending the agreement with SAQ Consulting.

Mr. Long made a motion to approve, and Mr. Fetherling seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 11 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Ms. Polk, Ms. Webber, Ms. Parker, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Carrico, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Foster, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

Old Business

Mr. Hunter explained his commentary before voting.

Ms. Polk asked for an update on payouts for the social services grants.

Adjournment

Mr. Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m., and Ms. Webber seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Andrew Wheeler, Chairman

Kelly Bylak, Executive Coordinator

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