

Kane County

KC Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

PIEROG, Allan, Bates, Berman, Davoust, Ford, Gumz, Kious, Kenyon, Lewis, Linder, Molina, Sanchez, Strathmann, Surges, & ex-officio Tepe (County Vice Chair)

Wednesday, February 7, 2024	9:00 AM	County Board Room
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1. Call to Order

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Chairman Corinne M. Pierog
	Board Member Mavis Bates
	Board Member Dale Berman
	Board Member Ron Ford
	Board Member Michelle Gumz
	Board Member Michael Kenyon
	Board Member Chris Kious
	Board Member Anita Lewis
	Board Member Myrna Molina
	Board Member Jarett Sanchez
	Board Member Cherryl Strathmann
	Board Member Clifford Surges
	Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Vern Tepe
REMOTE	Board Member Deborah Allan
	Board Member Mark Davoust
	Board Member Michael Linder

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Juby*, Lenert*, Roth, Silva*, Williams*; Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson & staff Kietzman; PIO Mann; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Lasky*, Files, Peters, Murphy, Escuro; Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff & staff Tansley; Judge Hull; State's Attorney staff Frank, Hunt*, Vargas*; Spec. ASA Shepro*; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson & staff Olawale, Snowden*; OEM Dir. Buziecki; KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt*; ARPA Prog. Mgr. Fahnestock; Auditor Wegman; OCR Dir. Berger*; HRM Exec. Dir. Lobrillo; and members of the press and public including McGuireWoods, LLP, representatives Greg Bales*, Louie Mossos*, and James Sherwood*.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Madam Chairman Pierog announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. She asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Members Allan, Davoust, and Linder attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. Approval of Minutes: January 3, 2024

(Committee Member Linder arrived remotely at 9:06 a.m.)

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

6. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

Brian Anderson, Sugar Grove, addressed the American Rescue Plan funding for the proposed Health Department facility. He spoke on his personal experience when visiting the two Health Department satellite offices in Aurora and Elgin. While at the Elgin location, he noticed no employees were there and outdated signage from 2016 listing the office's hours. He encouraged the Committee Members to visit these locations. Anderson stated that the satellite offices are not for clinical procedures/treatment for the public. He questioned why the Kane County Health Department (KCHD) employs 75 team members for these two locations. He attended a town hall meeting sponsored by County Board Member Young. At this meeting, Anderson met KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson. He explained that Isaacson and staff were unable to address questions directly. He spoke on the amount of people served at the KCHD's satellite office, stating that only 600 clients served per year is not a lot. Anderson addressed the health pamphlets found at the Aurora satellite location. He explained that the services that are being advertised are not directed towards the citizens of Kane County. The Health Department lacks services for a Kane County resident. Anderson stated that if he were here under a refugee status or illegal immigration, then these services would be helpful. He spoke on the inability for Kane County residents to receive services at these locations. He stated that all the services that are provided by the KCHD can be outsourced to any hospital, emergency room, or private sector facility. Kane County does not need to be spending funds on a new facility.

Michelle Bettag, St. Charles, addressed the County's expenses. Kane County is 13 out of 3K counties in the Country that pay the highest taxes. Because of this all residents across the entire County are struggling. Bettag spoke on the anticipated surge of additional people entering the Country and utilizing the health services provided by the KCHD. She stated that at Board meetings, she never hears anyone being proactive with cutting costs, but mostly of resolutions buying new. She explained that herself and other constituents have been speaking to Kane Country residents about the newly proposed public health facility. She shared that many do not care for a new building, but want their taxes cut and costs reduced. Bettag spoke on the inadequate school scorings in Kane Country. She stated that having a health department is important for the health safety of residents. With many refugees entering the country, we do not know the types of illnesses they will bring. Bettag asked the Committee to look at the County's expenses and find the true cost of running the County. She spoke on the new HVAC system at the Kane County Jail. She questioned why the entire system needs to be redesigned for a building that is 20 years old. She pleaded with the Committee to cut expenses and show that they care about their voters.

Committee Member Gumz asked for unanimous consent to move the first resolution listed under "End of Consent Agenda" and agenda item 14B to be heard now . The Committee provided an unanimous consent.

