

Executive
Committee Meeting
July 25, 2023

MINUTES

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Mr. Hess, Mr. Sirois, Mr. Miller,

In Attendance

Department Heads

Anita Speckman, Kevin Duval, John Coghlan, Delbert Skimerhorn, Frank Petkunas, Erich Blair, John Bevis 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 – Helen Green , Kankakee rural, spoke about tenants of theirs that were deceased and are having difficulties with the sewer and garbage bill.

Roosevelt Grenne, rural Kankakee, spoke about the same issue as his spouse.

Approval of Minutes: June 27, 2023

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

Legislative

None

Information Services – Kevin Duval

Mr. Duval provided an update to the committee. Mr. Duval advised that he would bring the phone system to Finance once ready.

Health Department – John Bevis

Mr. Bevis was present and reviewed the report with the committee.

Mr. Bevis spoke about the IRIS System, Discussions were held.

Schools – Frank Petkunas

Mr. Petkunas gave an update on legislation that will effect the schools and truancy. Discussions were held.

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Veterans Assistance Commission – Karen Smietanski

- Monthly Report

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

Ms. Smietanski stated that they have open positions in the VAC. Scheduling for the VAC is about 2-3 weeks out, they are keeping very busy.

County Administrator’s Report – Anita Speckman

Monthly Update

Ms. Speckman reviewed open positions within the county, stating there 10 open positions currently. Ms. Speckman updated the committee on the Resource Fair and also the Daily Journal job fair.

Administration

Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations

- Reappointment of Erich Blair to the Kankakee County Supervisor of Assessments

Mr. Fetherling made a motion to approve the reappointment of Erich Blair, and Ms. Parker seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Ms. Polk, Ms. Webber, Ms. Parker, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Carrico, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Foster, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

- Reappointment of Sharlene Parr to the Kankakee River Valley Forest Preserve District Board
- Appointment of Khristine Kirchner to the Essex Township Fire Protection District

Mr. Ekhoﬀ made a motion to combine and approve, and Mr. Long 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 Cabery Area Fire Protection District

New Business

Mr. Long made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation at 9:42am, and Mr. Ekhoﬀ seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Ms. Polk, Ms. Webber, Ms. Parker, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Carrico, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Foster, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

The committee came out of executive session at 10:10am.

Old Business

Ms. Polk thanked everyone for a successful fashion show event and appreciated the support and participation.

Adjournment

Mr. Fetherling made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m., and Mr. Carrico seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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Andrew Wheeler, Chairman
Kelly Bylak, Executive Coordinator

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vugwgn42uBI&list=PLuh0leyRukQQZ7kOxorgYLnUF0nDA2ag0>