



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, November 13, 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 Board Member Rick Williams Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth
ABSENT	Board Member Michelle Gumz Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Allan*, Bates*, Juby*, Kious*; Merit Comm. Chairman Burgert; KaneComm Dir. Guthrie; OEM Dir. Buziecki*, Sheriff Hain*; Coroner Silva*; Chief Judge Villa & staff O'Brien, Mathis; SAO CFO Hunt*; Public Def. 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 Gumz attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

Committee Member Gumz did not attend today's meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes: October 16, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Rick Williams

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.

7. Merit Commission**A. Monthly Report**

No report was provided.

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

KaneComm Dir. Guthrie stated the monthly report was on file. She recognized employment anniversaries of James Holden and Kezia Moore. She stated that KaneComm has continued to hire and train. Currently, there are two telecommunicators in the six to nine month training. Guthrie stated that KaneComm had a number of technical projects they have been working on. She explained that KaneComm has been assisting the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) with their radio project. KaneComm's Radio Administrator, Andy Baumann, has been assisting KDOT to implement the new radios, such as programming the fleet as KDOT is installing them. Guthrie explained that KaneComm has been working on modernizing their public safety radio system, by replacing outdated Fire North and Fire South channels with a countywide simulcast network. This new network will contact the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), KDOT, KaneComm, fire agencies, and police agencies on one reliable platform. Additionally, this upgrade will eliminate coverage gaps, simplify dispatching, and strengthen communication during emergencies. Guthrie stated that this project includes Zetron radio equipment from the simulcast backbone. Additionally, this project will utilize Sentinel microwave links between the radio tower sites to create the network for redundancy, which will ensure operations continue in a fiber network failure. This upgrade will improve coverage, liability, inoperability, and will enhance responder safety. Guthrie addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

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

OEM Dir. Buziecki stated the monthly report was on file. He announced that the Resilience Specialist position has been filled with a gentleman named Daniel Nelson. He explained that Nelson has experience in the position from working for the City of Aurora and Naperville's Emergency Management. He stated that this position will work on trainings, exercises, public education, and critical infrastructure, which will include emergency shelters. Additionally, Buziecki stated that he was invited on two separate occasions to provide keynote addresses. He spoke to township officials of Kane County on October 22, 2025

about what emergency management is, what townships can do in preparation of disasters, and how they can access mutual aid. Additionally, he addressed the Hanover Township on November 8, 2025 at their Emergency Services Conference on how to run a volunteer program. Buziecki stated that the Office of Emergency Management staff completed the Debris Management Plan, which includes a debris estimator tool. He explained that a lot of research and work was put into the plan. He mentioned that staff worked alongside the statewide organization, Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) to develop the plan, which was turned into a template that will be provided to their member agencies. Buziecki spoke on the Judicial Public Safety Committee's last 2025 Committee Goals. He explained that when this goal was placed on the list, the Kane County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) was anticipating a new mass notification system that would cost \$70 to \$100K a year, which was not feasible. He stated that the old system, CodeRed, cost approximately \$38K per year. He noted that the County is still utilizing CodeRed until December 18, 2025. However, CodeRed was recently compromised and shut down. Due to this, Buziecki stated that OEM is unable to access the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). Luckily, OEM has escalated the efforts of working with the new system, Regroup Mass Notification, which cost about \$17K. Buziecki addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

10. Sheriff/Adult Corrections (R. Hain)

A. Monthly Report

Sheriff Hain stated the monthly report was on file. He recognized Deputy Officer Ken Johnson and Undersheriff Amy Johnson on the passing of their father/father-in-law, Chuck Johnson, who served in the United States Marines and was the Kane County Court Security Division Captain. Hain stated that the Kane County Adult Justice Center has continued to see over 300 inmates, which is a hundred more than prior to the SAFE-T Act implementation. He spoke on the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity at the County's correction facility. He stated that there have been counter protestors on the campus, which has become a safety issue. Hain spoke on the increase in overtime pay. He explained that the Kane County Sheriff's Office needed to cover the City of Elgin, due to the passing of Sergeant Free. He stated that he had to deploy approximately 10 to 15 deputies to Elgin during the Sergeant's funeral services. Hain spoke on the mass communication. He explained that the Sheriff's Office developed a Kane County Sheriff's Office app that has been live for approximately six years. He stated that this app provides weather alerts, push notifications for emergency situations, sex offender alerts, sex offender maps, and other options. Hain addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

