



Kane County

KC Jobs Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

LEWIS, ALLAN, Bates, Daugherty, Ford, Strathmann, Young, ex-officios Pierog (County Chair), and Tepe (County Vice Chair)

Friday, May 17, 2024

10:30 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Lewis called today's meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Board Member David Young Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog
REMOTE	Board Member Gary Daugherty Board Member Ron Ford
ABSENT	Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Vern Tepe

Also present: Co. Bd. members Linder*, Molina*, Roth; Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff and staff Toth and JEG 360, LLC CEO Grueling; Dir. of Community Reinvestment Berger*; ITD staff; and members of the press and public, including Valley Sheltered Workshop Exec. Dir. Hugo Saltijeral.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Chairman Lewis announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. She asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Members Daugherty and Ford attend the meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: April 12, 2024

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Cherryl Strathmann

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

Exec. Dir. Hugo Saltijeral and Board President Larry Jones of the Valley Sheltered Workshop (VSW) shared information and background on their organization. The VSW currently serves 35 families at the Batavia location. Saltijeral stated that the VSW was established in 1966 as a community-driven nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting its members by fostering an environment that nurtures mental and social welfare. The organization provides a wide array of activities and events designed to engage and support every community member, encompassing permanent and community support, educational programs, volunteer opportunities, and social gatherings. Saltijeral stated that VSW is an essential component of the continuum of care for the disabled community, ensuring that their initiatives contribute to their mental health, and well-being. Much discussion ensued.

6. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

7. Jobs Committee Priorities**A. Staff Updates on Kane County Economic Development Initiatives**

Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff announced that his team had a successful meeting with landowners and economic partners to discuss the funds for the signage at the Fabulous Fox Water Trail. The goal of the signage is to connect tourists and river-users with the restaurant, shopping, and cultural opportunities available in the community.

Dev. Planner Toth provided updates on the unemployment data. He stated that the National Unemployment Data had an up tick by 1/10%. There was a decrease in Kane County's unemployment rate last month. Toth announced that there will be an Economic Roundtable on June 14, 2024. Lastly, finalizations for the Economic Development Strategic Plan are almost complete.

JEG 360, LLC CEO John Grueling provided a list of the major business development projects in Kane County. He stated that there continues to be an upward trend in manufacturing jobs in Kane County. He suggested to start asking community partners to report their development activity to the Kane County Development Department. Grueling stated that the key goal for Kane County is business retention and expansion. (Committee Member Young left at 11:45 a.m.) Much discussion ensued.

8. Office of Community Reinvestment - Workforce Development Division**A. OCR Financials**

Dir. of Community Reinvestment Scott Berger stated that the monthly reports are on file. He announced that the County anticipates being awarded a formula allocation under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for Program Year 2024, which will begin on July 1, 2024.

B. Authorizing Agreements for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and Trade Adjustment Act Programs for Program Year 2024

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Cherryl Strathmann
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Anita Lewis, Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, and Cherryl Strathmann
ABSENT:	David Young, and Vern Tepe

9. New Business

None.

10. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Mavis Bates

11. Comments by Co-Chair

None.

12. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

13. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann

This meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary