

Kane County

KC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

PIEROG, Allan, Bates, Berman, Gumz, Juby, Kious, Lewis, Linder, Molina, Sanchez, Strathmann, Surges, Tepe, Williams and ex-officio Roth (County Vice Chair)

Wednesday, January 8, 2025	9:00 AM	County Board Room
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1. Call to Order

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Chairman Corinne M. Pierog
	Board Member Deborah Allan
	Board Member Mavis Bates
	Board Member Leslie Juby
	Board Member Chris Kious
	Board Member Anita Lewis
	Board Member Michael Linder
	Board Member Cherryl Strathmann
	Board Member Clifford Surges
	Board Member Vern Tepe
	Board Member Rick Williams
	Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth
REMOTE	Board Member Myrna Molina
	Board Member Jarett Sanchez
ABSENT	Board Member Dale Berman
	Board Member Michelle Gumz

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Gripe*, Lenert, Penesis*; Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson; PIO Mann; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Lasky*, Files, Peters; SAO staff Brady, Hunt*; Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff; KDOT staff Zakosek, Rickert; KCHD CFO Snowden*; HRM Exec. Dir. Lobrillo; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt*; Environ. & Water Res. Dir. Wollnik; OCR Dir. Berger*; and members of the press and public including Beacon News journalists Christian Smith and Molly Moore.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Chairman Pierog announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. She asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Members Sanchez and Molina attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objects.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Pierog asked Committee Member Strathmann to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Approval of Minutes: December 4, 2024

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Michael Linder

6. Public Comment

Marc Avelar, Algonquin, spoke on a previously published Daily Herald article. The article explained the analytical errors of the McHenry County's Special County Retailers' Occupation Tax for mental health. There was confusion on whether auto sales tax was included within this newly proposed sales tax. Avelar implored that Kane County educate their constituents on what goods/services are included under the proposed Kane County's Special County Retailers' Occupation Tax, such as auto sales not being included, that will be voted upon on April 1, 2025. He stated that McHenry County made an honest mistake. He does not want Kane County to do the same. Additionally, Avelar addressed retiring Congress Member Kate Granger's disappearance. He stated that she was found at an assisted living facility, which was not disclosed in advance to constituents. (Committee Member Allan arrived in-person at 9:09 am.) Avelar asked if any County Board Members are ill or need an extended period of time away from their duties, that this information be shared appropriately.

Brian Anderson, Sugar Grove, spoke on the County's task of balancing the budget and being fiscally conservative. He hoped that Committee Members have put together goals and objectives that are being worked toward. If these goals and objectives have been put into place, Anderson hoped that they would not miss measurable goals. He noted that the County cannot manage what they cannot measure and that it is easy to put goals in place, but they must be specific. Anderson spoke on the proposed Special County Retailers' Occupation tax that is set to be included on the next voting ballot. He reminded the Committee that the County must be fiscally responsible on every line item in order to save the County's financial future. He stated that Elgin and Aurora have been added to the nation's highest property tax list. Per the Illinois Governor's Office, as of November 1, 2024, prices that have risen over the last few years are not expected to decline. Additionally, a recent report showed that the State of Illinois faces a budget deficit of \$3B by 2026 and the City of Chicago faces a \$382M budget shortfall. Anderson stated that Kane County and other collar counties are walking lock step with Mayor Brandon Johnson. Illinois' unemployment rate remains one of the nations worst. Anderson stated that there is much work to be done. He explained that Kane County constituents elected each Board Member and expect each member to do their research and make hard decisions. If the proposed sales tax does not pass in April 2025, the County Board will need to figure out other ways to be fiscally responsible. It is time for the County Board to get focused.

