



Kane County

KC Agriculture Committee

Agenda

Government Center
719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A
Geneva, IL 60134

KENYON, Roth, Allan, Juby, Lenert, Sanchez, Williams, ex-officios Pierog (County Chair) and Tepe (County Vice Chair)

Thursday, May 23, 2024

10:30 AM

County Board Room

1. **Call To Order**
 2. **Roll Call**
 3. **Remote Attendance Requests**
 4. **Approval of Minutes: April 18, 2024**
 5. **Public Comment (Agenda Items)**
 6. **Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)**
 7. **Partners**
 - A. Kane County Farm Bureau Updates (Steve Arnold, Manager)
 8. **Presentations/Announcements**
 - A. Livestock Market Assessment Key Takeaways (Matt Tansley, Planner)
 - B. Water Resources Updates (Jodie Wollnik, Director)
 - C. Farmland Protection Program Applications (Sarahy Castro, Farmland Preservation Administrator)
 - D. Amendment to Ellen Kamps Contract Resolution (Mark VanKerkhoff, Director)
 9. **New Business**
 - A. **Resolution:** Approving Two Applicants for Protection Through the Farmland Protection Program
 - B. **Resolution:** Amending a Contract with Ellen Kamps to Provide Additional Food and Agriculture Project Consulting Services
 - C. **Resolution:** Amending the Growing for Kane Fund FY 2024 Budget to Account for the Land Transfer Navigator Grant Program
 10. **Reports Placed On File**
 11. **Executive Session (if needed)**
 12. **Adjournment**
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RESOLUTION / ORDINANCE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ADDENDUM

Title

Approving Two Applicants for Protection Through the Farmland Protection Program

Committee Flow:

Agriculture Committee, Executive Committee, County Board

Contact:

Sarahy Castro, Farmland Preservation Administrator
630-232-3483

Budget Information:

Was this item budgeted? N/A	Appropriation Amount: \$N/A
If not budgeted, explain funding source: N/A	

Summary:

This resolution authorizes the County Board to approve two candidate farms for protection with conservation easements through the Kane County Farmland Protection Program.

Passed by the Kane County Board on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

John A. Cunningham, MBA, JD, JD
Clerk, County Board
Kane County, Illinois

Corinne M. Pierog MA, MBA
Chairman, County Board
Kane County, Illinois

Vote:



RESOLUTION / ORDINANCE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ADDENDUM

Title

Amending a Contract with Ellen Kamps to Provide Additional Food and Agriculture Project Consulting Services

Committee Flow:

Agriculture Committee, Finance and Budget Committee, Executive Committee, County Board

Contact:

Mathew Tansley, Planner
630-232-3493

Budget Information:

Was this item budgeted? Partially	Appropriation Amount: \$290,000
If not budgeted, explain funding source: To be paid with funding available through one or more of the following: Farmland Preservation Fund 430, Economic Development Fund 400, Growing for Kane Fund 435, and ARPA Fund 355	

Summary:

This resolution will amend a contract between Kane County and Ellen Kamps to provide additional food and agriculture project consulting services. The additional services will include the administration of Kane County's Land Transfer Navigator Program and transition support for Kane County's Farmland Protection Program.

**EXHIBIT 2 - EK
(The Work)**

**Priority Service Needs for Kane County Agriculture Projects
(That may be fulfilled by **Ellen Kamps**)**

1. Provide local food system and agricultural business advisory services (on policies and programs) to the Kane County Agriculture Committee and Director of the Development and Community Services Department.
2. Advise the development and implementation of programs that increase the accessibility of healthy, local foods in underserved communities.
3. Review and evaluate the draft Kane County Strategic Economic Development Plan and recommendations in respect to initiatives identified for agriculture.
4. Identify business development and expansion opportunities in the agriculture, local food production, and agriculture technology sectors, working with the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership and World Business Chicago.
5. Provide ongoing advisory services to Kane County officials on the role of agricultural sector partners in the formation and launch of a public/private partnership economic development organization for Kane County.
6. Identify and evaluate funding opportunities offered by public and private entities.
7. Identify and evaluate new revenue streams for supporting Kane County-led agricultural programs.
8. Provide grant-writing services for funding applications that further the strategic growth of Kane County's Agriculture Programs.
9. Provide training / technical assistance for local food growing organizations (e.g. business/strategic planning, financial management, sales and marketing, technology and innovation ... etc.).
10. Provide technical guidance in designing and deploying measurement tools for tracking carbon sequestration, greenhouse gas emissions, and other climate mitigation metrics.
11. Create conservation plans with soil health, water quality, and habitat improvement goals for working farms.
12. Conduct stakeholder interviews, facilitated discussions / focus groups, and design engagement surveys.
13. Administering economic relief and business development grant programs for agriculture-based businesses and food service organizations.



RESOLUTION / ORDINANCE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ADDENDUM

Title

Amending the Growing for Kane Fund FY 2024 Budget to Account for the Land Transfer Navigator Grant Program

Committee Flow:

Agriculture Committee, Finance and Budget Committee, Executive Committee, County Board

Contact:

Mathew Tansley, Planner
630-232-3493

Budget Information:

Was this item budgeted? No	Appropriation Amount: \$25,000
If not budgeted, explain funding source: American Farmland Trust grant to be applied to Fund 435	

Summary:

Kane County was awarded grant funds by the American Farmland Trust in 2023 to implement a Land Transfer Navigator Program beginning in FY 2024. This resolution will amend the Growing for Kane Fund FY 2024 budget to account for the AFT grant revenues and related expenses.