



Kane County

County Board

Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9:45 AM

County Board Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Adjourned Meeting of the Kane County Board was held at the Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134 on April 8, 2025.

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 9:46 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Also present: Chief Dpty. Clerk Weilandt & Dpty. Mazzei; Bldgs. & Facilities. Mgmt. staff Smith; KDOT staff Rickert; H.R. Exec. Dir. Loblillo; Public Health Exec. Dir. Isaacson & Snowden* Auditor Wegman; Devepmt. Dir. VanKerkhoff; Undersheriff Johnson; State's Atty. Mosser & Asst. Frank; SAO Ops. Mgr. Gorgas*; Hunt*; HPC Coord. Thavong; OEM Dir. Buziecki; I.T. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Lasky*, Peters; KaneCom Dir. Guthrie; Water Resources. Dir. Wollnik & staff; Animal Control Admin. Youngsteadt*; PIO Mann; OCR Interm Dir. Duguay; members of the press & public.

PRESENT:	Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Alex Arroyo Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Sonia Garcia Board Member Jon Gripe Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Mo Iqbal Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Ted Penesis Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Cheryl Strathmann Board Member Clifford Surges Board Member Bill Tarver Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams Board Member David Young Chairman Corinne M. Pierog
REMOTE:	Board Member Gary Daugherty

ABSENT:	Board Member Dale Berman
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3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Madam Chair asked for permission to allow Member Daugherty to join the meeting remotely. No objections were voiced.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

Surges led the assembly with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Bill Yonker said the invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 11, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

A. [#TMP-25-395](#) 2025 Proclamation in Support of Agriculture in Kane County

The County Board proclaimed its full support for agriculture in Kane County.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Ted Penesis
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

B. [#TMP-25-407](#) Proclaiming April 22, 2025, as Earth Day in Kane County

The County Board recognized April as Earth Month and April 22, 2025, as Earth Day in Kane County. Board Member Young shared some history on Earth Day with the Board.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Deborah Allan
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
NAY:	Gary Daugherty, Jon Gripe, and David Young

ABSENT:	Dale Berman
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E. [#TMP-25-380](#) **Kane County Recognizes the Kane County Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers During National Volunteer Appreciation Month**

The County Board, along with Health Exec. Dir. Isaacson, recognized all volunteers of the Kane County Medical Reserve Corps.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Jon Gripe
SECONDER:	Bill Tarver
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
NAY:	Gary Daugherty
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

C. Res. [#25-113](#) **Proclaiming April 13-19, 2025 National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**

The County Board proclaimed the week of April 13, 2025 through April 19, 2025 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week. Discussion ensued.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Myrna Molina
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
NAY:	Gary Daugherty
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

D. Res. [#25-114](#) Recognizing April as National Volunteer Appreciation Month

The County Board recognized the month of April as National Volunteer Appreciation month, honoring and recognizing all volunteers. Discussion ensued regarding the importance of volunteers within the county.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Jon Gripe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kiou, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
NAY:	Gary Daugherty
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

6. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Madam Chair extended thanks to those in the Kane County community who advocated for their opinion on the sales tax referendum, recognizing their efforts. She further addressed recent tariffs that have affected the economy and explained how it will affect Kane County specifically. She also discussed that the board will have to focus on strategic efficiencies. Contrary comments and discussion ensued.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Madam Chair invited public comment.

Mark Adamian spoke on the effects of tariffs in general and its affect on the county. He added his displeasure at slot machine signage.

Dan Spellman addressed the sales tax increase referendum and the challenge of asking to increase taxes in the current economy. He added that personal attacks and disrespect of certain citizens is not productive. He suggested respectful debate.

Antonietta Nicklaus, Dist 303 St. Charles School Candidate, ran due to concern of how children were being educated. She shared that disparaging comments and social media was used against her and others because she used "Jesus Christ" in her discussions. She was seeking to make a difference while focusing on the children, but she found resistance.

Brian Anderson mentioned population figures for the State of Illinois that were false, as people were leaving the State. He spoke on the recent failed tax referendum and the fact that it was voted down, adding that now it was up to the chairwoman and/or board to make necessary adjustments.

Bob McQuillam suggested that the board find a solution and go to their local State Representatives to repeal the Safety Act, since it was not working and only created administrative jobs.

