

MINUTES

**Members Present**

Mr. Hess, Ms. Webber, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Carrico, Mr. Long, Mr. Miller, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Sirois and Mr. Wheeler

**Members Absent**

Mr. Liehr and Ms. Polk

**In Attendance**

**Department Heads**

Anita Speckman, John Coghlan, Karen Smietanski

**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: June 28, 2022**

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

**Legislative**

None

**Mr. Fetherling made a motion to amend the agenda to allow Ms. Speckman to present first, Mr. Fairfield seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**County Administrator's Report – Anita Speckman**

**Monthly Update**

Ms. Speckman provided the committee with an update on job openings within the county. Discussions were held.

**Information Services – Kevin Duval**

Mr. Duval provided an update to the committee. Discussions were held.

**Health Department – John Bevis**

Mr. Bevis was not present, a report was provided to the committee.

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

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## **Schools**

None

## **Veterans Assistance Commission – Karen Smietanski**

- Monthly Report

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

Ms. Smietanski presented information regarding the VAC moving to Bourbonnais where all services can be provided to veterans in 1 location.

**Mr. Long made a motion to enter Executive Session at 9:13am, and Mr. Fetherling seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Hess, Ms. Webber, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Carrico, Mr. Long, Mr. Miller, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Sirois and Mr. Wheeler**

The public meeting resumed at 9:44am.

Mr. Jim Wasser, spoke in favor of the VAC moving locations and the benefits to the veterans.

## **Administration**

### **Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations**

- Appointment of John M. Schaafsma to the St. Anne Fire Protections District
- Appointment of Colton Eckhoff to the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission

**Mr. Long made a motion to combine and approve, and Mr. Hunter seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

### **Openings:**

Mr. Wheeler read the openings to the committee.

- One Opening on the Claussen Park Drainage District
- One Opening on the Exline Creek Drainage District
- One Opening on Pilot Township Fire Protection District
- One Opening on the St. Anne Fire Protection District
- Two Openings on the Kankakee River Valley Forest Preserve District Board
- Two Openings on the Canavan Drainage District
- Two Openings on the Manteno No.9 Drainage District
- Six Openings on the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission

## **New Business**

- Holidays to be Observed by the Offices of Kankakee County for Calendar Year 2023

**Ms. Parker made a motion to approve, and Mr. Carrico seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

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- Approval of the Kankakee Regional Land Bank Services Agreement through November 2024  
Mr. Wheeler reviewed the agreement with the committee,  
Discussions were held.  
Mr. Hess requested a quarterly report from the Land Bank.

**Mr. Hess made a motion to approve and Mr. Sirois seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 11 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Hess, Ms. Webber, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Carrico, Mr. Miller, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Sirois and Mr. Wheeler**

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **Adjournment**

**Mr. Fetherling made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m., and Mr. Hess seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

Andrew Wheeler, Chairman

Kelly Bylak, Executive Coordinator

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