



COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
 Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by County Board Chairman Matt Kellogg who led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call

| Board Member | Status | Arrived | Left Meeting |
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| Matt Kellogg | Here | | |
| Scott Gengler | Here | | |
| Zach Bachmann | Absent | | |
| Brian DeBolt | Here | | |
| Elizabeth Flowers | Absent | | |
| Dan Koukol | Here | | |
| Jason Peterson | Here | | |
| Ruben Rodriguez | Here | | |
| Brooke Shanley | | 4:02 p.m. | |
| Seth Wormley | Here | | |

With seven (7) members present a quorum was established.

Staff Present: Atty. Jim Webb, Christina Burns, Latreese Caldwell, Natalia Borowska, Luke Prisco, Leslie Johnson

Others present: Ethan Kruger (WSPY)

Approval of Agenda – Member DeBolt made a motion to amend the agenda Seconded by Member Wormley. With seven (7) members present voting aye, the motion was carried by a vote of 7- 0.

Approval to Forward Claims to County Board – Motion made by Member Rodriguez, seconded by Member Peterson to forward claims to the next County Board meeting. With seven (7) members present voting aye, the motion was carried by a vote of 7- 0.

Committee Reports and Updates – None

New Committee Business

A. 2026 Liability, Property and Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal

Director of Human Resources Leslie Johnson informed the committee that this insurance renewal was discussed in the HR committee and since that meeting they have obtained an updated quote from Counties of Illinois Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) for sabotage and terrorism coverage that was not included in their original quote. Ms. Johnson directed the members to page 3 of the packet for a side-by-side comparison of the quotes from Illinois Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) and Counties of Illinois Risk Management Agency (CIRMA). The full proposals are included in the packet (pg. 5 – 163). She led the

discussion on the six insurance proposals explaining the differences between the two insurance pools and the quotes and coverages that were given. The county is currently with ICRMT, and she included those premiums and coverages for the current year insurance. Ms. Johnson said that if they elected to chose ICRMT again she would suggest they continue to use Alliant as their insurance broker for services, and this would be an additional fee. The committee asked questions regarding deductibles, use of a broker, rate increases, and if there is a compelling reason to leave the current insurance pool. Ms. Johnson answered those questions and explained the differences and the similarities between ICRMT #2 and CIRMA #4 quote.

Member Peterson made a motion to forward to County Board ICRMT #2 insurance proposal for approval. Second, by Member Koukol. With eight (8) members present voting, the motion was carried by a vote of 7 - 1.

B. IDOT Commuter Rail Grant Agreement

County Administrator Christina Burns informed the committee that Kendall County serves as the grant recipient and administrator for the IDOT Commuter Rail grant (pg. 164). Ms. Burns noted that this is a phase 2 of the study which includes a review of environmental impacts and alternative methods of delivering commuter rail. Kendall County secured a federal transportation grant totaling \$4.8 million, complemented by \$1.2 million in matching funds from the State of Illinois. No further county funds are allocated to this project. The County functions as the pass-through agency for these funds.

Member Shanley made a motion to Forward to County Board for approval. Second, by Member Gengler. With eight (8) members present voting aye, the motion was carried by a vote of 8 - 0.

C. Recommendation on 2025 Noxious Weed Annual Report

Member Wormley informed the committee that this is an annual requirement for the State of Illinois by December 1st of each year. The Kendall County Noxious Weed Annual Report can be found on page 223 of the packet.

Member Gengler made a motion to forward to County Board for approval. Second, by Member Wormley. With (8) members present voting aye, the motion was carried by a vote of 8 - 0.

D. Liquor Control Code Updates

Management Analyst Natalia Borowska briefed the committee on proposed amendments to the Kendall County Liquor Code following a comprehensive review (pg. 232 of packet). These changes include transferring administrative duties from the County Clerk's office to the Office of the Local Liquor Control Commissioner and the Administration Department, expanding the holidays in which certain licenses are allowed adjusted hours for liquor sales, and revising the maximum number of certain licenses.

Member DeBolt made a motion to Forward to County Board for approval. Second, by Member Gengler. With eight (8) members present voting aye, the motion was carried by a vote of 8 - 0.

E. Video Gaming License Discussion

Management Analyst Natalia Borowska presented to the committee a question on if they would like to implement a video gaming license fee for establishments operating video gaming terminals within the County. Of the 15 establishments in Kendall County that hold valid liquor licenses, 4 have reported having video gaming terminals. Staff surveyed the Kendall County municipalities and neighboring counties for the fees they charge for the operation of video gaming terminals (pg. 254).

These are annual fees that are charged. Staff is recommending that the Board consider implementing a fee structure between \$25-300 per video gaming terminal. Staff was asked to do additional research and bring the discussion back to a future COW meeting.

F. Amendment to Comprehensive Development Agreement with Fox Fiber

County Administrator Christina Burns informed the committee that in June of this year the County Board approved a resolution authorizing relationship with Fox Fiber and approval of a comprehensive development agreement with Fox Fiber. Since that time, the scope of the project has been modified to focus the first phase build on the unserved/underserved areas and reduce a portion of the project planned for already served area. The project still meets all state grant requirements. While updating the comprehensive development agreement, we take this opportunity to wrap in miscellaneous updates such as the potential loan to Fox Fiber from the County in the event of cost overruns and other updates related to Pivot's agreements with Fox Fiber.

Member Shanley made a motion to Forward to County Board for approval. Second, by Member Rodriguez. With eight (8) members present voting aye, the motion was carried by a vote of 8 - 0.

Old Committee Business – None

Department Head and Elected Officials Reports – None

Questions from the media – None

Chairman's Report – Appointments

Cathy Anzelc – Regional Planning Commission – Remainder of Term – Expires December 2025

Chair Kellogg is working on finding a replacement for one of the Drainage District Commission appointment, this is due to a resignation.

Chair Kellogg noted that Natalia Borowska held a meeting today to start working on 250th Celebrations that will be taking place in 2026. This is a community wide collaboration, and this first meeting was a great start with 25 people attending. There will be more than just Fourth of July celebrations will incorporate summer events. Member Shanley asked for a resolution to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States Marine Corp for the upcoming County Board meeting

Public Comment – None

Action Items for County Board

Consent Agenda

- Claims
- 2026 Liability, Property and Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal- ICRMT #2
- IDOT Commuter Rail Grant Agreement
- 2025 Noxious Weed Annual Report
- Liquor Control Code Updates
- Amendment to Comprehensive Development Agreement with Fox Fiber
- Appointments

Executive Session – For the purpose of review of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

And: for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act.

And: Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees

Member Peterson made a motion to enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Member DeBolt. With all members present voting aye, the motion carried. Chair Kellogg asked for a roll call to enter executive session. The committee entered into a closed session at 4:42 p.m.

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| Ruben Rodriguez | yes |
| Brooke Shanley | yes |
| Zach Bachmann | Not present |
| Brian DeBolt | yes |
| Seth Wormley | yes |
| Dan Koukol | yes |
| Jason Peterson | Yes |
| Matt Kellogg | yes |
| Scott Gengler | yes |
| Elizabeth Flowers | Not present |

Open session reconvened at 4:55 p.m.

Adjournment – Member Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member DeBolt. With seven (7) members present voting aye, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally A. Seeger
Administrative Assistant