



# Kane County

## KC Judicial/Public Safety Committee

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

### Meeting Minutes

MOLINA, Lenert, Gripe, Gumz, Linder, Tepe, Williams, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair)  
and Pierog (County Chair)

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**Thursday, July 10, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**County Board Room**

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**1. Call To Order**

Chairman Molina called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**2. Roll Call**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Jon Gripe Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog
<b>ABSENT</b>	Board Member Michelle Gumz

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Allan\*, Bates\*, Juby\*, Kious\*, Penesis\*; KaneComm Dir. Guthrie & staff Kubica; OEM Dir. and Buziecki; Undersheriff Johnson & staff Wolf; Coroner Silva; Chief Judge Villa & staff O'Brien, Mathis; SAO staff Brady, Ford, Hunt\*; Public Def. Conant; Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust; Circuit Clk. Barreiro; ITD CIO Lasky\* & staff Peters; members of the press and public.

**3. Remote Attendance Requests**

There were no remote attendance requests for today's meeting.

**4. Approval of Minutes: June 12, 2025**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jon Gripe

**5. Public Comment**

None.

**6. Monthly Financial Reports****A. Monthly Finance Reports**

Chairman Molina stated the monthly financial reports were on file. No additional report was made. (Madam Chairman Pierog arrived remotely at 9:01 a.m.)

**7. Merit Commission**

None.

**8. KaneComm (M. Guthrie)****A. Monthly Report**

KaneComm Dir. Guthrie stated the monthly report was on file. She spoke on her continued concerns for KaneComm such as hiring, training, and space. She stated that there was good attendance at the skills testing that was held on June 30, 2025. KaneComm is moving forward with the interview process for the full-time telecommunicator position. Guthrie welcomed KaneComm's new Training Manager, Francesca Kubica. She stated that Kubica joins KaneComm with 20 years of experience. She explained that Kubica will be overseeing the training program and continued education for current staff. Guthrie spoke on the crucial need for space for KaneComm. She explained that she has continued to look into other options to perform the telecommunicator training. She stated that it is not convenient in the 9-1-1 setting to have staff set up outside of KaneComm due to high priority emergency calls. Guthrie addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

**9. Emergency Management (S. Buziecki)****A. Monthly Report**

OEM Dir. Buziecki stated the monthly report was on file. He stated that the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is focused on rewriting the County's Emergency Operation Plan. He noted that the plan is due to the State in March 2026. He explained that he will be reaching out to all County departments that have annexes and roles within the plan for revisions. Additionally, OEM is anticipating the arrival of the new Mobile Operation Center on August 28, 2025. Due to the arrival, Buziecki explained that staff is focused on the garage layout in order to park the new vehicle. Lastly, he stated that next week will be the first meeting of the Recovery Group to focus on mass care and damage assessments.

**10. Sheriff/Adult Corrections (R. Hain)****A. Monthly Report**

Undersheriff Johnson stated the monthly report was on file. She explained that due to the SAFE-T Act, there has been a continued financial impact and growth within corrections. She stated that everyone anticipated a decrease in incarcerations, but instead it has increased. The Sheriff's Office is trying to facilitate the recidivism rate, re-workings of programs, and the future of what it

will be like in the future. Johnson addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

Chief Judge Villa spoke on the increased Failure to Appear (FTA) warrants throughout the state. He explained that when the public sees an increase in jail population, they assume the crime rate is up in the County. However, this is not true. Jail population has increased due to a large portion under the SAFE-T Act that do not come to court, which causes a FTA warrant to be issued for their arrest. Villa stated that this is a significant problem across Illinois. Villa stated that if conversations on the increased jail population is to be had, he would like the general public to understand that it is not an increase in crimes. Chairman Molina asked for a further explanation and a possible video be filed on FTA warrants rules and regulations to help the public understand the SAFE-T Act. Villa explained that the Chief Judge's Office has met with a marketing company that recently handled a recent successful political campaign. He stated that this company will be producing up to 15, one-minute, videos for the County on various legal topics, such as jury summons, speeding tickets, affidavits, et cetera. Villa addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

## **11. Coroner (M. Silva)**

### **A. Monthly Report**

(Madam Chairman Pierog arrived in-person at 9:18 a.m.)

Coroner Silva stated the monthly report was on file. She explained that there were 272 total deaths in June 2025, in which eight required autopsies. She stated that there were numerous overdoses and motor vehicle deaths and one murder case in Aurora. She spoke on dangerous intersections. She asked the Committee members to let her know of any dangerous intersections in their districts. Silva shared the Deputy Caseload as of June 2025. She explained that there are large amounts of cases per Deputy Coroner. She noted that there is one Deputy that is off duty due to a Workman Compensation claim and a possible new hire due to transfer of positions. Silva spoke on the challenges faced at the Coroner's Office, such as staffing. The Coroner's Office needs to be staffed 24/7, 365 days a year. Silva explained that the Coroner's Office has been trending high on overtime hours. She invited all Committee members to come for a tour and possible call-out in order to witness the work of her office. Another challenge that is faced is toxicology reports and autopsies. Silva spoke on the cost savings of performing toxicologies without autopsies. She stated that currently the office is trending high with expenses for toxicologies and autopsies, which is normal. She explained that she is looking into ways to manage it, along with alternative ways to continue to save. Silva stated that the Coroner's Office has four people that volunteer and/or intern to assist with clerical work. Lastly, the Coroner's Office continues to be present in the community, with the distribution of Narcan and simply letting the public know what services the office provides to maintain safety. Silva explained that the distribution of Narcan is nearly free due to it being supplied to the Coroner's Office by the Kane County

