



# Kane County

## KC Administration Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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

KIOUS, Juby, Arroyo, Berman, Garcia, Gumz, Young, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair)  
and Pierog (County Chair)

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

**10:30 AM**

**County Board Room**

#### 1. Call To Order

Chairman Kious called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

#### 2. Roll Call

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Board Member Chris Kious, Board Member Leslie Juby, Alex Arroyo, Sonia Garcia, Michelle Gumz, David Young, Bill Roth and Corinne M. Pierog
<b>REMOTE:</b>	Dale Berman

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Allan, Bates\*, Gripe, Lewis, Molina\*, Penesis, Strathmann\*; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Harris, Lasky, Passaglia, Roff, Smith, Meyer, Peters; GIS Tech. Dir. Lebo & staff Chidester; Auditor Wegman; KCSO Chief of Admin. Catich; Chief Judge Villa; Court Admin. O'Brien & staff Mathis; SAO Chief of Civil Frank & CFO Hunt\*; KaneComm Dir. Guthrie; KDOT Maintenance Supt. Way; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt\*; and members of the press and public.

#### 3. Remote Attendance Requests

Chairman Kious announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. He asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Member Berman attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes: February 14, 2025

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Young

#### 5. Public Comment

Michelle Bettag, St. Charles, voiced her concerns on the proposed retail sales tax being voted on at the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election. At the education presentations that are being shared around the County, it is being said that possible employee lay-offs, service cuts, and safety and protection cuts will need to occur if this referendum does not pass. However, on today's agenda, there are resolutions asking for new job positions to be created. Bettag stated that she will provide a friendly reminder that this makes no sense. The citizens of Kane County have been requesting fiscal responsibility. Bettag stated that seeing these types of resolutions on today's agenda is insulting to citizens. She explained that Kane County families are struggling,

while the County's spending is out of control. She requested that these resolutions be tabled.

Kane County Board Member and resident, David Young, Elgin, spoke on the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). He explained that DOGE has found wasted funding over the past few weeks. He stated that on March 11, 2025, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Director, Lee Zeldin, cancelled \$20B in funding to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for Green Energy. Young listed examples of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) wasted funding. He stated that half of the employees of the U.S. Department of Education will be laid off. He spoke on the three resolutions seeking new Building Management Department (BLD) positions on today's agenda. He explained that BLD was able to find \$450K that was not being used. He asked if BLD can find an extra \$450K. What other funding could the County find? Young listed several resolutions that were passed within the past months where the BLD sought high figured expenses. All of these items were listed as being part of the budget. However, there is now an extra \$450K to hire new employees? Young inquired about the long-term cost of these new employees to the County. He stated he would not be in support of these proposed resolutions.

Brian Anderson, Sugar Grove, spoke on the proposed retail sales tax referendum that will be voted on at the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election. He encouraged the Administration Committee to take a pause of hiring new employees, until the results of the election are provided. He explained that he spent 30 years working for corporate America and faced pay and hiring freezes. If these proposed positions are necessary, they should be presented after April 1, 2025. Anderson hopes that the County Board understands that Kane County residents elected each member to make tough decisions during rough times. He explained that in the public sector these types of decisions are made often.

Kane County resident, Jenine Mehr, inquired about the funding being spent on public safety. She explained that she has been attending the information meetings on the sales tax referendum. At these meetings, the citizens are being told misguided information on how this additional funding would be utilized. Mehr asked that out of the County's General Fund's of \$138M, how much is currently committed to public safety? She stated that if the County is expending \$50M on public safety out of the \$138M, and is seeking \$50M in additional funding, this will be a burden on the Kane County business owners and consumers and a 100% increase. She noted that this does not sound accurate. Mehr thinks that the County Board would like to take the current funding for public safety and spend it on other County necessities, in which they would utilize the additional sales tax amount of \$50M for public safety. She noted that if the baseline amount is not known by the Board, it would be irresponsible for them to vote yes for the proposed retail tax.

## **6. Finance Report**

### **A. Monthly Finance Reports**

Chairman Kious stated the monthly financial reports were on file. No additional report was made.

**7. Executive Director's Report (R. Fahnestock)**

ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock stated he would save his Director's Report until the presentation regarding three newly proposed positions. He introduced the new Building Management Department (BLD) Director, Kevin Harris. Harris introduced himself and provided a brief professional background.

**8. Building Management (K. Harris)**

**A. Facility Use: Geneva Chamber of Commerce**

ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock presented the County Property Request. The Geneva Chamber of Commerce has requested to use the Third Street Courthouse property for 2025 Swedish Days' activities, Classic Car Shows, Geneva Art Fair, Autumn Fest, and Christmas Walk. Fahnestock addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle Gumz

**B. Authorizing the Purchase of Products and Services Through the Amazon Business Online Marketplace for the Building Management Department (Contract No. R-TC-17006)**

ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock provided additional information on this resolution. Fahnestock addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Young
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Alex Arroyo
<b>AYE:</b>	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Berman, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz and Board Member Young

**C. Authorizing Number of Procurement Cards Issued to the Building Management Department and Each of Their Transaction Limits**

ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock mentioned that two new procurement cards have been added to the attached list: Anthony Passaglia for a single purchase limit of \$2,500 and a credit limit of \$5K and Kevin Harris for a single purchase limit of \$29K and a credit limit of \$30K.

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>	Leslie Juby
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dale Berman
<b>AYE:</b>	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Berman, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz and Board Member Young

- D. Authorizing the Contract Extension for Systemwide Flooring Through OMNIA’s Shaw Integrated & Turf Solutions, Inc. Contract for the Building Management Department (Contract No. 2020002144)

ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock provided additional information on this resolution. He noted that a competitive procurement process was done and the lowest responsible bidder was accepted. He explained that the Building Management Department (BLD) is seeking to add Shaw Integrated & Turf Solutions for competitive pricing. He stated that Shaw Integrated & Turf Solutions offer the same products, union installation, and comply with County’s Responsible Bidders’ Ordinance (RBO) requirements. Fahnestock explained that Shaw will provide a local installer and supplier under this contract. Along with the County’s current lowest bidder, this will allow Shaw to provide proposals on carpeting and flooring. Currently, BLD is scoring all County departments/offices flooring. After this, the top five worse departments/offices will be provided proposals for new flooring. Fahnestock addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

KC Executive Committee

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<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michelle Gumz
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Alex Arroyo
<b>AYE:</b>	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Berman, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz and Board Member Young

- E. Authorizing Reimbursement to the Kane County Sheriff’s Office for Costs Expended for the Administrative Wing Project (Resolution No. 23-394)

ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock explained that during 2023 to 2024 the Kane County Sheriff’s Office had a resolution and construction contract to renovate the Administration Wing. He stated that the Sheriff’s Office’s Account Payable employees paid the invoice out of an off-balance sheet account, when it should

have been paid through the County's Capital Projects Fund. Fahnestock explained that the appropriate method to pay this invoice was discussed with the Finance Department, Auditor's Office, and others to reimburse the Sheriff's Office. He worked with the State's Attorney's Office Civil Division to draft this resolution, which will authorize and direct the Finance Department to pay the Sheriff's Special Fund off-balance sheet reimbursement for the work that has been done. This will allow the \$205,179.62 to be placed back in the Sheriff's Special Fund. Fahnestock addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

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>	Michelle Gumz
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sonia Garcia
<b>AYE:</b>	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Berman, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz and Board Member Young

- F. Authorizing Additional Spending From FY2025 Budget for Kane County Elevator Preventative Maintenance Services (BID# 23-011)  
ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock provided additional information on this resolution. Fahnestock addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dale Berman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle Gumz
<b>AYE:</b>	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Berman, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz and Board Member Young

- G. Authorizing Three New Job Positions and Emergency Budget Adjustment to Fund 125 for the Building Management Department  
Committee Member Gumz motioned to discuss and potentially approve this resolution, Juby seconded.

Gumz motioned to table this resolution, Juby seconded. Motion passed by a 5-2 vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michelle Gumz
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz and Board Member Young
<b>NAY:</b>	Chris Kious and Board Member Berman

**9. Information Technologies (C. Lasky)**

- A.** Authorizing the Purchase of Products and Services Through the Amazon Business Online Marketplace for the Information Technologies Department (Contract No. R-TC-17006)

ITD CIO Lasky provided additional information on this resolution. Lasky addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michelle Gumz
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Berman, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz and Board Member Young

**10. Geographic Information Systems (K. Lebo)**

- A.** Authorizing New Job Position and Emergency Budget Adjustment to Fund 101 for the GIS-Technologies Department

ITD CIO Lasky explained that during the FY2025 budget process, a Geographic Information System (GIS) position was removed from the Information Technologies Department (ITD). At that point, a fee study was conducted and it was recommended that the fees be increased. Due to this increase, ITD is looking to bring back the GIS position. These increased fees will support the work and this position for GIS. Lasky addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

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>	Leslie Juby
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Alex Arroyo
<b>AYE:</b>	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Berman, Board Member Garcia and Board Member Young
<b>NAY:</b>	Board Member Gumz

**11. Mill Creek SSA (R. Fahnestock)**

None.

**12. Vehicles**

- A.** Authorizing the Purchase of a Vehicle by the Kane County Sheriff’s Office for the DCFS Liaison Deputy  
KCSO Chief of Admin. Catich provided additional information on this resolution. Catich addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michelle Gumz
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Berman, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz and Board Member Young

- B.** Approving a \$163,386.00 Contract for the Purchase of Three (3) 2025 Ford F-350 Truck Cab & Chassis for the Kane County Division of Transportation - Units 24, 28 & 29  
KDOT Maintenance Supt. Way provided additional information on this resolution.

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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Berman, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz and Board Member Young

**13. New Business**

**A. Approving Extension for Temporary Employee Providers**

ITD CIO Lasky explained that several years ago the Purchasing Department did a bid for temporary service providers. He noted that the Information Technologies Department (ITD), along with numerous other departments, utilize these temporary workers. This is a budgeted expense for the ITD, Building Management Department (BLD), and other departments that use this service. Lasky addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

KC Executive Committee

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<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	David Young
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Berman, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz and Board Member Young

**14. Old Business**

Committee Member Juby addressed the questions on the public safety expenses. She stated that the County's General Fund - General Account allotted \$96,060,978, or 69% for FY2025.

Chief Judge Villa stated that the Chief Judge's Office has no say in how the County funds or procures money spent. He does understand that fiscal responsibility is important to the residents of Kane County and it is not new to government. At today's meeting, Villa observed two things. One being that the Federal Government and County Government are not the same. He explained that local government provides two things: public safety and public works. At the Judicial Center campus, he has learned because of the way government operates, it is a false comparison to the private sector of government. Under the ideas of being responsible to the public, the



government hires the lowest bidder, spends the least amount of money, and reduces maintenance on its main assets. This causes things to break or be inoperable, which then becomes more expensive to repair and/or replace. Villa explained that Kane County will not be able to provide a new wing on the Judicial Center due to fiscal restraints. However, improvements to current assets are necessary in order to continue providing services. Secondly, Villa spoke on maintenance. He explained that while the County does need to be fiscally responsible, it also needs to maintain buildings to provide services. Maintenance is one of the ways to operate fiscally responsibly. Villa spoke on the prolonged maintenance needed on an elevator at the Judicial Center. He asked if the maintenance on this elevator was a cost cut. He offered his advice on the Committee's consideration on the resolution on today's agenda regarding new Building Management positions. As the County is seeking to be fiscally responsible and provide the necessary services, maintenance is one of the better ways you can obtain this. Villa stated that the public does not want to have maintenance work done in the middle of the day, which inquires the County to hire for second and/or third shifts. This is more expensive. He explained that if the County is going to preserve the assets it has, they must be maintained appropriately.

**15. Reports Placed On File**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michelle Gumz

**16. Executive Session (if needed)**

None.

**17. Adjournment**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Alex Arroyo
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle Gumz

This meeting was adjourned at 11:36 AM.

Savannah Zgobica  
Sr. Recording Secretary