



# Kane County KC Judicial/Public Safety Committee

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

## Meeting Minutes

MOLINA, Lenert, Gumz, Linder, Roth, Tepe, Williams & ex-officio Pierog (County Chair)

**Thursday, October 10, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

**County Board Room**

### 1. Call To Order

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

### 2. Roll Call

<b>PRESENT</b>	Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Bill Roth
<b>REMOTE</b>	Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams
<b>ABSENT</b>	Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Kenyon, Kious\*, Lewis\*; KaneComm Dir. Guthrie & staff Burkett, Freeland, Vasquez; OEM Dir. Buziecki & staff Sprague; Sheriff Hain\*; Coroner Russell; State's Attorney staff Frank\*, Hunt\*, Shepro; Public Defender Conant; JJC Supt. Davis; Circuit Clk. Barreiro; ITD 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 Linder, Tepe, and Williams attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

### 4. Approval of Minutes: September 12, 2024

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth

### 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.

Molina requested that the Committee move to the monthly Judiciary & Courts report and resolution. The Committee provided consensus.

**7. Merit Commission**

None.

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

KaneComm Dir. Guthrie stated the monthly report was on file. She introduced two new telecommunicators, Briana Vasquez and Cole Freeland. She announced that KaneComm has had two employment anniversaries. Telecommunicator Jim Holden celebrated 23 years and Kezia Moore celebrated five years. Guthrie stated that KaneComm has continued to focus on hiring staff and testing. She also continues to advocate for more office and training space. She reported that KaneComm has trended the same for calls for service, but has had an increase of approximately 1,200 phone calls. The incidents that KaneComm is handling for the police agencies are coming through as phone calls and not calls for service. 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. He introduced the Office of Emergency Management's (OEM) new Planner, Nicole Sprague. He provided a brief educational and work history of Sprague. He reported that volunteer hours are trending higher than last year. Currently, volunteers are on pace to have approximately 14K volunteer hours for 2024. Lastly, Buziecki stated that OEM hosted a New Volunteer Academy Graduation Dinner. OEM has acquired 11 new volunteers. Buziecki addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

**B. After Action Report - July Tornadoes**

OEM Dir. Buziecki shared the Kane County Severe Weather and Tornadoes - After-Action Report and Improvement Plan. He spoke on the importance and purpose of an After-Action Report (AAR). He shared the 32 core capabilities and five mission areas of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He highlighted those capabilities and mission areas that were met with these past storms. Buziecki summarized the challenge levels of how the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) performed during these storms. He addressed

the reporting issues that were faced. Buziecki addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

Buziecki continued with summarizing the challenge levels. The bottom line is that Kane County has experienced 10 tornadoes during the 2024 calendar year and 12 since July 2023. Buziecki stated that these minimal damage tornadoes have allowed the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to better prepare and improve protocols for future events. Buziecki addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

Buziecki shared before and after photographs of office improvements that have been completed.

**C. Personnel Credentialing Plan**

OEM Dir. Buziecki shared the Kane County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Personnel Credentialing Plan (KCOEM-PCP). He explained that the National Qualification System (NQS) is a nationwide effort to standardize training, experience, and abilities for Emergency Operations Center personnel. The plan is a requirement of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) for all accredited jurisdictions for all full-time staff funded in-part by the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), in order to retain accreditation and remain eligible for grants. The use of FEMA's National Qualification System (NQS) will ensure Kane County maintains a fully functional and qualified Incident Command staff within the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This plan provides policies, guidance, and procedures to qualify and credential Kane County personnel for performing emergency operations functions. Buziecki reviewed OEM strategies and procedures of how staff is credentialed.

**D. Authorizing the Purchase of Vehicle from Morrow Brothers Ford for the Office of Emergency Management**

KC Executive Committee

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

**10. Sheriff/Adult Corrections (R. Hain)****A. Monthly Report**

Sheriff Hain stated the monthly report was on file. Over the last two days, the Kane County Justice Center (KCJC) has relocated over 100 detainees to LaSalle and McHenry County. He spoke on the security purposes that surrounded this relocation. He stated that the reason behind this move was to consolidate the population of the KCJC to one of the two towers. This will expedite the closing of the center's camera project and addresses the Union's concerns about officer mandates. Hain explained that many officers have been utilizing their paid time off, which has required younger officers to be mandated to work 16-hour shifts, multiple days a week. Out of sensitivity for those officers, he believed it was a good time to move the detainee population. Hain hopes this will only last for approximately two months. He spoke on the idea of sharing jail space with surrounding counties.

**11. Coroner (R. Russell)****A. Monthly Report**

Coroner Russell stated the monthly report was on file. He reported that the office's numbers have been trending down. He is hopeful that this will allow his office to be under budget for FY2024. He spoke on the office's efforts over the past six months. He noted that staff and himself have attended over 50 events distributing approximately 1,500 boxes of Narcan. He stated that due to this effort, Kane County has had confirmed saves. Russell spoke on the gratitude of residents for this effort. Lastly, he explained that a press conference would be held on the skull that was found in a Batavia home. He stated that they have identified the person and the circumstances around how this person ended up in a wall. Russell addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

**12. Judiciary & Courts (Villa/O'Brien)****A. Authorizing the Child Protection Data Courts Grant**

Court Admin. O'Brien introduced this resolution. She provided additional information.

The Committee moved back to the Merit Commission monthly report.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

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

**13. State's Attorney (J. Mosser)**

**A. Monthly Report**

ASA Frank stated the monthly report was on file. No additional report was made.

**B. Authorizing Participation in the Appellate Prosecutor Program**

KC Executive Committee

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

**14. Public Defender (R. Conant)**

**A. Monthly Report**

Public Defender Conant stated the monthly report was on file. She announced that two interns recently passed the BAR Exam and will be hired on as attorneys.

**15. Court Services Administration (L. Aust)**

**A. Monthly Report**

JJC Supt. Davis stated the following two reports were on file. No additional report was made.

**B. JJC Housing Report**

- C. Authorizing a Contract Rate Increase for Professional Psychiatric Services for the Juvenile Justice Center

JJC Supt. Davis introduced this resolution. He provided additional information.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

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

**16. Circuit Clerk (T. Barreiro)**

**A. Monthly Reports**

Circuit Clerk Barreiro stated the monthly report was on file. She explained that she attended a conference in Arizona with Tyler Technologies. At the conference, the Screening, Assessment, and Support Services (SASS) Care Management System was discussed. The SASS is a case management system that is cloud-based. Barrerio noted that this system is costly. She explained that in the near future, Kane County will not have a choice but to adopt this system. She wanted to bring this to the Committee's attention because this system will need to be utilized in the next three to four years. She explained that once the switch is implemented, she would no longer need the Information Technologies (IT) staff that work on the current case management system. Barreiro stated that the federal labor laws have changed the starting salary for exempt (non-union) employees. She noted that she has been working with the State's Attorney's Office's Civil Division to see how this will affect the County's budget. She noted that this is an anticipated large amount that will take effect on January 1, 2025. Barreiro reported that case filings are trending 11% higher than last year. If this pace continues, there will be over 65K new cases filed in 2024. Additionally, she stated that the office has three vacant Deputy Clerk positions, but has had numerous applications. Currently, the Clerk's Office has 98 active employees. She stated that it is a necessity to have clerks in the court rooms and to complete statistical work. Barreiro addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

**17. Old Business**

None.

**18. New Business**

None.

**19. Place Written Reports on File**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth

**20. Executive Session (If Needed)**

None.

**21 Adjournment**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle Gumz

This meeting was adjourned at 9:52 AM.

Savannah Valdez  
Sr. Recording Secretary