

Members Present

Mr. Bossert, Ms. Bernard, Mr. Whitis, Mr. LaGesse, Mr. James, Mr. Vickery, Mr. Stauffenberg, Mr. Hess, Mr. Mulcahy and Mr. Washington

Members Absent

Mr. Arseneau, Mr. Tripp, Mr. Olthoff, Ms. McBride, and Mr. Tholen

In Attendance

• **Board Members**

Glenn Nixon

• **Department Heads**

Kevin Duval, Lori Gadbois, and Lynn Mackin

Others

• **Media**

Dimitrios Kalantzis

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes – November 24, 2010

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried with a voice vote.

4. Presentations

5. Legislative

There was nothing to report this month.

Mr. Bossert stated that this year he will be taking the trips to the UCCI meetings and bringing back legislative reports. We might get more active with the other county association which also has a legislative committee.

6. Information Services

Mr. Duval stated that he will soon begin replacing the microphones in the board room with new ones. They will be like the ones in the EOC room at the Sheriff's. They will be fixed and are much more sensitive than the ones that are in place now.

Ms. Bernard asked how much the microphones cost. She asked if the wiring configuration was going to stay the same.

Mr. Duval stated that they cost a little less than \$200 each. He got them off of Amazon. The wiring configuration is going to stay the same. It would be way too costly to reconfigure the wiring and room.

Mr. Bossert thanked Mr. Duval for stepping up and taking care of this through his budget.

Ms. Bernard asked how much the current email system costs. She knows it has limited space.

Mr. Duval stated that it doesn't have limited space - they limit the space on the email. It is assigned based on what the person's job duty is. There is a one-time charge – he thinks it was around \$6000. He had a request to look into an exchange but that would cost around \$100,000. He can't justify it because it doesn't do anything that Zimbra (which is what we are currently using) doesn't do. They have based everything that they have done the past few years on budget constraints.

7. Health Department

Ms. Schaafsma was not present at the meeting.

8. Pledge for Life

9. Schools

10. Veterans Assistance Commission

- **Monthly Report**

The committee reviewed the monthly report.

Mr. Whitis made a motion to approve and Mr. James seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

11. Personnel/HR Issues

Mr. Bossert stated that today a memo went out to staff concerning reimbursement for tuition. In the past, there has been a budgeted amount in the administration budget for tuition and the amount that has come in the last couple of years has exceeded that budgeted amount. This year it has been made clear that he has established a budget and it will be first come first served. When the budgeted money is gone it will be cut off. He budgeted half of what he did last year. This is for employees who are taking certified college degree classes that are related to their job function.

Mr. James asked if the classes are required mandatory classes that they have to take in order to sustain their job.

Mr. Bossert stated that we are reimbursing for classes that would aid in the performance of their duties not necessarily to get them qualified in the first place. Department heads have to approve it.

12. Administrative Issues

a. Reappointments/Appointments

- Appointment of Roger Hess to the Illinois Department of Transportation Human Services Policy Committee, & to the County Transportation Committee

Mr. Lammey stated that on the rural transit side there are committees set up throughout the State to approve things. Bob Scholl served for three years on that committee and he appreciated that. They look for someone to fill that post that is from a rural area and is on PZA and Mr. Hess fit that bill quite nicely.

Mr. Washington made a motion to approve and Mr. Stauffenberg seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

- Appointment of Kevin Reardanz to the Union Drainage District No.1 of the Towns of Manteno & Sumner

Mr. Stauffenberg made a motion to approve the appointment of Kevin Reardanz and Mr. James seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

- Appointment of Todd Arseneau to the Economic Alliance of K3 County, Inc. Executive Board of Directors
- Appointment of Mike Bossert to the Economic Alliance of K3 County, Inc. Executive Board of Directors
- Appointment of Glenn Nixon to the Economic Alliance of K3 County, Inc. Executive Board of Directors
- Reappointment of Jim Vickery to the Economic Alliance of K3 County, Inc. Executive Board of Directors
- Reappointment of Bill Olthoff to the Economic Alliance of K3 County, Inc. Executive Board of Directors
- Reappointment of George Washington to the Economic Alliance of K3 County, Inc. Executive Board of Directors

Mr. Vickery made a motion to combine and approve all Economic Alliance appointments and Mr. Washington seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

- Appointment of Pat McConnell to the K3 County Board of Health

Mr. Mulcahy made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. McConnell and Mr. James seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

- Appointment of Ron Dodge to the I-KAN Joint Education Committee
- Appointment of Mike Mulcahy to the I-KAN Joint Education Committee
- Reappointment of Ann Bernard to the I-KAN Joint Education Committee

Mr. Vickery made a motion to combine and approve all I-KAN Joint Education Committee appointments and Mr. LaGessee seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

- Appointment of James Skutt to the GIS Committee

Mr. Stauffenberg made a motion to approve the appointment and Mr. Whitis seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

- Reappointment of Matt Whitis to the University of Illinois Extension Board
- Appointment of Todd Arseneau to the University of Illinois Extension Board
- Appointment of Mike LaGessee to the University of Illinois Extension Board

Mr. James made a motion to combine and approve all University of Illinois Extension Board appointments and Mr. Washington seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

b. Openings

- Three Openings on the Yellowhead & Washington Union Drainage District No.2
- One Opening on the Emergency Telephone System Board (911)
- Four Openings on the Bloom's Grove Cemetery Association
- One Opening on the Will-Kankakee Regional Development Authority
- One Opening on the K3 Valley Airport Authority

Mr. Bossert stated that there is also two openings on the K3 County Housing Authority and one on the Board of Review. Mr. St. Germaine will be resigning from the Board of Review and will be sending his letter of resignation shortly.

Mr. Washington asked how active the Will-Kankakee Regional Development Authority is.

Mr. Bossert doesn't think that they have been very active in recent years. His understanding is that there is bonding authority that could be granted to various industrial developments.

Mr. Stauffenberg asked if it is up to the chairman or up to the board to appoint somebody to our insurance committee position on the GIE Board.

Mr. Bossert stated that he needs to get someone back on that.

13. Information Items

Mr. Bossert stated that the Tax Cycle Meeting will be January 5 at 10:00 in the 1st floor conference room if anyone is interested in attending.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

Mr. LaGesse stated this may come under the Highway & Building Committee. He was always under the impression that when they cleared the lot that it was suppose to be for the public but it seems to him that a lot of employees are using it.

Mr. Bossert stated that he brought that up at the department head meeting that the lot was intended for visitors and handicap situations. After the holidays, that issue will have to be addressed.

Mr. LaGesse asked if finances were keeping it from being blacktopped.

Mr. Bossert stated that they had to let it settle over the winter. The Public Building Commission took the project and they are going to be working with the City to come up with a design that is somewhat esthetically pleasing. We have some other black topping projects that need to be done around the County.

Ms. Bernard asked about a printer being hooked up in the county board room on the 5th floor. She asked about the Comcast franchise agreement coming up for renewal in 2012.

Mr. Bossert stated that they are working on getting a printer hooked up. He has been in conversation with Comcast and has notified the State's Attorney's office to pull it out and start looking at it.

Ms. Bernard stated that she would like to see about getting some public access in there. Do we sign franchise agreements with any other vendors like AT&T?

Mr. Bossert stated that the County Board would have the opportunity to impose a franchise fee with AT&T Uverse which would take a board resolution to impose. He is looking into that.

Ms. Bernard stated that she would like to look at public access for both of those.

16. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 9:34 was made by Mr. LaGesse and seconded by Mr. James. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Mike Bossert, Chairman

Joanne Langlois, Executive Coordinator