

***League of Women Voters**

**Kane County Government
Monitoring Committee Report**

MEETING: Public Service Committee

DATE: July 24, 2007 REPORTING: Darlene Bakk

ATTENDING: Kenyon, Allan, de la Isla, Lewis, Kudlicki, VanCleave

ABSENT: Collins

WAS PRESS IN ATTENDANCE: YES X NO

DID PRESS COVER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: YES X (in limited space)

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Public Service committee consists of the following agencies: recorder, collector, supervisor of assessments, county clerk, regional office of education.

MOST CRITICAL ISSUES(S): County Clerk Jack Cunningham told committee members that their participation at the State Fair this year was successful. They registered 51 voters and 15 change of address forms. The Collector's office and Supervisor of Assessments also participated this year and Cunningham said that it gave the public a broader view about what these agencies do. Is asking both Republicans and Democrats to come in to his office so he can educate them on election system. Is planning some type of candidate informational forum to accomplish this. He reported that there are only three other voting jurisdictions (state-wide) which have gone totally to electronic voting systems: Peoria, Peoria County and Kane. Reported that county saves 4 million in paper savings and it will become a more efficient systems as time goes on. Has consolidated some polling places and will use extra e-slates in precincts that demonstrate the highest number of registered voters. Lewis asked how we can get more participants involved in voting process. He said people are turned off and lack appreciation of the impact of primary. Cunningham replied it is possible to use a "Get Out the Vote Project" at the county level, but it is up to individual candidates to also get this information out. Lewis asked whether other counties do a better job of this. Cunningham replied that Lake County spent funds in a mailing to the public, but Kane does not have those resources. He relies mostly on papers and party leaders to provide more judges and information. Early voting changes the way people vote, but does not increase the actual numbers.

Kane County Assessment Office has a new web-site. Visit www.co.kane.il.us/soa.

Regional Office of Education reported on its Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) Schools program.

COMMENTS: It is a little disappointing that the League's name does not come up as being a possible resource.