7. Monthly Financials (K. Hopkinson)

A. Monthly Finance Reports

Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson stated the monthly financial reports were on file. She explained that the Finance Department is still in the process of closing out FY23, and the annual audit is in process. She stated that the County auditors are coming back in mid-March to finish their work. Hopkinson hopes to have the final audit report completed at the end of April 2024. Additionally, Finance staff will be finalizing the FY24 Budget Book. She noted that the deadline for the Annual Budget Award is about three weeks away. The Budget Book will be made available this upcoming week. Lastly, Hopkinson stated at the February 8, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, a discussion will be had on the FY25 budget process. She encouraged all County Board Members to attend.

8. PIO Update (J. Mann)

PIO Mann provided a monthly update on the activities of her office. She stated that her office has had great success with having 11 articles published. She highlighted these articles. She explained that Kane County Connects continues to grow subscribers. There has been a recent surge of constituents opening the Kane County Connects email. Mann stated that the County seems to be beating the industry average every time the newsletter is sent with a 55% open rate. She addressed the table-top exercise with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) on a destructive tornado simulation. Additionally, there will be a County blood drive at the County Government Campus on March 27, 2024. The Kane County 4-H students will be attending the County Board meeting on March 12, 2024. All Board Members should have received an invitation to become a sponsor of a 4-H student. Lastly, on February 26, 2024, the Kane County Farm Bureau will be hosting their Support Over Stigma Fundraiser shopping spree race. Undersheriff Johnson will go up against State's Attorney Mosser to benefit food pantries and other organizations at the Batavia Jewel-Osco. Mann spoke on the numerous calls she has been receiving, personally, about people seeking public information. Mann addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

Mann provided an update on the County's website redesign. She stated that it should be launched within two weeks. The redesign is more user friendly. Madam Chairman Pierog requested that all Committees to take a look at their department's website in order to make sure proper information is being shared. Committee Members commended PIO Mann on her outreach work for the County.

9. Old Business

None.

10. New Business

None.

11. Preliminary County Board Agenda:

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

American Rescue Plan

1. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Recoupment Funds for the Construction of a Health Department Facility for Kane County Residents

County Board Member Sanchez provided additional information on the following two resolutions.

County Board Member Strathmann motioned to amend this resolution, omitting "Health Department Facility", and replacing it with "Community Health Center", Ford seconded. Discussion ensued. Strathmann and Ford withdrew their motion and second.

County Board Member Surges spoke on his recent travel and his lack of correspondence during this time. He spoke on the proposed \$30M Public Health building and the urgency to use the American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) funds. He explained that the County would still be coming up \$5M-\$7M short and they would need to find additional funding to cover the total cost. Surges spoke on an e-mail sent by ASA Frank addressing Ernst & Young's concerns on this spending. He shared his reservations regarding the overlap of what the County is wanting to do financially versus what 708 Committees would like to do. He stated that the Aurora Public Health Facility is in bad shape and needs to be addressed, but the Committee should reconsider these resolutions and take a deeper look into how this will be funded. Much discussion ensued.

Fin. Exec. Dir. Fahnestock provided a presentation on the Kane County Community Health Center. He spoke on the efforts of numerous County staff on this project. He addressed the Ernst & Young's Risk Management Report. He explained the different types of characterized risks and guidelines of this proposed project. The characterized risks within the Risk Management Report will help the County identify the things they should be concerned about and should be addressed as this process continues. He spoke on Ernst & Young's statement stating that if the County does not follow these guidelines, the impacts of the risks could be high. However, while the impact is high, the risk is something the County can mitigate. Fahnestock reviewed the reasoning on the need for the Kane County Health Department, such as the poor condition of the facility and the opportunity with ARPA funds with encroaching deadline. He spoke on the ARPA Funds application. He stated that this proposed project is only viable with the use of ARPA funds. He explained that the application process is a four to six month process, and that ARPA funds are required to be fully obligated by December 31, 2024. He noted that additional County capital improvements would most likely not meet ARPA funding timeline requirements. A project this size will take a lot of planning before a contract could be signed. Fahnestock addressed the proposed funding of a new 48,500sq. ft. Community Health Center. He broke down the costs. In total, a new facility would cost approximately \$30.5M with no new taxes for the County. Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson addressed questions and comments on the Lost Revenue Recoupment Funds. Discussion ensued.