7. Monthly Financials (K. Hopkinson)

A. Monthly Finance Reports

Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson stated the monthly financial reports were on file. She reviewed the departments' financials that are overseen by the County Board,

such as the County Board Office, Farmland Preservation, and the Grand Victoria Casino. She shared the 2023-2024 budget information of these three entities. She noted that the current report does not include some of the expenses from the end of FY2024. Hopkinson stated that liquor licenses' revenue had increased over \$30K. She noted that performance indicators will be included in these reports due to them being apart of the County's budget book and the assistance it will provide with the strategic plan. Hopkinson stated that the Grand Victoria Casino's Riverboat proceeds increased to \$5.1M in FY2024. For the Farmland Preservation Fund for FY2023 through FY2025, there was \$2.5M budgeted for a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant. However, this grant was never received by the County. Hopkinson stated that this would have to be looked into and how the County could receive the grant revenue. Lastly, she notified the Committee that the previous Director of Purchasing, Karin Kietzman, is no longer employed with the County. The new Purchasing Director is Tim Keovongsak, who has been with the County for 25 years and has ample experience.

Hopkinson reviewed the County's purchasing process, such as identifying purchasing needs with County Board approved appropriation and budget, review purchasing facilities development of scope of work, terms and conditions, advertisement of Request for Qualifications (RFQ), Request for Proposals (RFP), and bids, vendor responses, and contract documents, and receive an approval of purchases within appropriation and budget. Hopkinson addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

Hopkinson explained that on January 1, 2025, a new state law requires that County elected officials will need to do competitive bids for items over \$30K, except for professional services, as described in 55 ILCS 5/5-1022. Hopkinson and ASA Brady addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

Hopkinson spoke on the determination of vendor responsibility. She listed the factors to be considered to determine if a bidder/offeror is responsible, such as financial, physical, and availability, past performance and integrity, and met specific responsibility criteria. She reviewed the County's Responsible Bidder's Ordinance (RBO). She stated that the one requirement of the RBO that requires additional information and documentation from responders has caused issues in reference to obtaining evidence of graduation of apprentices. She noted that this clause may require a revision. Much discussion ensued. Hopkinson reviewed the County's purchasing cooperatives. She listed that current list of County Board approved cooperatives, such as State of Illinois Central Management Services (CMS), Omnia Partners, and Sourcewell. Hopkinson addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

8. PIO Update (J. Mann)

PIO Mann provided an update on the activities of her office. She provided the Committee a draft of the Kane County Calendar of Proclamations of 2025. She noted that a draft resolution has been submitted to Kane County State's Attorney's Office (SAO) to outline the purpose and procedures associated with proclamations. She reviewed the proclamation that has been included on today's agenda for Poverty in America. Additionally, a recognition of Kane County's 89th birthday will be published in Kane County Connects. Mann asked the Committee for more content for Kane County Connects. Lastly, she announced that Beacon News' reporter, Christian Smith, will be leaving Kane County. She thanked him for his work and County outreach. She introduced new reporter, Molly Morrow. Ms. Morrow provided a brief personal background and stated she is anticipating the new position. Mann addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

9. Old Business

None.

10. New Business

None.

11. Preliminary County Board Agenda:

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

County Development

A. Amending Section 2-48 of the Kane County Code (Standing Committees) to Revise Language Related to the County Development Committee

Environ. & Water Res. Wollnik and Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff explained the modifications made to the Kane County Code, Section 2-48. Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Kious motioned to table this resolution until ASA Brady is able to address the need for a second reading of this ordinance, Strathmann seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ASA Brady stated that this ordinance does need a second reading at the County Board meeting and will not be in affect until after the February 11, 2025 County Board meeting. She explained that the Committee must motion to remove this ordinance from the table, and then a motion to move forward on or off consent on the County Board Committee agenda would need to be made. Kious motioned to remove it from the table, Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Committee Member Williams motioned to move this resolution forward to be included off consent on the County Board agenda, Kious seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Chris Kious
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

Executive

A. Proclamation Recognizing January 2025 as National Poverty Awareness Month in Kane County, Illinois

Committee Ex-Officio Roth introduced this proclamation. Committee Member Williams motioned to move the following proclamation forward to the County Board meeting on January 14, 2025, Linder seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER: SECONDER:	Rick Williams Michael Linder
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

Finance

A. Approving November 2024 Claims Paid

Finance Committee Vice-Chair Lenert introduced the following 12 resolutions in the absence of Finance Committee Chairman Berman from today's meeting.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: MOVER: SECONDER:	County Board Jarett Sanchez Leslie Juby
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

B. Emergency Appropriation for Transfer of Funds from the FEMA PA Fund #358 to the General Fund - General Account #001

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: MOVER: SECONDER:	County Board Michael Linder Anita Lewis
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