Health Department (KCHD) through grant money. She noted that the grant funding has been spent and they will continue to look into ways to provide this medication. Silva stated that it is important to continue to be present in the community. She thanked those Board Members who visited. Silva addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

## 12. Judiciary & Courts (Villa/O'Brien)

Court Admin. O'Brien stated that Pavement Project at the Kane County Judicial Center (KCJC) is underway. Unfortunately, this project caused a power outage at the KCJC and the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC). O'Brien thanked Building Management staff for addressing the issue in a timely manner. She stated that the Technology Project has been completed at the KCJC. She explained that technology is being updated at the Third Street Courthouse and hopes to have it completed by August 31, 2025.

## 13. State's Attorney (J. Mosser)

### A. Monthly Report

SAO Deputy Chief of Civil Brady stated the monthly report was on file. No additional report was made.

### B. Authorizing Additional Appropriations and Budget Adjustments for Provision of Legal Assistance to the Kane County Division of Transportation

SAO Deputy Chief of Civil Brady introduced this resolution.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Finance and Budget Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Rick Williams
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Linder
<b>AYE:</b>	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Jon Gripe, Michael Linder, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Michelle Gumz

## 14. Public Defender (R. Conant)

### A. Monthly Report

Public Def. Conant stated the monthly report was on file. She noted that her office's numbers are running consistent with prior years. She stated that her office is fully staffed, which allows attorneys to be adequately trained. She noted that there are numerous attorneys with less than five years of experience. Therefore, for the rest of the summer, there will be several in-house trainings to help get those attorneys ready for the courtroom.

**15. Court Services Administration (L. Aust)****A. Monthly Report**

Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust stated the following monthly reports were on file. She explained that her office's numbers are remaining consistent with prior years. She noted that there has been an increase to the Problem- Solving Court applications. She explained that the Judiciary has been holding off on internal discussions about reallocating staff or other measures for the specialty courts until the County concludes the budgeting process. Aust stated that due to the State's fiscal year starting on July 1, there is a strain on her department because it is concurrent with the County's budgeting process. Court Services is in the process of gathering all their reports for the state, as well as, completing the annual budget for the County. Lastly, Aust reported that the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) has completed and passed their three-year state audit. She commended JJC Supt. Davis and staff for their work.

**B. JJC Housing Report****16. Circuit Clerk (T. Barreiro)****A. Monthly Report**

Circuit Clk. Barreiro stated the monthly report was on file. She explained that the percentage of cases filed is projected to be six percent higher than last year. She stated that her office is down one Deputy Clerk and that several new employees are being trained. Regarding the Failure to Appear (FTA) warrants, Barreiro explained that Illinois is looking into this and that new forms will be published. She addressed the build-out at the Circuit Clerk's Office for the State's Attorney's Office. She stated that there is not a projected date on when construction will begin. She explained that once the project begins, she will have to reallocate staff and computers to accommodate.

**17. Old Business**

Committee Member Gripe referenced page 158 of the Judicial Public Safety Committee meeting agenda packet. He addressed the County Purchasing Card Information Judiciary Safety Committee June 225 Statement. He questioned the redaction of the financial information. ASA Brady explained that County offices/departments go through their statements and remove information to protect confidentiality, safety, and integrity of ongoing court cases. SAO CFO Hunt explained that the \$35.00 charges that were listed were for baggage claims. The information that is redacted is the traveler's identification and the destination in which they were traveling to. Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust explained that her office only redacts off-book accounts, such as restitution payments. Hunt noted that the report that is on page 158 is not generated by the State's Attorney's Office (SAO). The Finance Department redacts information under certain circumstances.

**18. New Business**

Chairman Molina provided an update on the budget presentation process. She hopes to have all Judicial and Public Safety Offices/Departments present their budgets at the next Judicial Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2025. She noted that departments/offices are still looking for specific direction from the Finance Committee. She requested that all departments/offices have their budget presentations ready for the next committee meeting and that each presentation be ten minutes or less. There will be a Q&A session held after all presentations are given. Molina urged that the departments/offices to get their budget presentations to the County Board Office's Senior Recording Secretary. Molina addressed questions and comments from the Committee. The Committee provided guidance on what information should be shared within the budget presentations. Discussion ensued.

**19. Place Written Reports on File**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Rick Williams

**20. Executive Session**

The Judicial Public Safety Committee meeting entered into an Executive Session at 9:47 a.m. to discuss the release of closed session minutes on a motion made by Williams, Lenert seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

(Madam Chairman Pierog left at 9:46 a.m.)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Rick Williams
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Lenert
<b>AYE:</b>	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Jon Gripe, Michael Linder, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Michelle Gumz

A. Release of Closed Session Minutes

**21. Open Session**

The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:52 a.m. on a motion made by Williams, Linder seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Rick Williams
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Linder

## A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes

Chairman Molina asked for a motion and a second to approve the release of closed session minutes as recommended by the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) and as reflected in Exhibit A.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Lenert
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jon Gripe
<b>AYE:</b>	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Jon Gripe, Michael Linder, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Michelle Gumz, and Corinne M. Pierog

## 22. Adjournment

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Rick Williams
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Linder

This meeting was adjourned at 9:53 AM.

Savannah Zgobica  
Sr. Recording Secretary