



Kane County

KC Jobs Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

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

Friday, August 15, 2025

10:30 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Lewis called today's meeting to order at 10:37 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member David Young Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog
REMOTE	Board Member Ted Penesis
ABSENT	Board Member Gary Daugherty Board Member Cheryl Strathmann

Also present: Co. Bd. members Juby*, Molina*; Dev. Planner Toth; JEG, LLC., 360 Grueling; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Chairman Lewis announced the remote attendance request for today's meeting. She asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Member Penesis attending remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: July 11, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Mavis Bates

5. Public Comment

Kane County resident Brian Anderson spoke on his concerns for implementing a Kane County Internship Policy for Non-Elected Offices. He will support a paid internship only if the budget is balanced, and it has maintained consistency. He expressed his approval for educational, volunteer un-paid internships, such as organizations like Waubensee Community College, and Elgin Community College who offer that option. Anderson strongly encouraged the committee to focus on un-paid, volunteer internships until the budget is balanced for consistency.

6. Jobs Committee Priorities**A. Kane County Internship Policy for Non-Elected Offices Discussion**

Chairman Lewis stated that one advantage to having an internship program at Kane County is, depending on if a county department justifies paying an intern, instead of hiring a contractor to assist with high volume of work, an intern could be hired to fulfill those duties. This could potentially lead interns to a full-time position with the county. Lewis addressed the financial issues the county is facing, and assured everyone that this program is just a topic for discussion. She referenced the Volunteer and Intern Policy and Procedures and that they will need to be reviewed and possibly revised with Human Services before making any decisions. Further discussion took place.

Madam Chair Pierog stated that the Internship Program currently meets the requirements of the River Boat funds. If approved, a potential River Boat fund amount of \$30K would be distributed within governmental departments who are interested in an internship program. She noted that the funds would not come from the General fund, and the program would not obstruct or eliminate any current full-time or part-time position at the county. Any intern wanting to receive academic credit for their experience has the responsibility to facilitate the administrative activities with their educational institution after receiving approval from the County department offering the internship. Lastly, Pierog believes that the Kane County Internship Program would demonstrate an act of goodwill by the county, and provide educational opportunities for the youth in Kane County.

B. Kane County Economic Development Initiatives Staff Updates

JEG, LLC., 360 Grueling stated that the Kane County Development Corporation is in the process of finalizing the feasibility study for private sector employers. More information on that report will be presented in the coming months. The next steps will be to determine whether or not to move forward with a funding campaign. Grueling noted that World Business Chicago Research Center is currently working with companies interested in expanding in the county. He stated that the Trump's Administration's trade war is having a significant impact on global commerce and business. In the short run, tariffs threaten affordability of consumer and producer goods, leaving an uncertain landscape for businesses and worldwide markets. In the long run, tariffs are intended to spur a renaissance of domestic manufacturing, as global outsourced supply chains are shifted back to the U.S. The Tax Foundation projects that the United States Gross Domestic Product (USGDP) will be reduced by 1% over the next year. The economic impacts of tariffs in Chicagoland is estimated to be a \$9.2B hit to the Chicago GDP. Based on the Yale Budget Lab's projections for changes in output and employment for Chicagoland, it is projected that there will be an increase in the region's manufacturing output by 2.0%. U.S tariffs have increased prices by 1.8%, reducing household purchasing power by \$2,400 on average. There was a total of 102 Pro-Chicagoland companies making the decision to expand in the Chicago market. The GDP for Kane County increased by 0.5%. The Kane County employment rate increased by 1.6%. Kane County's unemployment rate had a 1.3% decrease since last year. Lastly, Grueling stated that there are currently 10,161 jobs available in Kane County. Further discussion ensued.

7. Office of Community Reinvestment - Workforce Development Division**A. Monthly Report**

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

8. New Business

Dev. Planner Toth announced that he is in the process of working with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Data Hub (CMAP) on the Housing-Ready Checklist Program. He expects to have the first draft of the key recommendations memo ready by next week. Toth noted that a slide deck was sent to him two months ago indicating housing data in Kane County. Once the key recommendations memo is completed, his goal will be to conduct another Workforce Housing Forum with public and private sectors for discussion. Further discussion took place.

9. Comments by Co-Chair

None.

10. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

11. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Mavis Bates

12. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Anita Lewis