

**Kankakee County  
Community Services Committee  
January 17, 2023**

The meeting of the Kankakee County Community Services Committee was held on January 17, 2023 and was called to order by Committee Chairman, Mrs. Webber at 9:00am. The following members were present:

Mrs. Webber, Ms. Parker, Ms. Polk, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kerkstra, Ms. Foster, Ms. Andrade, Ms. Munday, Ms. Rittmanic-Emme, Mr. Wheeler

**Members Absent** –Mr. Tholen, Mr. Swanson and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

**Quorum – Present**

**Department Heads Present** – John Coghlan, Erich Blair, Kari Liard, Dan Hendrickson, Anita Speckman and Lori Gadbois

**Media Present** – None

**Ms. Polk made a motion to allow Ms. Munday to attend meeting by zoom, and Ms. Foster seconded it. Motion Carried with a voice vote.**

**Public Commentary**

None

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of December 20, 2022 were submitted to the committee.

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

**Opening Sealed ARPA Social Services Grant Applications**

**Ms. Parker made a motion to open the sealed documents, and Ms. Polk seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

Mr. Wheeler stated that the applications will be reviewed by a committee and brought back for final approval.

The applications that were received and opened were:

Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley

Still I Rise

A more Excellent Way Ministries (received late on 1/17 at 8:40am)

Helen Wheeler Center

Merchant Street Art Gallery of Artists with Autism

Kankakee County NAACP

Fortitude Community Outreach

Hippocrates Medical Clinic (Not complete with only 1 copy and no flash drive)

Project Sun of Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley  
Orenda Health LLC  
Kankakee County Community Services  
Kankakee Community College  
United Way of Kankakee and Iroquois Counties  
St. John Paul II Parish

### **County Clerk**

#### **Monthly Report**

Mr. Hendrickson reviewed the reports. There were no questions from the committee.

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

Mr. Hendrickson provided the committee with an overview of his office and their duties.  
Mr. Hendrickson provided the committee with a summary of vital statistics for the year.

### **Assessor**

#### **Monthly Report**

Mr. Blair reviewed the report with the committee

**Ms. Andrade made a motion to approve, and Ms. Munday seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

### **Recorder**

#### **Monthly Report**

Ms. Gadbois reviewed the report with the committee.

Ms. Gadbois spoke about the RHSP fee and how she is working to keep some of that fee in the county.

The shelving arrived for the books and she will be having an open house on February 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 1 for everyone to come and take a look.

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

### **Animal Control**

#### **Monthly Report**

Ms. Laird, Animal Control Director, reviewed the report with the committee and also highlights of Animal Control.

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

Discussions were held.

### **Monthly Statistical Data**

Ms. Laird, Animal Control Director, reviewed the monthly statistical data with the committee.

## **Animal Welfare Advisory Committee**

### **Monthly Update**

Ms. Parker provided a brief update to the committee. Ms. Parker added that the committee will start discussions about emergency vet services in Kankakee County.

### **New/Old Business**

Ms. Polk thanked everyone for their support with the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship and the prayer breakfast.

### **Adjournment**

**Ms. Foster made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m. Ms. Polk seconded the motion. Motion carried by a voice vote.**

Carol Webber, Committee Chairperson

Kelly Bylak, Executive Coordinator

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