



Kane County

KC Judicial/Public Safety Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

MOLINA, Lenert, Gumz, Linder, Roth, Tepe, Williams & ex-officio Pierog (County Chair)

Thursday, October 12, 2023

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Molina called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams
REMOTE	Board Member Michelle Gumz
ABSENT	Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. members Juby*, Kenyon, Kious*, Lewis*, Strathmann*; KaneComm Dir. Guthrie; Sheriff Hain*; OEM Acting Dir. Mensching; State's Attorney Mosser & staff Shepro, Hunt*, Frank; Public Defender Conant; Chief Judge Hull, Court Admin. O'Brien & staff Mathis; Court Srvs. Exec. Dir. Aust; Circuit Clerk Barreiro; Coroner Russell*; Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Lasky, Smith, Peters; Auditor Wegman; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Chairman Molina announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. She asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Member Gumz attending today's meeting remotely. No objections were made.

4. Approval of Minutes: September 14, 2023 & September 22, 2023

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Bill Roth

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None.

6. Monthly Financial Reports**A. Monthly Finance Reports**

Chairman Molina stated the monthly financial reports were on file. Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson commented on the Judicial/Public Safety Budgets. She stated that most department's yearly benchmarks are below normal, which is a positive for the County. However, KaneComm is currently over on Contractual Services and the State's Attorney's Office is over on two funds: Drug Prosecution Fund and Victim Coordinator Services Fund.

7. Merit Commission

None.

8. KaneComm (M. Guthrie)**A. Monthly Report**

KaneComm Dir. Guthrie stated the monthly report was on file. She addressed the Contractual Services Budget Report. KaneComm pays for many services and items through their budget at the beginning of the fiscal year. Some items will qualify for reimbursement through the Emergency System Telephone Board. Guthrie stated that KaneComm has hired multiple employees between August and September 2023. KaneComm currently has three employees in training. Additionally, KaneComm has obtained a new shift manager, Jessica Green, as well as a part-time Telecommunicator, and a full-time Telecommunicator. Hiring and training continues to be KaneComm's main focus. Guthrie shared her excitement of the offices reconstruction projects. This will entail building out a quiet space for the Telecommunicators, as well as, an office space for the Operations Manager. She invited the Committee for a tour. Guthrie addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

B. Authorizing an Agreement with Tyler Technologies for Computer-Aided Dispatch Call for Service Export Interface

KaneComm Dir. Guthrie provided additional information on this resolution.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Corinne M. Pierog

9. Sheriff/Adult Corrections (R. Hain)**A. Monthly Report**

Sheriff Hain stated the monthly reports were on file. He addressed the heightened level of Calls for Service in September 2023. He explained that the new Control Commander and himself are interested in proactive activity. They have recently established a couple Criminal Patrol and Traffic Patrol Teams. The main goal of these new teams is to be more prevalent and present with self-initiated contact to lessen the aggressive criminal activity. Hain spoke on the numerous precautions taken at the previous County Board meeting that addressed the threats made by First Amendment auditors.

B. Discussion Only: Authorizing the Kane County Sheriff's Office to Implement a Standard Security Protocol to Enhance and Maintain Safety Measures for the Kane County Government Center

Sheriff Hain addressed questions and comments from the Committee pertaining to the security of the Government Center, Building "A". Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Gumz addressed the scrivener's error in the Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved clause of this resolution.

Gumz motioned to move into an Executive Session to discuss security matters, Roth seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

After the Executive Session, Committee Member Tepe motioned to hold this resolution over to the next Security Assessment Research Committee meeting, Linder seconded. Motion carried with a 5-2 vote.

KC AD HOC Security Assessment Research Committee

RESULT:	HELD OVER
TO:	KC AD HOC Security Assessment Research Committee
MOVER:	Vern Tepe
SECONDER:	Michael Linder
AYE:	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
NAY:	Michelle Gumz, and Michael Linder
ABSENT:	Corinne M. Pierog

10. Emergency Management**A. Monthly Report**

OEM Acting Dir. Mensching explained that the new OEM Director, Scott Buziecki, would be starting on Monday. The office hopes for a smooth transition. He stated that September 2023 has been one of the busiest months on record with 26 call outs. Additionally, OEM helped assist with security and emergency management at the LIV Golf Tournament in Sugar Grove. Mensching explained that the office did have one resignation last month. With the new job opening, OEM will be modifying the job description to seek an adequate replacement.

11. State's Attorney (J. Mosser)**A. Monthly Report**

State's Attorney Mosser stated the monthly report was on file. She explained that the office has hired numerous employees, including the four interns that recently passed the Bar Exam. She addressed the overage concerns on the financial benchmarks. Mosser explained that her Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Hunt's analysis shows that State Attorney's Office is under budget by \$300K, which does not include the \$108K in contingency that the Finance Department holds.

12. Public Defender (R. Conant)**A. Monthly Report**

Public Defender Conant stated the monthly report was on file. The office has continued to focus on hiring. She commented on the success of all Judiciary Departments with the implementation of the Safe-T Act. Conant thanked her staff for their diligent work on the smooth transition. Conant and Mosser addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

13. Judiciary & Courts (Hull/O'Brien)

Chief Judge Hull stated the election for a new Chief Judge occurred. Kane County's new Chief Judge is Rob Villa and Hull's last day will be December 1, 2023. Additionally, Kane County has hired Judge Larry Lobe who is assigned to the Child Support Courtroom. Hull provided a Safe-T Act update. This Act has been the biggest legislative change to the Criminal Justice Code since it was enacted in 1963. With this big change, issues will occur and will be addressed. Hull stated that the Kane County Judiciary has done a great job with the implementation. He noted that no changes would be made to the new processes until the end of the first quarter. Hull explained the new time frame and increased workload of weekend court. Staff is now starting earlier and leaving later, which is not anticipated to change in the future. Hull stated that they are continuing to work on data collection to track the amount of cases heard on the weekends and holidays. He noted that this increase would raise the cost of employee demand, which will affect the overall budget. Discussion ensued on operational needs of the Safe-T Act.

Hull spoke on the decrease of detainees in the County Jail. He addressed the legal challenges of interpreting the new law between all Judiciary departments. Hull spoke on the new Safe-T Act Dashboard on KaneCourt.org. He stated that full transparency is important not only for the Judiciary Departments, but for the public, as well. The dashboard is a tool to understand the statistics of the Safe-T Act. He thanked the Information Technologies Department (ITD) for their work on the dashboard. Hull described how to use the dashboard. This tool will help staff and constituents see how the Safe-T Act is being applied and what potential changes will need to be made. He stated he has been proud of all Kane County's Judiciary Departments with the implementation of this legislation. Hull addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

14. Court Services Administration (L. Aust)

A. Monthly Reports

Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust stated the monthly report was on file. She spoke on the implementation of the Safe-T Act. She explained that Kane County is an unique County within the State of Illinois because of the constant meetings between all Judiciary Departments for the implementation of this legislation. Aust reviewed the Kane County Circuit Clerk's statistics. Recently, Kane County has been able to share their research and updated documents regarding the Safe-T Act with surrounding counties. Kane County will continue to work on adequate data collection. Aust spoke on budget highlights. Court Services is currently \$400K under in the General Fund. The Juvenile Justice Center's revenue total is over by \$300K. This is due to the juvenile detainee contracts between other surrounding counties. Aust noted that her staff's caseload has been remaining the same.

B. JJC Housing Report

None.

C. Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with McHenry County for Juvenile Detention Services

Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust provided additional information on this resolution. Committee Co-Chair Lenert pointed out a scrivener's error within this resolution. He stated instead of this resolution reading November 31, it should be changed to November 30.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
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D. Establishing a New Sub Department in the General Fund Under Court Services for a DUI Court

Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust pulled this resolution because Court Services has taken the payments for offender services out of a Special Fund, not the General Fund. This resolution was to ask for the creation of a new Special Fund to cover the costs of the new DUI Court. She voiced her concerns on utilizing treatment dollars out of the General Fund. Even though legally allowed, this would set a new precedence of utilizing tax dollars to pay for individual treatments. After having discussions with staff, Aust stated she is not in position that this would be the proper way to go about this. She stated that she would need to consult with others to make the proper decision.

RESULT:	NO VOTE REQUIRED
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- E. Authorizing Contract Agreement with One Hope United for Multi-Systemic Therapy Services

Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust provided additional information on this resolution.

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15. Circuit Clerk (T. Barreiro)

A. Monthly Report

Circuit Clerk Barreiro stated the monthly report was on file. She reviewed the August collections amount of \$69,637. If all collections were collected, the Office would have received \$883K. She addressed staffing of the Initial Appearance Courtroom (IAC). Typically, each courtroom would be staffed with one Deputy Clerk. Since the implementation of the Safe-T Act on September 18, 2023, the Circuit Clerk's Office has been staffing three Deputy Clerks in each. Barreiro spoke on the collaborative efforts of the entire Judiciary pertaining to the Safe-T Act. Supervisors have been collecting data to help with the Safe-T Act Dashboard. The State of Illinois passed legislation initiating an 180-day fines and fees hold for all detainees released from jail/prison. Barreiro reviewed the billing process and the difficulties of knowing when a person is released from detainment. She foresees the possibility of the County being held liable, if this is not addressed appropriately. Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust provided additional information on the new legislation. She spoke on the challenges of interpreting the law. Discussion ensued.

Barreiro stated that the Circuit Clerk's Office has 96 employees, who have helped with filling the courtrooms adequately. The office will be working on hiring the new Safe-T Act Clerks once the FY24 Budget is finalized. Barreiro informed the Committee that the Deputy Clerk's Labor Contract will expire on November 30, 2023, which will affect the overall budget. Barreiro reviewed the current caseload for each division. She addressed changes within the ticketing system for the police department. Barreiro addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

16. Coroner (R. Russell)**A. Monthly Report**

Coroner Russell stated the monthly report was on file. No additional report was made.

17. Old Business

None.

18. Place Written Reports on File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Bill Roth

19. Executive Session (If Needed)

An Executive Session was held earlier in the meeting.

20. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

21. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Bill Roth

This meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Savannah Valdez
Recording Secretary