C. Emergency Appropriation and Budget Adjustment for the Coroner DOJ Morgue Tech Grant

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Michael Linder
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

D. Authorizing New Account Code and Reclassification of Budgeted Amounts for Coroner's Health Opiate Grant

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Michael Linder
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

 E. Reappropriating Funds and Amending Resolution No. 23-76 - Approving a Contract for Construction with Curran Contracting Company of Crystal Lake, Illinois for Dauberman Road Extension, Kane County Section No. 15-00277-01-BR

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

F. Authorizing Execution of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between County of Kane, Kane County Sheriff, and Policeman's Benevolent Labor Committee (Kane County Sheriff's Office Maintenance and Janitor Unit)

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Michael Linder
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

G. Acceptance and Use of Trust Donation Made to Animal Control

Chairman Pierog asked if there was going to be a form of recognition of this trust. Committee Member Strathmann stated she would look into the recognition.

Committee Member Bates stated that a scrivener's error is located in paragraph one, third sentence. This error will be fixed for the upcoming County Board meeting.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Cherryl Strathmann
SECONDER:	Deborah Allan
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

H. Authorizing Contract Extension of Aerial Orthoimagery

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Chris Kious
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

I. Authorizing Opioid Response Community Implementation Project

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Anita Lewis
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

J. Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request

Committee Member Kious motioned to move Finance agenda items J, K, and L off consent to be voted upon, Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

K. Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Deborah Allan
SECONDER:	Anita Lewis
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

L. Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request

Committee Member Kious motioned to amend this resolution to change the total amount of mileage from 88.8 miles to 89.8 miles and to change the total amount for mileage from \$59.50 to \$60.17. Additionally, the total amount to be reimbursed needs to be changed from \$111.50 to \$112.17. Lastly, the executive summary would need to be changed to reflect this amendment, Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

Judicial/Public Safety

A. Authorizing Contract Extension for Medical Services for the Juvenile Justice Center

Committee Member Lenert pointed out that this contract extension's annual cost is \$437,193.39, with a 3% increase. He voiced his support for this contract extension.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: MOVER: SECONDER:	County Board Myrna Molina Mavis Bates
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

Transportation

A. Approving Appropriation of the County Engineer's Salary and Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Therefore, Kane County Section No. 25-00000-00-CS and 25-CS089-00-AC

Committee Member Tepe motioned to move the following nine resolutions forward, Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Vern Tepe
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

B. Approving FY2025 County Maintenance MFT Appropriation, Kane County Section No. 25-00000-00-GM

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER: SECONDER:	Vern Tepe Rick Williams
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

C. Approving FY2025 County Maintenance MFT Appropriation, Kane County Section No. 25-00000-00-RF

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Vern Tepe
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

D. Approving an Agreement with Genuine Parts Company dba Napa Auto Parts of Atlanta, Georgia for Non-OEM Auto Parts and Supplies for the Kane County Division of Transportation

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER: SECONDER:	Vern Tepe Rick Williams
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

E. Approving an Appropriation for Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: MOVER:	County Board Vern Tepe
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

F. Approving an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois for Statewide Planning and Research Funding for the Kane County Division of Transportation Asset Management Plan

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER: SECONDER:	Vern Tepe Rick Williams
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

G. Approving a Contract for Construction with Martam Construction, Inc. of Elgin, Illinois for the Bunker Road Extension Project, Kane County Section No. 14-00275-01-PV

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Vern Tepe
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

H. Approving an Agreement for On-Call Traffic/Safety Engineering Services with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC of Oak Brook, Illinois, Kane County Section No. 24-00494-02-EG

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: MOVER: SECONDER:	County Board Vern Tepe Rick Williams
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

I. Approving Acquisition of Highway Right of Way for Randall Road at Illinois Route 72, Elgin, Illinois, Kane County Section No. 19-00514-00-WR, Parcel No. 1PK0005 and 1PK0005TE

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: MOVER: SECONDER:	County Board Vern Tepe Rick Williams
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Michelle Gumz

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

A. Approving a FY25 Budget Adjustment to the Enterprise Surcharge Fund for the Implementation of a USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction Grant Program

