



Kane County

County Board

Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

9:45 AM

County Board Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Adjourned Meeting of the Kane County Board was held at the Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134 on May 13, 2025.

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 9:48 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Alex Arroyo Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Dale Berman Board Member Jon Gripe Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Mo Iqbal Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Ted Penesis Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Board Member Clifford Surges Board Member Bill Tarver Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams Board Member David Young Chairman Corinne M. Pierog
REMOTE:	Board Member Gary Daugherty Board Member Myrna Molina
ABSENT:	Board Member Sonia Garcia

Also present: Chief Dpty. Clerk Weilandt & Dpty. Mazzei; Bldg. Mgmt. staff Smith; KDOT staff Rickert; GIS staff Chidester*; PIO Mann; Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff; SAO Chief of Civil Frank; SAO Fin. Dir. Hunt*; Public Health Exec. Dir. Isaacson* and staff Onwuta* & Snowden*; Auditor Wegman; Development staff Berkhout; Energy & Environmental Resources Dir. Wollnik & staff Ryan; Animal Control Admin. Youngsteadt*; Workmans Comp. Counsel Collison*; ITD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Lasky*, Peters; members of the press & public.

3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Madam Chair requested to allow Members Daugherty* and Molina* to attend this meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

Board Member Strathmann led the assembly with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. Additionally, she shared a prayer in honor of Police Week.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 8, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Bettag encouraged the Board to utilize the previous annual budget model. She expressed concern with overspending within the County.

Campton Hills resident, Marian Knize, spoke on budget figures presented in previous meetings.

Mike McMahon expressed concern regarding budget management within the County. He requested that Board Members involve constituents more.

Jenine Mehr suggested that the County reduce personnel to remedy the budget deficit.

Jean Meyer spoke on her personal experience with transgenderism.

Jim Wittington expressed his displeasure with government and taxes.

Mark Adamian presented his opinion on religion, government and the budgeting process.

Dan Spellman mentioned his concern with comments made at the last County Board meeting.

Brian Anderson from Sugar Grove encouraged Board Members to revisit talking points from previous Finance Committee meetings. He called for the resignation of Finance Chair Berman.

Ed Marth from St. Charles reiterated the significance of managing resources of the County.

Mavis Bates from Aurora corrected a mistake in her previous Finance presentation regarding postage fees. Additionally, she spoke on the benefits and goals of solar electricity.

7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Madam Chair spoke on the recent passing of the Pope. She encouraged working together in the face of adversity, which could delay opportunities.

- A. 2025 Proclamation Recognizing Steve Pitstick as a Master Farmer Award Recipient

[TMP-25-507](#)

Member Juby introduced the following proclamation.

Mr. Pitstick expressed gratitude and provided a brief history of his involvement in Kane County over the years.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
ABSENT:	Sonia Garcia

- B. Proclaiming May 2025 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in Kane County

[TMP-25-492](#)

Madam Chair stressed the importance of motorcycle safety. Member Tepe introduced the following proclamation.

Chapter President, Chris Hansen, provided a brief history of his Motorcycle Club. Discussion ensued regarding voting intentions.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Clifford Surges
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
NAY:	Gary Daugherty, and Mo Iqbal
PRESENT:	Jon Gripe
ABSENT:	Sonia Garcia

8. CONSENT/OMNIBUS VOTE

- Authorizing Execution of a Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement to Participate in a Purchasing Cooperative with Midland Paper and Authorizing the Purchase of Paper and Envelopes Under Said Agreement by Kane County (Contract# P-76708) [25-147](#)
- Authorizing a Contract Extension for Commercial Floor Coverings and Related Services with Mohawk Industries Through OMNIA Partners (Contract# 2020002149) [25-148](#)
- Ratifying an Emergency Purchase Affidavit for the Purchase of Judicial Center Chiller System Upgrades [25-149](#)
- Authorizing a Contract for the Kane County Judicial Center Pavement Improvement Project with Geneva Construction Company, Inc. (BID# 25-014-TK) [25-150](#)
- Authorizing Additional Judicial Facility Construction Funds for General Construction Services with MRRW Construction, LLC (BID# 23-032) [25-151](#)
- Authorizing Additional Funds for Fiber Optic Support Services with Nat Tech, LLC d/b/a National Technology, LLC NTI for the Information Technologies Department [25-152](#)
- Authorizing Purchase of Trades, Labor, Materials, and Related Services for Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal with Precision Concrete Cutting, Inc. for the Mill Creek Special Service Area (TIPS Contract# 23010402) [25-153](#)
- Authorizing a Contract for the Kane County Mill Creek Special Service Area for Curbside Brush Pick-up Services Program with Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. (BID# 25-012-TK) [25-154](#)
- Authorizing the Purchase of Two Vehicles from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. Using the State of Illinois Contract for the Building Management Department [25-155](#)
- Authorizing Interim Director of Workforce Development [25-156](#)
- Approving First Amendment to Agreement Between County of Kane and the Kane County Economic Development Corporation [25-157](#)
- An Ordinance 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 [25-158](#)
- Emergency Appropriation for Budget Amendments Related to the [25-159](#)
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Reimbursement of Grant Funds, Transfer of Monies to Longmeadow Debt Service Funds, and Payment to the Escrow Agent for Defeasance of the Longmeadow Toll Bridge Revenue Bonds

Approving March 2025 Claims Paid [25-160](#)

