



Kane County

KC Judicial/Public Safety Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

MOLINA, Lenert, Gripe, Gumz, Linder, Tepe, Williams, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair)
and Pierog (County Chair)

Thursday, June 12, 2025

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Molina called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Roll Call

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

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Kious*; Merit Comm. Chairman Burgert; KaneComm Dir. Guthrie; OEM Dir. Buziecki; Sheriff Hain & staff Catich; Deputy Coroner Richardson-Carerra; Silva; Chief Judge Villa & staff O'Brien, Mathis; State's Attorney Mosser* & staff Brady, Hunt*; Public Defender Conant; Court Srvs. Exec. Dir. Aust; Circuit Clk. Barreiro; ITD CIO Lasky & staff Peters; 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 and Williams attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

Committee Member Gumz did not attend today's meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes: May 15, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Vern Tepe

5. Public Comment

None.

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

Chairman Molina stated the monthly financial reports were on file. No additional report was made.

Committee Member Gripe explained that the Finance Department has been working with select County Board Members on breaking down the interest income that is allocated to each department. Referencing page four of the financial reports, he inquired if the interest income has been budgeted. He wondered if the interest income varies; how do departments budget interest income; and who allocates this money to which areas? Lastly, he questioned if the interest income is not used by departments by the end of the year, where does it go to. Molina suggested Gripe reach out to Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson for answers. Discussion ensued.

7. Merit Commission

Merit Comm. Chairman Burgert reported that the Merit Commission last tested for correction officers in January 2025. After testing, the Commission was able to provide the Sheriff's Office a list of 24 names. However, only two candidates remain. There will be another correction officer testing scheduled on July 30, 2025. To date, there are ten applications received. The deadline for civilian applications is July 24, 2025. Burgert anticipates to have approximately 60 applicants. The testing will occur at the Waubensee Community College at no cost to the County. Burgert explained that another testing would likely be scheduled in the winter months. He noted that neither the July nor the winter test are in the Merit Commission's annual budget.

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

KaneComm Guthrie stated the monthly report was on file. She recognized the employment anniversaries of Telecommunicator, Mary Keating, who celebrated 12 years, Telecommunicator Becca Schoppe, who celebrated 11 years, and Telecommunicator Adam Holt, who celebrated 20 years. She thanked them for their commitment and years of service. Guthrie stated that KaneComm has continued to be highly focused on the hiring process. There is a testing scheduled at the end of June 2025. There are 25 applicants. Guthrie stated that KaneComm's biggest need is space. Currently, KaneComm does not have an effective training space. Guthrie stated that she has been exploring creative solutions. To accommodate the trainings, she may need to rearrange her office into a training space, if needed. Guthrie addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

9. Emergency Management (S. Buziecki)**A. Monthly Report**

OEM Dir. Buziecki stated the monthly report was on file. Within the reports, he explained that there is an update on the process for mass communication.

B. Disaster Ready Kane

OEM Dir. Buziecki provided the Disaster Ready Kane - Disaster Recovery Committee (DRC) Concept presentation. He stated that a Disaster Recovery Committee is a collaborative network of community-based organizations whose common goal is to coordinate assistance to individuals, families, and businesses affected by disaster with short and long-term needs. He spoke on the untapped resources that are located throughout the County, such as churches. He addressed the Batavia micro burst that occurred earlier in the week, and the apartment fires that occurred in Aurora. He noted that this kind of committee could be made available to assist with these kinds of disasters. He reviewed the groups that are included within a DRC, such as non-governmental organizations, community foundations, small businesses, and schools. He shared the functions of a DRC, such as providing mass care, debris removal, donation management, and public outreach. Buziecki spoke on the progress made on developing a DRC for Kane County. Conversations have been had with faith-based leaders, Chambers of Commerce, non-profits, social service organizations, community groups, and government organizations. Buziecki explained that a committee chairman or co-chairs, vice-chairman, secretary, and fiscal agent/treasurer is needed to get the DRC started. He noted that County Board Members Gripe and Penesis have stepped up to help organize this committee. There is a leadership meeting scheduled for July 15, 2025, with a much larger meeting happening in August 2025.

Buziecki spoke on Mass Notification and the current platform. He explained that the County's current provider, OnSolve CodeRed, costs \$37,237 per year, which is covered by the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund. Buziecki stated that the County has utilized OnSolve CodeRed for 20 years and the current contract expires December 17, 2025. He noted that the County would need to cancel before August 18, 2025 to avoid an auto-renewal. Buziecki reviewed data on OnSolve CodeRed Public Opt-in, Usage and Connections, and Attempted Connections. He spoke on the County's overall experience with the current platform. He explained that staff is less than satisfied, the platform is not easy to use, the public opt-in database is outdated, the internal group messaging is inadequate, and customer service is poor. He explained his efforts in having other departments/offices utilize OnSolve CodeRed, who identified many issues with the software. Buziecki provided information on alternative platforms: Hyper Reach and Regroup. He compared the three mass notification platforms' services and cost. He explained that the next steps for the County would entail conducting demos with additional stakeholders in June 2025, bring a resolution/contract to the Judicial Public Safety Committee and Administration Committee in July 2025, and bring it to the full County Board for a vote in August 2025. Buziecki addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

Buziecki provided an update on the Mobile Command Vehicle. He described the conditions of the current vehicle, which is a 2006 Winnebago with approximately 14K miles. He explained that there is no longer replacement parts available for

the vehicle and it offers limited space. He provided several photographs of the new Mobile Command Vehicle that is currently under production.