Chairman Pierog notified the Committee that the following two resolutions were brought forth last week. (Committee Member Williams left 10:45 a.m.) In order to address last minute resolutions/ordinances, Pierog has requested that an additional question be added to the executive summary that states: was this item approved by the appropriate committee? Pierog does not want any resolution/ordinance to be placed on the Executive Committee or County Board agendas without the consent of the appropriate committee.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Deborah Allan
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, and Rick Williams

B. Ratifying an Emergency Purchase Affidavit for the Purchase of Fiscal Management and Staff Training Services for the Office of Community Reinvestment

Committee Member Surges explained that the County Board has continued to make a conservative effort to address the naming of an Emergency Purchase Affidavit (EPA). He inquired if the purchase of fiscal management and staff training services need to be purchased, or if it has already been purchased and used and the County needs to pay the bill. Committee Member Lewis explained that the Office of Community Reinvestment has received a grant to help train several employees. She noted that the Workforce Development Board approved this EPA in December 2024. She stated that the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) advised OCR Dir. Berger to write this resolution as an EPA. Discussion ensued.

OCR Dir. Berger introduced this resolution. He provided additional information.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: MOVER: SECONDER:	County Board Anita Lewis Deborah Allan
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, and Rick Williams

County Board

12. Executive Session (If Needed)

None.

13. Committee Reports

A. Madam Chairman's Comments

Chairman Pierog stated she has tasked County Board Vice-Chair Roth with figuring out the budget process and how the County can improve. She explained that Roth would be speaking to departments/offices and Committee chairmen to gain information. She requested Roth have an update for the Executive Committee next month, with the completion of this task being May 2025. She noted that Roth would send out updates and ideas to Committee Chairmen for their consensus.

Committee Member Bates inquired about a strategic plan update. Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson stated that a firm has been selected and a resolution will be put forth, next month. The strategic planning should begin in April 2025.

B. Legislative Update

None.

C. All Other Committees

Committee Member Surges explained that at the end of 2024, the Human Services Committee had several items up for discussion. He stated that the Committee held off on discussing these matters until the new County Board Members were seated. He noted that these items will be included on this month's Human Services Committee meeting agenda. Additionally, Surges explained that the County relies on their outside consultants. As the County has done a good job at self-insuring itself, it was due to the expertise of consultants Mike Baker and AssuredPartners. He noted that Mike Baker's Group has been purchased by one of the biggest consultant agencies, Gallagher. He spoke on the work done for the County by Mike Baker and AssuredPartners. He commented on the health insurance in-house management and commended that County's work on behalf of County employees.

Committee Member Kious highlighted the County's capital projects that have been funded by ARPA and County's capital fund. He reviewed the progress of projects occurring around the County. He commended the Building Management Department on their work with these projects.

Committee Member Tepe stated that himself and Kious have met with KDOT managers and have decided to have presentations done at the upcoming Transportation Committee meetings regarding the key items that need to be understood by the County Board. He encouraged the County Board to listen to these presentations, so that they have an understanding on the key things that Transportation is doing. In regards to the American Rescue Plan Committee (ARPC), Tepe explained that this committee would be moving into a new phase. This will be explained at the next committee meeting. Additionally, historic measures, such as how the County allotted the funding and how staff worked on the requests and closed each of them out, will be presented. Committee Member Bates stated that the Environmental and Energy Committee staff has been creating a list of the Climate Action Plan projects. She noted that the committee will be discussing these projects at the next meeting on Friday, January 17, 2025.

Chairman Pierog addressed the public comment regarding committee goals and objectives. She explained that all committees have put forth their goals and objectives and they will be included each month on the respective agenda. She stated that these goals and objectives need to be quantified and documented, in order for the County Board to see the achievements being made. She spoke on the proposed Aurora Public Health building. She noted that the Public Health Committee has been quantifying the costs and savings of this operation. She challenged the committee chairmen to do this task.

Surges stated that last year a proclamation was voted in favor addressing Kane County's athletes of the year. He shared a picture showing one of those athletes, Drew Surges, making an interception at the Poptarts Bowl in Orlando, Florida to win the game for the Iowa State Cyclones.

14. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann

This meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Savannah Zgobica Sr. Recording Secretary