Fahnestock reviewed the transfer of operational costs of this proposed new facility. He noted that this transition could potentially have a net zero increase. He presented the building alternatives for the Community Health Center, such as renovation, buying and renovating, or building new. All these alternatives are for a 48,500 sq. ft. building. Fahnestock explained that building a new Public Health Facility would benefit the County due to the centralized location, public transit access, how close it is to County and State highways, a reduction in the average travel distance for all residents, and the County could maintain the satellite offices in Aurora and Elgin. Fahnestock provided a list of the awarded building capital projects of ARPA funds throughout numerous counties in the country. Many have utilized their ARPA funds for a health facility. He reviewed the proposed project timeline for the new Public Health Facility. The target would be to have a contract approved by October 2024 with the guaranteed maximum price. The guaranteed maximum price would set the maximum price for the building project with the contractor absorbing the additional costs, which minimizes the financial risk for the County, and would obligate funding prior to the ARPA December 31, 2024 deadline. Fahnestock addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

Fahnestock continued presenting the level of investment for property taxes for a new facility. Overall, Kane County has the lowest level of investment when compared to surrounding counties with a \$3.84 per capita cost. He provided a aerial photograph of the Judicial Center Parcel Areas and Uses. He shared the proposed sites of the potential new health facility. Further discussion ensued.

Roth requested a list of services the Kane County Health Department provides to the public. This will allow the County to address the need for these services, along with finding the need for a new facility.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: MOVER: SECONDER:	County Board Jarett Sanchez Chris Kious
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
NAY:	Michelle Gumz, and Clifford Surges

2. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for the Construction of a Health Department Facility for Kane County Residents

Committee Member Sanchez motioned to amend this resolution. He requested that the fourth "WHEREAS," clause be omitted and replaced with, "WHEREAS, by Resolution 21-313, the Kane County Board has established the American Rescue Plan Committee ("ARPC") as a resource for research, education, planning, and recommendations for the best allocation and uses of the County's SLFRF; and". Additionally, a "Now, Therefore, be it Resolved," clause to be added stating, "Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that the Kane County Board hereby authorizes the use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$18,000,000 to be used for the construction of the Health Department facility for Kane County residents, in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Final Rule, and related guidance issued by the United States Department of Treasury, and any other Federal, State, or local laws and regulations. Committee Member Bates seconded the motion. Motion carried by a 14-1 vote.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER: SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez Chris Kious
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
NAY:	Michelle Gumz, and Clifford Surges

3. Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement with the Kane County American Rescue Plan Consultant and Corresponding Use of Additional State and Local Fiscal Recovery

Committee Member Sanchez provided additional information on this resolution.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
NAY:	Michelle Gumz

Agriculture

1. Authorizing the Approval of Qualified Vendors to Provide Technical Services for Food and Agriculture Projects

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER: SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Jarell Sanchez
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

County Development

1. Establishing the Office of Community Reinvestment's Finance and Administration Division, the Position of Assistant Director for Finance and Administration, and the Transfer of Workforce Development Fiscal Staff from the Finance Department to the Office of Community Reinvestment

Committee Member Surges requested that this item be discussed and possibly approved after the Executive Session is held. Madam Chairman Pierog obliged.

After the Executive Session, Committee Member Lewis motioned to postpone the vote on this resolution until the March Executive Committee meeting, as long as the current Finance Department is able to cover the mandatory State reports. Committee Member Linder seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion failed by a 12-2 vote.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Ron Ford
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
NAY:	Anita Lewis, and Michael Linder
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

Finance

1. Approving December 2023 Claims Paid

Committee Member Berman removed finance resolutions, 10,11, and 12 from the Consent Agenda. Committee Member Gumz removed resolutions two and three.

Berman motioned to move resolutions one, four through nine, and 13 through 24 forward, Kenyon seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

2. Authorizing a Budget Adjustment Assigning \$5 Million from Health Department Fund #350 Fund Balance to be Used in Capital Line Item for New Public Health Facility

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
NAY:	Michelle Gumz, and Clifford Surges

3. Authorizing Transfer of Impact Fee Funds into North Impact Fee Fund #558, Central Impact Fee Fund #559, and South Impact Fee Fund #560

Committee Member Gumz stated this was resolution was removed from the Consent Agenda by mistake.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: MOVER: SECONDER:	County Board Dale Berman Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