10. Sheriff/Adult Corrections (R. Hain)

A. Monthly Report

Sheriff Hain stated the monthly report was on file. No additional report was made.

Chairman Molina requested the Committee move directly to the State's Attorney Monthly Report. The Committee agreed.

11. Coroner (M. Silva)

A. Monthly Report

Deputy Coroner Richardson-Carrera stated the monthly report was on file. She thanked County Board Member, Mavis Bates, for coming out to the Coroner's Office for a tour and attending a call for service. Richardson-Carrera addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

12. Judiciary & Courts (Villa/O'Brien)

Chief Judge Villa reported that the Kane County Judicial Center (KCJC) has finally finished the technology installation project. He noted that the Third Street Courthouse will be finished in the following weeks. He spoke on the Security Station Project at the Third Street Courthouse. He explained that this project has a 12-week timeline. Villa spoke on the Judiciary's ability to service the public remotely via Zoom. He noted that Kane County was the first county to implement Zoom court calls. Villa spoke on the negatives of utilizing Zoom for court proceedings. He stated that the Judiciary needs to focus on getting people back into the courtroom to reconnect and implement courtroom integrity. He noted that there are some courtrooms, such as Abuse and Neglect, that utilizing Zoom is beneficial. Villa addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

13. State's Attorney (J. Mosser)

A. Monthly Report

State's Attorney Mosser stated the monthly report was on file. No additional report was made.

- B.** Authorizing an Amendment to Extend the Professional Healthcare Services Agreement Between the County of Kane and the Kane County Child Advocacy Center and the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois
- State's Attorney Mosser introduced this resolution.

KC Executive Committee

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

- C.** Authorizing Budget Adjustment to Transfer Funding from the Kane County Health Department to the Kane County State's Attorney's Office for Crisis Collaboration Liaison Position

State's Attorney Mosser introduced this resolution. She explained that this resolution is to create a new position in the her office for a Crisis Collaboration Liaison. This liaison will be working with police departments, social work agencies, and throughout all of Kane County to increase people's understanding of those experiencing a mental health crisis. This will help ensure that people are aware of the different signs of those going through an episode. Additionally, this will make sure that Kane County has the proper police response to those having a metal health crisis. Mosser stated that Retired Elgin Police Lieutenant, Tony Rigano, who helped create Elgin's Crisis Services Unit, will be Kane County's Crisis Collaboration Liaison. She noted that this resolution will approve the budget transfer from the Kane County Health Department (KCHD) to the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) to create this new position. Mosser addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

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

The Committee moved to the Coroner's Monthly Report.

14. Public Defender (R. Conant)

A. Monthly Report

Public Defender Conant stated the monthly report was on file. She reported that her office is fully staffed and trained with all attorneys assigned to their respective courtrooms. She provided an update on the Public Defender's Office (PDO) renovation project. This project developed new offices and a conference area. Conant and Chief Judge Villa addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

15. Court Services Administration (L. Aust)

A. Monthly Report

Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust stated the following reports were on file. She reported that the Problem-Solving Courts have increased their caseload from 135 to 164, which is within tolerance level. She noted that the Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Court has reached maximum capacity. She explained that the caseload files have held steady, but are experiencing a slight uptick in crime due to the summer months. Within the financial reports, Aust explained that her department is currently five percent, or \$700K, under budget. She noted that this is normal due to the turnover rate and juvenile placement funds. (Committee Member Williams arrived remotely at 9:45 a.m.)

B. JJC Housing Report

C. Authorizing Psychiatric Services for Detained Individuals at the Juvenile Justice Center

Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust explained that about 60% of the juveniles detained at the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) are on psychotropic medication. She noted that the JJC does evidence-based practices in order to fix the root of the problem. Aust introduced this resolution. She explained that the Family Counseling Services in Aurora provide the JJC with a psychiatric nurse for a reduced cost. The nurse comes in and meets with the juveniles on a weekly basis to help with medication and mental health care. Aust noted that this is a budgeted expense. She explained that the County will have to pay part of the \$5K increase because the County is now providing mental health services for first responders through Blue Cross Blue Shield. Court Services will be able to utilize the savings to help pay for this cost. No money will be utilized from the County's General Fund. Aust addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

KC Executive Committee

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

16. Circuit Clerk (T. Barreiro)**A. Monthly Report**

Circuit Clk. Barreiro stated the monthly report was on file. She reported that her office is down one Deputy Clerk. She noted that her office has 22 employees with three years or less of experience. Previously, the average was ten years. Barreiro stated that the Circuit Clerk's Office has finished installing credit card machines in all of the courtrooms to help collect outstanding fines and fees. She mentioned that she is in agreement with Chief Judge Villa on the Zoom court call situation. She stated that Zoom is good for those that need it. However, the respect for the judiciary system is gained when people come to the courtroom. Barreiro noted that Zoom court calls also affect the ability to collect fines and fees. She offered up the training room at the Kane County Circuit Clerk's Office to any department/office in need. Barreiro and Chief Judge Villa addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

17. Old Business

None.

18. New Business

None.

19. Place Written Reports on File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Bill Lenert

20. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

21. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Michael Linder
SECONDER:	Jon Gripe

This meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM.

Savannah Zgobica

Sr. Recording Secretary