



Kane County

KC Legislative Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

GUMZ, LINDER, Bates, Daugherty, Gripe, Molina, Strathmann, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair) and Pierog (County Chair)

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

10:30 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Gumz called today's meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Jon Gripe Board Member Cheryl Strathmann Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog
REMOTE	Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Gary Daugherty Board Member Myrna Molina
ABSENT	Board Member Mavis Bates

Also present: Co. Bd. members Juby*, Kious*, Arroyo, Penesis; Transportation Dep. Dir. Rickert; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson; Recycling Coordinator Ryan; Sustainability Coordinator Powell; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public including Marc Avelar, and McGuireWoods Consultants Bales* and Mossos*.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

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

4. Approval of Minutes: January 22, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Jon Gripe

5. Public Comment

Kane County resident Marc Avelar looks forward to the Committees' and the lobbyists' discussion on these bills at today's meeting.

6. Legislative Update

McGuireWoods Consultant Bales addressed the numerous Executive orders made by President Trump. There is a temporary restraining order, pausing disbursements from the Federal Government. This is being monitored as the situation evolves. Currently, Congress is proceeding with a budget reconciliation process where congress is able to make changes to tax and spending policy. Bales indicated that this procedure does not require a signature by the President at the end of the process. Both the Republican controlled Senate and the Republican controlled House have dueling budget resolutions, and will be brought up for a vote as early as next week. Programs audited will not be established until the authorizing committees work through the instructions set forth in the resolution. More information on this matter will be reported at the next meeting. Lastly, Bales stated that the Federal Government is operating under a continuing resolution for fiscal year 2024 at the same spending levels. This will expire March 14, 2025. The Republican Chairs and ranking members of the Committee are currently negotiating on top-line spending levels to come to an agreement for year FY25 spending.

McGuireWoods Consultant Mossos announced that today is the Governor's Budget Address at noon. The actual budget won't likely be passed until May 30, 2025. He addressed the \$3.1B budget deficit from the end of 2024, however, things are looking better due to economic forecasts and increased revenue projections. No tax increases are expected. In terms of legislation, Mossos stated that there have been over 6,300 bills filed. The Quick-Take legislation for the Randall and Hopps Road has not yet been assigned to a committee.

Chairman Gumz addressed the House Bill 1449 for the County Administrator and stated that this is an unfunded mandate that removes local control from Kane County.

McGuireWoods Consultant Mossos stated that Bill 1449 was assigned to a committee yesterday, which means witness slips can be filed whether to support or oppose. At the moment, no one has filed a witness slip, but should expect to see some filed in the next coming days.

Transportation Dep. Dir. Rickert stated that Senate Bill 1909 for Quick-Take is now online. He and his team are working with county engineer lobbyists and McGuireWoods to make sure this process goes smoothly. He announced that there will be a public hearing for the Kane County Safety Action Plan on Saturday, February 22 held at the Edward Shock Centre of Elgin from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Lastly, Rickert addressed the brochure that was handed out to the Committee providing information on the Northeastern Illinois Priority Investments. Much discussion ensued.

7. New Business

Committee Chair Gumz referenced the Ness County Administrator Bill. She stated that a letter has been drafted to Rep. Ness last week. In her opinion, she believes this bill should be opposed, as unfunded mandates cannot be supported. She asked the Committee for their input.

Kane County Board Madam Chair Pierog addressed her conversation with Rep. Ness about the bill. She mentioned she has been advocating for a Kane County Administrator since she took office. Pierog indicated that Ness' major concern is making sure that all counties have a county administrator to help manage the budget. Madam Chair Pierog is in full support of that, and commends the intent of the bill. She requested to take a neutral position on the bill. Much discussion ensued. The Committee came to a consensus to oppose House Bill 1449.

Addressing House Bill 2354 and House Bill 2355, McGuireWoods Consultant Mossos stated that they have not been assigned to committees. He indicated that there have been a few oppositions to these bills pertaining to specific broad language that might have unintended consequences.

Chairman Gumz stated that the process for Senate Bills 1424 and 1447 is going smoothly. She looks forward to providing more updates as they progress.

Recycling Coordinator Ryan presented a resolution supporting State Legislation Amending and Reauthorizing the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act for Senate Bill 2414. This is a State Law that essentially creates funding to help recycle consumer electronics throughout the county.

Sustainability Coordinator Powell presented a resolution supporting Legislation Incentivizing Use of Finished Compost and Digestate on Commercial and Specialty Farm Operations for Senate Bill 1397. A grant program will be set up for the next three years, where a private or public entity is able to place compost on their commercial or specialty farm operations. They can receive a grant up to \$50K. The Committee provided consensus on both Senate Bills 2414 and 1397.

Chairman Gumz addressed Senate Bill 1249 for DeWitte Emergency Vehicle. She indicated that the language in this Bill states that vehicles must be county vehicles, and they must have the ability to respond to an emergency. Gumz is in full support of this Bill, and asked the Committee for their input. Discussion ensued.

8. Witness Slip Training Discussion

Committee Chair Gumz suggested Committee Members conduct one-on-one witness slip trainings. There will be more discussion on this topic at next month's meeting.

9. Old Business

None.

10. Co-chair Comments

None.

11. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

12. Reports Placed on File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Jon Gripe

13. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Gary Daugherty
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann

This meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary