



# Kane County County Board Meeting Minutes

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

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Wednesday, October 30, 2024

11:30 AM

County Board Room

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\*\*\*SPECIAL MEETING\*\*\*

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The continued meeting of the Kane County Board was held at the Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134 on October 30, 2024.

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

## 2. ROLL CALL

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Dale Berman Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Michael Kenyon Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Monica Silva Board Member Cheryl Strathmann Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams Chairman Corinne M. Pierog
<b>REMOTE:</b>	Board Member Bill Tarver
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Board Member Mark Davoust Board Member Anita Lewis
<b>AWAY:</b>	Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Gary Daugherty Board Member Ron Ford Board Member Mo Iqbal Board Member Clifford Surges Board Member David Young

**3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE REQUESTS**

Madam Chair asked for board approval to allow Board Member Tarver to attend the meeting remotely. No objections voiced.

Also present: State's Atty. Mosser, ASAs Frank, Shepro\*, Vargas\*; Spcl. Invstg. Weiler; Sheriff Hain; HR Exec. Dir. Loblillo; Animan Control Dir. Youngsteadt; ITD Asst. Dir. Lasky, and members of the press & public.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION**

Board Member Silva led the assembly with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None****6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Madam Chair invited public comment:

Frank Esposito noted the budget was not on the agenda. He discussed the increasing expense figures from 2020 to 2024, coming up with a 45% increase. He stated the budget needed to be tightened up. He stated the public was disgusted with the spending. (Iqbal arrives.)

Mark Titre, resident, asked the board to adopt a budget and not overspend -- a simple process. He provided words of wisdom from his life and asked the board to maintain it and do what is right for the taxpayers.

(Allan arrives.)

Sheriff Hain, along with others who joined him from Lighthouse Recovery, discussed the transitional housing program and the fact that there was "muddy waters" and as a consequence, the building was lost after looking for two years. He discussed the need for transitional housing, got the funding, but expressed his disappointment in the board on how the matter played out.

Kathy Flesberg, resident, thanked those members who voted against the proposed budget. She discussed the difference from the 2020 budget and this proposed budget was an 111% increase. Covid was gone. She stated the board was overworked with so many subcommittees. She did not understand those few who voted in support of the budget (Young arrives) because they do the least amount of work or provide little input.

Jenine Mehr, Elburn, a financial planner, reviewed the general fund expenditure figures from 2014 to present, and their increases over the years. Following, she then reviewed the expenditure figures from the years the chairwoman was in office, starting in 2022 to the present budget. The retail tax will not bail out the county.

Brian Anderson, Sugar Grove, noted the agenda did not include the budget and was

confused as to why. He noted the high payroll, too many committees created by the chairwoman, and appreciated those who "digged in". He voiced his displeasure of the chairwoman running on a slogan of "integrity" and found it absurd to be called an extremist when he calling the board to task.

Brad Lashky discussed what the board is and is not and not representative of the people, especially by raising taxes through a "legalized extortion." Every expansion of the board's authority is another encroachment on the freedom of the individuals who actually create value in our society. He stated the board should look at what regulations can be abolished or those that are obsolete.

Michelle Bettag, recalled last year's budget as compared to year's budget, which was a disaster. She believed adoption of the budget was done purposely set to be adopted after the election in November. She stated Madam Chair is hurting the citizens by raising taxes and she supposedly adores them. She explained that her recent FOIA requests to a number of the chairwoman's donors were all denied. She stated people were struggling, can afford groceries and were mad.

**7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

None

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Madam Chair entertained a motion to go into closed discussion to discuss 1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline and performance, or dismissal of specific employees and 2) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. (Daugherty arrives remotely and allowed to attend.)

The Board entered into closed session at 12:04 p.m.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michael Linder
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle Gumz
<b>AYE:</b>	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mark Davoust, and Anita Lewis
<b>AWAY:</b>	Ron Ford, and Clifford Surges

- A. The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees

B. Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body

**9. OPEN SESSION**

The board returned to open session at 2:20 p.m. upon consensus of the board (due to lack of a quorum).

**10. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**11. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

None

**12. ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

<b>MOVER:</b> Michael Kenyon
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