Authorizing Updates to the County's Health Plan [25-161](#)

Authorizing an Agreement with Motorola for the Starcom Radio Management System [25-162](#)

Authorizing Subaward Agreement with Northern Illinois Food Bank for Partnership and Utilization of Composting and Food Waste Reduction Funds [25-163](#)

Authorizing Subaward Agreement with Advocate Sherman Hospital for Partnership and Utilization of Composting and Food Waste Reduction Funds [25-164](#)

Authorizing Subaward Agreement with the Kane County Cougars for Partnership and Utilization of Composting and Food Waste Reduction Funds [25-165](#)

Authorizing Budget Adjustment for the Lead Poisoning Prevention and Response Grant [25-166](#)

Emergency Appropriation for Transfer of Funds from the Recovery Zone Bond Debt Service Fund #622 to the Pasadena Drive Special Billing Area SW48 #5311 [25-167](#)

Amending Kane County Financial Policies Related to Travel [25-168](#)

Authorizing Kane County's Continuing Participation in the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership [25-169](#)

Authorizing Adoption of 2024-2027 Community Health Improvement Plan by Kane County Board [25-170](#)

Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants [25-171](#)

Approving a Technical Services Agreement Between the Regional Transit Authority and the County of Kane for the Ride in Kane Program, Contract No. S5310-2024-05, Federal Project No. IL-2024-004, Program Phase 21 & 22 Mobility Management [25-172](#)

Approving Amendment No. 2 to an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Kane and City of St. Charles for Access and Improvements to Randall Road from IL Route 64 to Dean Street [25-173](#)

Approving the Kane County 5-Year FY2025-2029 Transportation [25-174](#)

Improvement Program (TIP)

Approving a \$127,892.80 Contract for Construction with Steffens 3D Construction, Inc. of Toluca, Illinois for 2025 Virgil Township Bituminous Surface Treatment, Section No. 25-16000-02-GM [25-175](#)

Approving a \$128,909.90 Contract for Construction with Geske and Sons, Inc. of Crystal Lake, Illinois for 2025 Rutland Township Road District, Section No. 25-13000-01-GM [25-176](#)

Approving Amendment No. 2 to the Phase I Engineering Services Agreement with Alfred Benesch & Company of Chicago, Illinois for Randall Road Multi Modal Improvements, Kane County Section No. 21-00539-00-TD [25-177](#)

Authorizing Acquisition of Real Property for Randall Road at Big Timber Road Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00369-01-CH [25-178](#)

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. 1PK0004 [25-179](#)

RESULT: APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA**MOVER:** Michelle Gumz**SECONDER:** Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

ABSENT: Sonia Garcia

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

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Madam Chair entertained a motion to go into closed discussion to discuss the settlement of claims. The Board entered into closed session at 10:58 a.m.

A. Settlement of Claims

10. OPEN SESSION

A. Vote on Settlement Approval in Case 24WC026596

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Jarett Sanchez

SECONDER: Ted Penesis

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

ABSENT: Sonia Garcia

11. ZONING PETITIONS

- A.** Petition # 4654 Petitioner: Robert McNeill on behalf of Rutland East Solar Farm, LLC [TMP-25-485](#)

Member Williams presented the following petition.

Hampshire Village President, Mike Reed, expressed gratitude to the Board and his opposition to this petition. He cited the development impact on residents.

Hampshire Village Manager for Development, Mo Khan, encouraged the Board to vote no on this special-use petition due to it being in such a high-traffic area.

Project manager and landowner, John Millney from Crystal Lake, provided a history on the purchase of the property and potential benefits of utilizing it for solar installation. He compared area development and future planning.

Jack Franks from Marengo presented favorable data on the local impact of this project. Discussion ensued regarding commercial application and prior usage of this particular land.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Jon Gripe, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kiou, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
ABSENT:	Sonia Garcia
AWAY:	Michelle Gumz

- B.** Petition # 4655 Petitioner: Robert McNeill on behalf of Rutland West Solar Farm, LLC [TMP-25-489](#)

Petitioner Robert McNeill presented a land map pertaining to Petitions 4654 and 4655. Discussion ensued.

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Alex Arroyo

SECONDER: Dale Berman

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Jon Gripe, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

NAY: Leslie Juby, and Clifford Surges

ABSENT: Sonia Garcia

AWAY: Michelle Gumz

12. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS

- A.** Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request [25-180](#)

Vice Chair Roth presented the following reimbursement request. Discussion ensued.

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Dale Berman

SECONDER: Cherryl Strathmann

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Jon Gripe, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

ABSENT: Sonia Garcia

AWAY: Michelle Gumz

- B.** Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request [25-181](#)

Vice Chair Roth presented the following reimbursement request. Discussion ensued.

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**MOVER:** Dale Berman**SECONDER:** Cherryl Strathmann**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Jon Gripe, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young**ABSENT:** Sonia Garcia**AWAY:** Michelle Gumz**13. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Member Young inquired about Board involvement and possible updates regarding the County's Strategic Planning presentation that had been done at a previous Committee of the Whole meeting. (Iqbal left - 12:09 PM) Madam Chair Pierog provided updates and goals.

14. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Kious announced that there will be updates provided at the Administration Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 14 regarding the Geneva Creek Stabilization Project.

15. ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025**RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE****MOVER:** Bill Roth

This meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.

Christine Mazzei
Recording Secretary