4. Authorizing a Contract for Kane County Air Compressor Equipment and Services (Bid#24-008-TS)

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

5. Authorizing a Contract for Kane County Fencing Repair, Replacement, and Installation (Bid#24-003-TS)

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

6. Authorizing a Contract for Window Washing Services (Bid #24-006-TS)

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

7. Authorizing a Contract for Engineering and Design for HVAC Systems at the Adult Justice Center (Solicitation RFQ:#23-058)

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

8. Authorizing the Contract for the Plato Tower Rental Lease

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

9. Authorizing a Contract for Kane County Animal Control Generator Installation Project

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

10. Authorizing a Contract with University of Illinois Extension to Provide Farm Business Training Services for Kane County Food Growers

Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff explained that the following three resolutions are all contract authorizations and an approval for Madam Chairman Pierog to sign them. These contracts are for three of the County's vendors that assist with agricultural grant projects. VanKerkhoff explained that the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) reviewed these resolutions and pointed out that an older version of the NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED clause was used and would need an amendment for a minor word change. Committee Member Sanchez motioned to amend this resolution to state "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Kane County Board that the Kane County Board Chairman is hereby authorized to execute a contract with University of Illinois Extension, not to exceed \$299,185 (Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Once Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars), in the form it is attached in as Exhibits A & B. Committee Member Kious seconded the motion to amend. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER: SECONDER:	Dale Berman Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

11. Authorizing a Contract with New Venture Advisors, LLC to Provide Food and Agriculture Project Consulting Services

Dev. staff Tansley stated that this resolution would need an amendment. He explained that the following two resolutions need minor changes within the contracts regarding the insurance requirements. Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff reviewed the insurance requirements.

Committee Member Sanchez motioned to amend this resolution by omitting the original NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED clause and replace it with, "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Kane County Board that the Kane County Board Chairman is hereby authorized to execute a contract with New Venture Advisors, LLC, not to exceed \$305,000 (Three Hundred Five Thousand Dollars), in the form it is attached in as Exhibit A. Additionally, within the contract, the General Liability Insurance amount should be changed from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000, and to omit requirements (c), (d), and (e). Committee Member Kious seconded the motion to amend. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER: SECONDER:	Dale Berman Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

12. Authorizing a Contract with Ellen Kamps to Provide Food and Agriculture Project Consulting Services

Committee Member Sanchez motioned to amend this resolution. He stated that the original NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED clause needed to be omitted and replaced with, "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Kane County Board that the Kane County Board Chairman is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Ellen Kamps, not to exceed \$170,000 (One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars), in the form it is attached in as Exhibit A. Additionally, the General Liability Insurance amount needed to be changed from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000 and requirements (c), (d), and (e) be omitted, entirely. Committee Member Kious seconded the motion to amend. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER: SECONDER:	Dale Berman Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

13. Authorizing a Contract for Kane County Moving Services with Corrected Line Item

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

14. Authorizing a Contract Extension for Mill Creek SSA Parkway Tree Services

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: MOVER: SECONDER:	County Board Dale Berman Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

15. Authorizing a Contract Extension for Mill Creek SSA Parkway Tree Installation Services

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

16. Authorizing an Agreement with Wight and Company for the Public Defender Office Renovation

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER: SECONDER:	Dale Berman Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

17. Authorizing Agreement with Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to Allow Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Woman Program and Family Planning Program

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

18. Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with DuPage County for Juvenile Detention Services

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

19. Providing for the Payment of Toll Bridge Revenue Bonds (Sales Tax Supported), Series 2018, of the County of Kane, Illinois, in Advance of Maturity, and Authorizing and Directing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement in Connection Therewith

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

20. Authorizing Payment to Onsolve for CodeRED and IPAWS for Kane County Office of Emergency Management out of the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund (125)

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

21. Ratifying an Emergency Purchase Affidavit to Purchase Two 2024 Ford E-Transit-350 Cargo Vans for the Building Management Department

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

22. Revision to Kane County Financial Policies

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

23. Authorizing the Creation of a Special Revenue Fund for the Processing of Additional Compensation or Stipends for Certain Elected Officials and Department Heads

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

24. Adopting a Review and Approval Process for County Agreements

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

Human Services

1. Amending the Personnel Policy Handbook Sections Regarding Extended Illness Leave

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: MOVER: SECONDER:	County Board Clifford Surges Jarett Sanchez
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

Judicial/Public Safety

1. Authorizing FY23 Emergency Management Program Grant for the Office of Emergency Management

Committee Member Molina motioned to move the following two resolutions forward, Gumz seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER: SECONDER:	Myrna Molina Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

2. Authorization for the Kane County Office of Emergency Management to Join the G.S.A. Federal Surplus Property Program

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: MOVER: SECONDER:	County Board Myrna Molina Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

Public Health

1. Authorizing Increase in Headcount for New Grant-Funded Home Visiting Nurse

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Cherryl Strathmann
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

Transportation

1. Approving Purchase of One (1) 2025 Tandem Axle Truck Cab and Chassis for the Kane County Division of Transportation

Committee Member Davoust motioned to move resolutions one through six forward, Berman seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: MOVER:	County Board Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

2. Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

3. Approving Purchase of One (1) Body and Equipment Package Including Installation Thereof on One (1) Tandem Axle Truck Cab and Chassis for the Kane County Division of Transportation

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

4. Approving Purchase of One (1) Blend Boss 5th Generation Liquid Pump with Two Fill Stations for the Kane County Division of Transportation

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: MOVER: SECONDER:	County Board Mark Davoust Dale Berman
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

 Approving an 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
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

6. Approving an Amendment to a Grant Agreement with the State of Illinois for Randall Road at Big Timber Road Intersection Improvements, Kane County Section No. 19-00369-01-CH

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

7. Authorizing Application for the U.S. Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Funding Program

Committee Member Davoust stated that this resolution needed to be pulled from the agenda. The Kane County Department of Transportation (KDOT) was awarded \$25M from a federal INFRA grant to go towards the Randall Road and Hopps Road Intersection improvements project. Due to this award, the application for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant would overlap the previously mentioned awarded. Deputy Dir. Rickert addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

RESULT: TABLED

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

1. Authorizing an Agreement for Development of a Concept Plan for the Expansion of the Juvenile Justice Center

Judge Hull spoke on the rise in abuse/neglect and juvenile delinquent cases in Kane County. He asked the Committee for their approval for this resolution to develop a concept plan to expand the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC). The plan would allow the Judiciary to work with the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) and the Kane County Board to develop the potential expansion of the JJC. It would also assist future planning on how to address the rise in juvenile cases and house all juvenile departments/offices into one campus. Hull noted that this resolution simply authorizes the development of a concept plan. Once the plan is completed, it will be presented to the County Board for their input. This concept plan will cost \$58K and is covered by the FY24 budget. County Board Vice-Chair Tepe provided his support on this resolution. Hull addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
то:	County Board
MOVER:	Myrna Molina
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

2. Approving a License Agreement Permitting Kane County State's Attorney's Office to License Office Space in the St. Charles Police Department

ASA Frank provided additional information on this resolution. He spoke on the space needs for the State's Attorney's Office's forensic examiner.

Madam Chairman Pierog requested a five minute recess at 11:40 a.m. The Committee returned at 11:49 a.m.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO: MOVER: SECONDER:	County Board Myrna Molina Ron Ford
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

12. Executive Session

The Executive Committee met in Executive Session at 11:53 a.m. to discuss pending litigation and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees on a motion made by Bates, seconded by Strathmann. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER: SECONDER:	Mavis Bates Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- A. Pending Litigation
- B. Employment Matters

13. Open Session

The Committee returned to Open Session at 12:30 p.m. on a motion made by Ford, seconded by Kious. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

After returning from Executive Session, the Committee voted on the Development resolution that was held previously in the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER: SECONDER:	Ron Ford Chris Kious
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

14. Committee Reports

A. Madam Chairman's Comments

Madam Chairman Pierog explained that she attended a table-top exercise hosted by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). At the exercise, staff was able to see how the County would respond to a major tornado hitting the area. Madam Chairman stated that during a meeting with Chief Judge Villa and Judge Hull, they explained that they would like to have these types of demonstrations presented to their departments. She asked the Committee if they would like to have these types of demonstrations presented to the presentations.

Madam Chairman addressed a conversation she had with department heads to provide their goals pertaining to the upcoming budget cycle and their offices' future. She urged Committee Members to meet with their respective department heads to speak about their goals and how to manage them. This process will help with the overall budget process and would allow Board Members to advocate for them. Lastly, Madam Chairman requested that ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock and PIO Mann work on displaying property tax information on the County website for tax payers to review. She stated she would like tax payers to see a visual graph on how their taxes are being utilized. This way everyone will be able to have a visual representation of property taxes.

(Committee Member Ford left at 12:41 p.m.) Committee Member Bates stated the Energy & Environmental Committee is hosting public comment sessions regarding the Climate Action Plan. The first session was held last night, Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at the Geneva Library. She thanked all that attended. Other sessions will be held at the Gail Borden Library at 6:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at the Aurora Santori Library at 6:00 p.m.. On Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the Hawthorne Nature Center from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., there will be a workshop held for the planning the implementation of the Climate Action Plan Program. Bates stated that the Energy &

Environmental Committee is working on an application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.

Committee Member Kious stated that ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock will be addressing the Facilities Master Plan at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. They hope to have the Master Plan adopted within the next two months.

B. Legislative Update

County Board Member Gumz introduced Kane County's legislative team from McGuireWoods, LLC. She explained that they would be providing a federal and state legislative update.

McGuireWoods Senior Vice President, Greg Bales, provided a federal legislative update. He stated that they are closely monitoring the federal budget process. Congress has been operating under continuing resolutions for the past few months. The current resolutions are set to expire on March 1, 2024 and March 8, 2204, respectively. This is noteworthy because Congress is trying to get these all done individually. It is important to Kane County, as they track some of the appropriation requests that will help the County. Additionally, what is happening concurrently with the budget process, is the ongoing debate about immigration and border security policy. There has been a bi-partisan package negotiation with Senate leaders. At this time, it does not appear that this negotiation will move forward. Also, there is effort afoot to separate foreign aide for Taiwan, Israel, and Ukraine from that package. Bales stated that the Senate may take up a tax package that passed the House of Representatives. This is a significant tax package that includes tax incentives and support for research and development. It also includes the Child Tax Credit, with some modest increases in the amounts households can take advantage of. Bales mentioned the earmark request for funding for the Kane County Coroner's Office. As McGuireWoods monitors the budget process, they are working closely with the Kane County's Legislative Committee and will begin to plan for the FY25 request process. Bales explained that the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) was successful at securing a substantial grant. They will continue to work with KDOT on additional grant applications and collecting letters of support from Congress. Bales spoke on the American Rescue Plan Act funding and the possibility of having the deadline pushed back. He explained that they have been working with County staff on the Water Resources Development Act. Lastly, Bales stated he has had positive conversations with the Chairman about some hydrogen related projects. They will be looking into identifying business partners, as well as federal funding to support those.

McGuireWoods Senior Vice President of State Government Relations, Louie Mossos, provided a state legislative update. He stated that this is the second week that the legislator has been in session. The legislator will have a light schedule up until the Primary General Election on March 19, 2024. Also, the legislator is tentatively scheduled to adjourn on May 24, 2024, instead of the typical May 31st date. From the Veto Session, there have been 1,623 new bills that have been filed. This Friday, February 9, 2024 is the deadline to file all new bills for this session. Mossos explained that all these bills are being looked through to identify those that could affect the County. So far, they have identified 47 new bills regarding property tax issues: 53 for

public safety, and 10 dealing with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Open Meetings Act. As the deadline draws closer, they will be covering all bills and will flag those prudent to the County to receive direction on how to proceed with them.

McGuireWoods Senior Vice President, James Sherwood, explained that a lot of progress has been made regarding the Fiber Bill. A draft of this bill should be received back from Legislative Reference Bureau by today. Sherwood stated that he spoke with Senator Dewitt, who is the bill's sponsor, on an amendment to be made to this bill as soon as the draft is received. He explained that he has had positive conversations with the Telecomm industry. They do expect Comcast and Cable Association to weigh during the upcoming weeks with some technical changes. Additionally, McGuireWoods has done some outreach to add democratic sponsors to the legislation and additional sponsors in the House of Representatives. Sherwood is optimistic this bill will move forward this session. He addressed the senior property tax issues. This issue is complicated and has received a lot of opposition about shifting the tax burden onto other constituents. However, there are strong advocates in both chambers for this legislation.

Gumz thanked the team for their legislative update and working with other electives on behalf of Kane County. She explained that she will be in Washington this upcoming week for the National Association of Counties meeting with KDOT to advocate for Kane County. Lastly, Gumz stated that she appreciates the legislative priority requests. The Legislative Committee will be working with McGuireWoods to develop a package for the County Board to vote on.

Madam Chairman Pierog thanked McGuireWoods for their work and the legislative update.

15. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Brian Anderson, Sugar Grove, stated that located on the County's Elgin Health Care Satellite Office's doors was a sign that stated, "New Customers - Service Hours for the Kane County Health Department Aurora and Elgin Locations, effective immediately on April 19, 2016." He noted that the location in Elgin is open only one day a week. There are 530K people who live in Kane County. If these residents wanted to use these health care services, they would not be able to. Anderson acknowledged ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock regarding his presentation on the two satellite offices. He stated that he resides 12 minutes from the Aurora Satellite Office and that has great signage, is located across the street from a hospital, has a mental health facility next door, and is surrounded by other medical offices. This is a prime location. However, the office in Elgin does not have adequate signage and there are no employees. Anderson stated that the Kane County Health Department (KCHD) has 75 employees. He urged the County Board to look into the KCHD's payroll and duties of their employees. In 2020, Illinois had a massive nursing shortage. The saying "build it and they will come", does not apply to these facilities. Anderson spoke on the lack of staff Kane County has. He referred to the Ernst & Young hourly rate of \$200 per hour. He explained that Kane County cannot hire enough staff members to cover the administrative work, but the County has a big-picture idea of expanding. If the County wants a new health facility, they need to look into placing it within a strip mall, like the Illinois Department of Motor

Vehicles (DMV). Lastly, Anderson stated that the Mayo Clinic just spent \$5B on a new project. Kane County does not have this kind of money.

Kane County Resident, Terry Bauer, provided a public service announcement. She explained that her husband completed his Election Judge training. While in training, he witnessed that his printed sample ballot did not match the actual candidate he voted for. Bauer asked the Committee how voters are suppose to feel confident in elections, when the voting demonstration was incorrect. She addressed the use of an alias being utilized on the ballot her husband used to cast a vote. She stated her confusion on this tactic. She warned voters to be cautious when voting and to double check their ballots before putting it through the scanner. This way any issues can be taken care of before the vote is counted. Bauer urged the County to look into these issues.

Kane County Resident, Diana Holmer, stated she had completed her Election Judge training about ten days ago. She explained that she had the same issues as Mr. Bauer. Holmer complained about the small font that her selections were printed in, making it very hard to read. She stated that these issues will occur again. She personally believes that the Election Judges at all polling sites should warn voters to check over their ballots before putting theirs through the scanner to be counted. She asked how she is supposed to know if a voting machine will work correctly and document the correct vote. Holmer spoke on the lack of security at the ballot boxes.

Jean Meyer, 3681 W. Highland Avenue, Elgin, stated she expected the Kane County Clerk's Office to handle the concerns of their constituents, but this has not happened. She reiterated the previous speaker's final point. At the Election Judge training meeting, there was a longstanding failure of not having a Republican and Democratic judge present at the poll book, which is the point of signature verification. This has been tolerated in the past, but must change. Meyer stated that Holmer personally witnessed, more times than not, a Democrat judge located at one station and a Republican judge is at another. It has been communicated that only for audit purposes, do these judges make sure both initials of the voter's application are correct, even though, only one of the judges that was at the poll book actually checked the signature against the County record. Meyer stated that this is fraud. This is a dereliction of duty. This is the means of verifying who a voter is, as we do not use an ID for this purpose in Illinois. If the United States does not have a free election, then we have a Marxist government. Meyer urged the Committee to take note of this and speak out against it.

Kane County Resident, Michelle Bettag, spoke on the potential new health department. She spoke on the cost of construction and the equipment shortages. She stated that Kane County has a 20% vacancy rate with commercial buildings, currently. Bettag asked the Committee why they are not discussing the new services that will be provided at this new Government Center. The public has not been notified of these additional services that they will be paying approximately \$50M+ for. Bettag wondered why no one has been talking about the cost of staff, equipment, landscaping, and operations for this new facility. She voiced her thoughts on the \$1.8M spent on planning with Ernst & Young. She stated that the plan is not a well-thought out one and not even close to being appropriate. Bettag urged the County to give the money back or use it on other County projects. She questioned the why ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock is selling the idea of this new building to the County Board and Kane County residents, instead of the County Board, themselves. She stated that this plan is not well thought out or planned. She urged County Board Members to talk to their actual voters and discuss their input of this new facility.

16. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Michael Kenyon
SECONDER:	Mark Davoust

This meeting was adjourned at 12:59 PM.

Savannah Valdez Recording Secretary