Jerome Johnson asked the board for support on the historic nomination of his family's farm -- Echo Valley Farm. He noted that his mother was a founder of Preservation Partners and the Garfield Farm preservation.

Member David Young addressed the Department of Government Efficiencies and read through a list of wasted funds that were discovered by the federal government. Further, he pointed out some of the inefficiencies he found in the Buildings and Facilities Department.

Member Mo Iqbal asked to proclaim International Be Kind to Lawyers Day, as April 8, 2025, as he wished to express appreciation to the county's attorneys and State's Attorney.

Member Mavis Bates agreed the failed sales tax referendum went poorly, but it was run by volunteers. She explained that if it would have passed, it would have provided a number of positives for the county. There were no pre-polling funds to see if the referendum would have passed and unfortunately, the public made it known.

Member Michelle Gumz expressed her sadness that the tax referendum did not pass because it places pressure on public safety workers and the county's employees, who are the backbone of the county. Additionally, she shared her background as a union representative, who has greatly supported fair pay for employees.

8. CONSENT AGENDA/OMNIBUS VOTE

----- CONSENT AGENDA -----

The Chairwoman asked if anyone would like to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. There were no requests to do so.

- Res. [#25-115](#) Authorizing the Purchase of Products and Services Through the Amazon Business Online Marketplace for the Building Management Department (Contract No. R-TC-17006)
- Res. [#25-116](#) Authorizing the Contract Extension for Systemwide Flooring Through OMNIA's Shaw Integrated & Turf Solutions, Inc. Contract for the Building Management Department (Contract No. 2020002144)
- Res. [#25-117](#) Authorizing Additional Spending From FY2025 Budget for Kane County Elevator Preventative Maintenance Services (BID# 23-011)
- Res. [#25-118](#) Authorizing the Purchase of Products and Services Through the Amazon Business Online Marketplace for the Information Technologies Department (Contract No. R-TC-17006)
- Res. [#25-119](#) Authorizing the Purchase of a Vehicle by the Kane County Sheriff's Office for the DCFS Liaison Deputy
- Res. [#25-120](#) Approving Extension for Temporary Employee Providers
- Res. [#25-121](#) Approving February 2025 Claims Paid
- Res. [#25-122](#) Authorizing New Job Position and Emergency Budget Adjustment to Fund 101 for the GIS-Technologies Department
- Res. [#25-123](#) Authorizing Reimbursement to the Kane County Sheriff's Office for Costs Expended for the Administrative Wing Project (Resolution No. 23-394)
- Res. [#25-124](#) Animal Control DEA License Application
- Res. [#25-125](#) Authorizing Acceptance of FY25-26 IDHS Reimagine Public Safety Act (RPSA) Community Convener Grant
- Res. [#25-126](#) Authorizing Acceptance of Amendment to Family Run Organization Agreement

- Res. [#25-127](#) 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
- Res. [#25-128](#) Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants
- Res. [#25-129](#) Approving a \$25,000.00 Deposit for Five (5) 2026 Tandem Axle Truck Cab & Chassis for the Kane County Division of Transportation
- Res. [#25-130](#) Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) for Membership Participation and Mutual Aid Assistance
- Res. [#25-131](#) Authorizing Applications for and Execution of FY2024 and FY2025 Grant Agreements Under the Section 5310 Funds Program for Ride in Kane
- Res. [#25-132](#) Approving a \$193,746.89 Contract for Construction with D. Construction, Inc. of Coal City, Illinois for the Keslinger Road Box Culvert Extension and Guardrail Removal Project, Kane County Section No. 24-00575-00-DR
- Res. [#25-133](#) Approving a \$260,071.50 Contract for Construction with Martam Construction, Inc. of Elgin, Illinois for the LaFox Road Pedestrian Box Culvert Repair Project, Kane County Section No. 24-00574-00-BT
- Res. [#25-134](#) Approving a \$6,248,000.00 Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for 2025 Kane County Resurfacing Project, Kane County Section No. 24-00576-00-RS
- Res. [#25-135](#) Approving a \$125,000.00 Appropriation to the Forest Preserve District of Kane County for Improvements to Buffalo Park and Brunner Family Forest Preserves
- Res. [#25-136](#) Approving a \$100,000.00 Relocation Commitment Agreement with Commonwealth Edison Company for Relocation of Facilities for the Randall Road at Hopps Road Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00511-00-CH
- Res. [#25-137](#) Approving a \$372,811.00 Engineering Services Agreement with H.R. Green, Inc. of Aurora, Illinois for 2025 Structure Safety Inspections, Kane County Section No. 25-00579-00-EG

