



# Kane County

## KC Public Service Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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

SANCHEZ, Young, Gripe, Gumz, Lewis, Surges, Tepe, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair)  
and Pierog (County Chair)

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**Thursday, January 22, 2026**

**9:00 AM**

**County Board Room**

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**1. Call To Order**

Vice Chairman, Bill Roth, called today's meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**2. Roll Call**

Vice Chairman, Bill Roth, announced that there was not an official quorum for today's meeting. This meeting was for informational purposes only.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Board Member Jon Gripe Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth
<b>REMOTE</b>	Board Member David Young Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Clifford Surges Board Member Vern Tepe
<b>ABSENT</b>	Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Michelle Gumz Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. members Juby, Linder\*, Penesis\*, Strathmann\*; SOA Armstrong; ROE Technologies Dir. Morris; Co. Clk. Dir. of Tax Extensions/ Vital Records Emerson, Co. Clk's Office Dir. of Elections Raymond Esquivel; Spec. ASA Shepro; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

**3. Remote Attendance Requests**

Vice Chairman, Bill Roth, announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. He asked if there were any objections to Committee Members Lewis, Tepe, and Young attending remotely. There were no objections.

**4. Approval of Minutes: November 20, 2025**

An official quorum was not established for today's meeting. No votes could be taken.

**5. Public Comment**

None.

**6. Finance****A. Monthly Report**

The monthly report is on file. No additional report was made.

**7. Recorder****A. Monthly Report**

The monthly report is on file. No additional report was made.

**8. Treasurer / Collector****A. Monthly Report**

The monthly report is on file. No additional report was made.

**9. Supervisor of Assessments****A. Monthly Report**

Kane County Supervisor of Assessments (SOA), Mark Armstrong, stated that the Board of Review hearings on assessment complaints for the 2025 concluded on December 12, 2025. The Board will take additional time to review and make findings on applications for non-homestead exemptions. The Board will adjourn well ahead of the statutory date of March 15, 2026. Armstrong stated that in the month of November, he identified three bills that passed the veto session. Since that time, all three have been sent to the Governor who has sixty days to take action. He reviewed the monthly year-to-date summaries of work performed by the Kane County Assessment Office during the previous month. Armstrong provided a chart showing data for Kane County Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption and Low-Income Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption penetration analysis. He stated that the percentage of homestead exemptions countywide is 84.8%. Currently, a total of 28.6% of households countywide have the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption. He noted that of the Senior exemptions, 17.28% are receiving the low-income senior freeze homestead exemption. Discussion ensued.

**10. Regional Office of Education**

Regional Office of Education (ROE) Dir. of Technologies, Phillip Morris, stated that over 700 people attended the Raising Student Achievement Conference (RSAC) in December. He announced that the Countywide Institute Day will be on Friday, February 27 at the Q-Center in St. Charles. The event provides a wide range of engaging sessions and presentations from guest speakers, colleagues, student, and community partners. There are currently over 1,00 people registered. Registration is open until February 6 at 12:00 p.m. Lastly, Morris announced that the 50th Kane County Educator of the Year event will be on Friday, May 1 at the Q-Center at 5:30 p.m. He stated that the goal for the Health Life Safety district annual inspection service is to complete all of them by the end of December.

**11. Veteran's Assistance Commission****A. Monthly Report**

The monthly reports are on file. No additional report was made.

**12. County Clerk****A. Monthly Report**

Co. Clk. Dir. of Tax Extensions/ Vital Records, John Emerson, stated that the reports are on file. He stated that last year a total of 6,540 passport applications were submitted, making it a 26.6% increase from the previous year. Lastly, Emerson stated that, by the direction from the U.S. Department of State, the new Elgin Kane County Clerk's Office is not allowed to accept passports. However, the Elgin office is open to all other functions of the Clerk's Office. Discussion ensued.

**13. Other Business**

None.

**14. Executive Session**

An official quorum was not established. No votes could be taken. The release of closed session minutes will be included on next month's agenda.

**A. Release of Closed Session Minutes****15. Open Session**

No votes were taken.

**A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes**

No votes were taken.

**16. Reports Placed On File**

No votes were taken.

**17. Adjournment**

No votes were taken.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Rachel Santora  
Recording Secretary