11. Coroner (M. Silva)**A. Monthly Report**

Coroner Silva stated the monthly report was on file. She reported that there have been 294 cases in October 2025. Of the 294 cases, 12 were categorized as Sign-Outs that did not involve an autopsy. However, 30 of the total cases did require an autopsy. Of the 30 cases, seven were motor vehicle accidents, four were suicides, six were suspected overdoses, and 13 were considered as "other". Silva stated that the Coroner's Office has had a busy month with providing presentations to the public. She explained that part of the way to diffuse and educate is to build those relationships across the community. Silva spoke on the situations that Deputy Coroner's have witnessed due to high tensions and emotions. She noted that the Sheriff's Office were called out to these situations to assist. Additionally, she stated that the Coroner's Office is in the final stages of their reaccreditation. She hopes to report that the office has been reaccredited by the next Committee meeting. She stated that the office has been active in the community passing out Narcan and participating in numerous events. She spoke on the case data that has been collected and the changes that could occur. Lastly, she reported that the largest challenge the Coroner's Office face is short staffing.

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

Court Admin. O'Brien stated that on November 24, 2025, the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit will participate in the National Adoption Day. She explained that Judge Karayannis will be assisting with adoptions at the Kane County Judicial Center from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Kane County Judiciary. O'Brien stated that the County will be hosting multiple families.

Deputy Court Admin. Mathis spoke on the Third Street Courthouse security station upgrade. He stated that a new security station will be installed in the courthouse's rotunda. He spoke on the previous security set-up. He thanked Sheriff Hain and staff for their assistance on this project. He noted that there will be an alternate entrance to the courthouse during this construction period. Lastly, he spoke on space needs. He mentioned that there are not too many rooms at the Third Street Courthouse that are not being utilized. However, he asked those that need extra space to reach out.

13. State's Attorney (J. Mosser)**A. Monthly Report**

No report was provided.

14. Public Defender (R. Conant)**A. Monthly Report**

Public Defender Conant stated the monthly report was on file. She reported that at the end of the year, the Public Defender's Office (PDO) will focus on training initiatives. She stated that there has been an increase in the number of murder

cases that the PDO has received. In the last two months, two murder cases went to trial. Three are set to go to trial in the next couple of months. Conant stated that attorneys have been working diligently on these cases to get the numbers down and to provide their clients with finality. She attested to Deputy Court Admin. Mathis' comments on space being utilized at the Third Street Courthouse. She stated that the space available was accommodating to their needs.

15. Court Services Administration (L. Aust)

A. Monthly Report

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

B. OOC Housing Report

C. Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Jefferson County for Juvenile Detention Services

JJC Supt. Davis introduced this resolution. He stated that the resolution is a detention service agreement with Jefferson County. He mentioned that the cost per detainee would be \$225.00 per diem. The agreement is a three year contract that expires on December 1, 2028.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

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

JJC Supt. Davis mentioned that similar detention service resolutions will be coming forward to the Committee for consideration. He stated that the Second Judicial Circuit has reached out to contract with Kane County. Davis addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

D. Notification of Renewal of Sex Offender Treatment Services

JJC Supt. Davis introduced this resolution. He stated that this resolution pertains to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Court Services and Nickerson and Associates, PC, for sex offender treatment. He explained that a request for proposal (RFP) was issued and Nickerson and Associates were found to be the most practical. He stated that this contract has no impact on the County's General Fund, due to it being paid by probation fees. He noted that this

is a three-year contract that will expire in December 2028.

KC Executive Committee

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

16. Circuit Clerk (T. Barreiro)

A. Monthly Report

Circuit Clerk Barreiro stated the monthly report was on file. She reported that the civil cases going to court and being filed have increased by 14%. She stated that the Circuit Clerk's Office has 94 employees, three vacant Deputy Clerk positions, and one vacant Counting Clerk. She reported that there is one supervisor set to retire at the end of November 2025. This position will be replaced by a previous Deputy Clerk. Barreiro addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

17. Old Business

Chairman Molina asked the Committee if they would like to set up the 2026 Committee goals. She noted that these goals are difficult to implement when dealing with elected officials' internal control. She asked for the Committee's feedback on these goals. Each Committee Member voiced their feedback on the Committee goals. Discussion ensued.

The Committee provided a consensus to discuss the Committee goals at next month's meeting. They agreed to provide measurable goals for the Judicial Public Safety Committee that are set by the department heads and elected officials.

Committee Member Lenert stated that at this week's County Board meeting the FY2026 Budget was approved. He spoke on his appreciation of the cooperation and professionalism between all elected officials. Discussion ensued.

18. New Business

None.

19. Place Written Reports on File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Rick Williams

20. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

21. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Michael Linder
SECONDER:	Rick Williams

This meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Savannah Zgobica
Sr. Recording Secretary