- Res. [#25-138](#) Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois for \$58,885.20 for Phase III Construction for Illinois Route 47/U.S. Route 30 at Waterpark Way to Jericho Road
- Res. [#25-139](#) Approving a \$483,483.00 Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for the 2025 Blackberry Township Road District, Section No. 25-04000-01-GM
- Res. [#25-140](#) Approving a \$175,398.75 Contract for Construction with Peter Baker & Son Co. of Lake Bluff, Illinois for 2025 Burlington Township Road District, Section No. 25-05000-01-GM
- Res. [#25-141](#) Approving a \$387,887.00 Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for 2025 Kaneville Township Road District, Section No. 25-11000-01-GM
- Res. [#25-142](#) Approving a \$991,000.30 Contract for Construction with Plote Construction, Inc. of Hoffman Estates, Illinois for 2025 St. Charles Township Road District, Section No. 25-14000-01-GM

RESULT: APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

ABSENT: Dale Berman

-----**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**-----

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)

Madam Chair stated that no closed session was needed.

10. ZONING PETITIONS**A. [#TMP-25-332](#) Petition # 4656 Petitioner: JW McConnaughay Properties, LLC**

Mr. Chris Aiston, representing the petitioner clarified that JW McConnaughay was the owner and Cafe Parlay represents the business. Per Aiston, the business is expected to generate \$25,000 per year. While the owner would like a video gaming license, he first has to apply for a liquor license. Objectors were the students of the nearby Marshall Arts Center and a local gun shop owner. There was concern of parking challenges and alcohol being on the premises. Mr. Aiston explained that nine additional parking spaces were being added, but only four were required. Further dialog followed for and against the petition.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	David Young
AYE:	Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe, David Young, and Corinne M. Pierog
NAY:	Deborah Allan, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Clifford Surges, and Bill Tarver
ABSENT:	Dale Berman
ABSTAIN:	Rick Williams

B. [#TMP-25-333](#) Petition # 4658 Petitioner: Landberg Properties

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Michael Linder
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

C. [#TMP-25-376](#) **Petition # 4657 Petitioner: Christopher Haas on behalf of Chestnut Skies, LLC**

Board Member Williams summarized the petition and discussion was had regarding property maintenance and utilization.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Michael Linder
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

D. [#TMP-25-382](#) **Petition # 4517 Petitioner: Frank Cuda, P.E. on behalf of Greg and Charles Kellenberger**

(This item was removed from agenda and no discussion was had.)

11. **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS**

A. Ord. [#25-143](#) **Designating Kane County Historic Landmark (Echo Valley Farm)**

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

B. Ord. [#25-106](#) Amending Section 2-48 of the Kane County Code (Standing Committees) to Revise Language Related to the Jobs Committee

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Jon Gripe
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
NAY:	Mo Iqbal
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

C. Res. [#25-144](#) Authorizing Certain Actions Relative to the Tax Agent

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Chris Kious
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
ABSENT:	Dale Berman
ABSTAIN:	Myrna Molina

D. Res. [#25-145](#) **Ratifying Emergency Purchase Affidavit for Interim Director of Workforce Development**

HR Exec. Dir. Loblillo described how the Interim Director for the Workforce Development Department was chosen, which was on an as-needed basis. This position is paid by grant funds through Workforce Development and the role serves to get the department on track. Mr. John Duguay introduced himself and explained some of the work he will be doing within the department. He shared his personal background.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Ted Penesis

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

ABSENT: Dale Berman

E. Res. [#25-146](#) **Ratifying an Emergency Purchase Affidavit for Temporary Certified 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Staffing**

Michelle Guthrie, Director of KaneComm explained that she was just made aware of an employee leaving, as well as an employee going on family leave, which necessitated an emergency purchase order. She reiterated that it takes about nine months to train a new employee and that the new position will be paid for through 911 charge fees. No budget adjustment is being requested. Further dialog followed.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Michelle Gumz

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

ABSENT: Dale Berman

12. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

13. COMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

The board adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Bill Roth