



Kane County

KC Public Health Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

STRATHMANN, Sanchez, Arroyo, Juby, Penesis, Tarver, D. Young, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair) and Pierog (County Chair)

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

9:00 AM

County Board Room

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 in-person quorum for today's meeting. No votes could be taken. This meeting will be for information and discussion only until an official quorum is established.

PRESENT	Board Member Alex Arroyo Board Member Ted Penesis Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog
REMOTE	Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Bill Tarver Board Member David Young
ABSENT	Board Member Cheryl Strathmann Board Member Jarett Sanchez

Also present: Co. Bd. members Linder; KCAC Admin. Younsteadt; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson and staff Onwuta, Barrett, Alleman; ITD/Bldg. Exec. Dir. Fahnestock; ASA Ford, ASA Carlin, Spec. ASA Shepro; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public including Wight and Company President, Jason Dwyer.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

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

4. Approval of Minutes: December 17, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Ted Penesis

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Finance/Budget**A. Monthly Report**

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

7. Animal Control**A. Monthly Report: Brett Youngsteadt Animal Control Administrator**

Kane County Animal Control (KCAC) Admin., Brett Youngsteadt, stated that the monthly reports are on file. He announced that vaccine clinic dates for the 2026 calendar year will be on Saturday, April 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, June 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 16 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Youngsteadt stated that vaccine clinics continue to grow every year, and he projects a good turnout for 2026.

8. Executive Director**A. Health Department Updates: Michael Isaacson Executive Director**

Kane County Health Department (KCHD) Exec. Dir. Isaacson announced that a new partnership with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Kane County was launched to better support children who are involved in the court system, and potentially held in foster care. More information will be presented at future meetings.

B. Respiratory Illness Report: Apryll Elliott Assistant Director for Communicable Disease

Dir. of Health Protection, Uchenna Onwuta, stated that respiratory illness surveillance is an ongoing collection and analysis of respiratory illness data. Her team track trends, seasonal patterns, and identify increased illnesses. Additionally, emergency department (ED) visits, lab-confirmed viruses, and severity indicators such as pediatric deaths are also monitored. Onwuta noted that respiratory illness surveillance is not focused on individual cases, but on population-level trends. By monitoring multiple indicators, public health can understand when respiratory activity is increasing and take action to reduce spread and severe outcomes. Respiratory illness surveillance also provides guidance to hospitals in making respiratory season decisions, including staffing, bed capacity, and infection prevention planning. She shared a snapshot of the respiratory illness surveillance webpage where you can access the surveillance dashboard, and the published weekly reports. She noted that there are additional useful resources such as interim work exclusion guidance for healthcare personnel with acute respiratory viral infections (ARI), and printable materials are available such as proper hand washing. The dashboard provides an overview of the activity seen in Kane County for ARI overall, influenza, COVID-19, and Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). The ARI for Kane County in the week of January 3 was considered high. Onwuta stated that on the ED visits webpage, individuals can view the weekly percentage of ED visits by respiratory season, and weekly ED visits by age group. Onwuta addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

Vice Chair, Bill Roth, announced that Madam Chair, Pierog, arrived at the meeting at 9:25 a.m. and stated than an official quorum has been established.

C. Authorizing a Professional Services Proposal with Wight and Company for the Elgin Satellite Health Department Office Renovation Design

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Alex Arroyo
SECONDER:	Ted Penesis
AYE:	Alex Arroyo, Leslie Juby, Ted Penesis, Bill Tarver, Bill Roth, and Corinne M. Pierog
NAY:	David Young
ABSENT:	Cherryl Strathmann, and Jarett Sanchez

D. Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation and Budget Adjustment for the Elgin Satellite Health Department Office Renovation

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Alex Arroyo
SECONDER:	Bill Tarver
AYE:	Alex Arroyo, Leslie Juby, Ted Penesis, Bill Tarver, Bill Roth, and Corinne M. Pierog
NAY:	David Young
ABSENT:	Cherryl Strathmann, and Jarett Sanchez

9. Old Business

None.

11. Executive Session (if needed)

The Public Health Committee entered into Executive Session at 9:57 a.m. to review the release of closed session minutes on a motion made by Penesis, seconded by Arroyo. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Public Health Committee returned to Open Session at 10:01 a.m. on a motion made by Arroyo, seconded by Penesis. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Vice Chairman, Bill Roth, announced that the closed session minutes were reviewed in Executive Session. A formal vote to review and approve the minutes could not be taken because they were not formally included on this month's agenda by a staff oversight. The minutes will be included on next month's agenda for a formal approval and vote. The Committee provide consensus.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Ted Penesis
SECONDER:	Alex Arroyo
AYE:	Alex Arroyo, Leslie Juby, Ted Penesis, Bill Tarver, David Young, Bill Roth, and Corinne M. Pierog
ABSENT:	Cherryl Strathmann, and Jarett Sanchez

10. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Ted Penesis

13. Chair's Comments

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Alex Arroyo
SECONDER:	Ted Penesis

This meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary