



Kane County

KC Jobs Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

LEWIS, ALLAN, Bates, Daugherty, Penesis, Strathmann, Young, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair) and Pierog (County Chair)

Friday, February 21, 2025

10:30 AM

County Board Room

2025 Committee Goals

Goals from the July Jobs Committee meeting

- Revise County Code Definition of the Jobs Committee
- Economic Development Strategic Plan - Begin implementation of the strategies recommenced by the Kane County Economic Development Strategic Plan
- Regional Partnerships - Continue to work with the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership and other regional partners on economic development activities
- Local Economic Development Programs - Continue to meet the objectives of the active ARPA Programs and Grant Programs while actively seeking new opportunities to enhance current programming
- Support for Jobs Committee focusing on the Six Priorities
- Implement the Economic Development Strategic Plan for Kane County
- Implement approved ARPA projects
 - oKane County Economic Development Corporation - Launch
 - oFabulous Fox! Water Trail - Launch sites and marketing
 - oFarmer Grants – staff managed grants to local food farmers
 - oTourism – with CVB's
 - oManufacturing – with IMEC
- Support the Kane County Economic Development Corporation
- Support County's role in the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership
- Continue to strengthened partnerships with economic development efforts by the State of Illinois, municipalities, chambers of commerce and economic development groups
- Continue to network and development partnership for the future Hydrogen economy
- Renew "Made and Kane" series in Kane County Connects featuring companies and products that are made in Kane County
- Continue to apply for additional outside grants

1. Call To Order

Co-Chairman Allan called today's meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Ted Penesis Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Board Member David Young Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth
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REMOTE	Board Member Gary Daugherty
ABSENT	Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Mavis Bates Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. members Juby*, Gripe, Molina*; Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff and staff Toth and Thavong; JEG 360, LLC CEO Grueling; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Co-Chairman Allan announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. She asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Member Daugherty attending remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: January 17, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Ted Penesis

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Jobs Committee Priorities

- A. Amending Section 2-48 of the Kane County Code (Standing Committees) to Revise Language Related to the Jobs Committee

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Cherryl Strathmann
SECONDER:	David Young
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Gary Daugherty, Ted Penesis, Cherryl Strathmann, and David Young
ABSENT:	Anita Lewis, Mavis Bates, and Corinne M. Pierog

- B.** Authorizing a Second Contract Renewal with JEG 360, LLC, for Consulting Services as an Economic Advisor for Kane County

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SECONDER:	Ted Penesis
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Gary Daugherty, Ted Penesis, Cherryl Strathmann, and David Young
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- C.** Approving a Contract Extension with Hey and Associates Engineering Company for the Completion of the Fabulous Fox! Water Trail Infrastructure Project

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- D.** Kane County Economic Development Initiatives Staff Updates

Dev. Planner Toth announced the 6th Annual Kane County Makers Madness hosted by the Illinois Manufactures Association (IMA) has launched. Nominations are now open till March 2, 2025. Public can vote on the coolest thing made in Illinois. Products receiving the most votes in the nominating round will advance to a seeded, bracketed contest. The winner will be announced at the April 9, 2025 awards luncheon in Springfield. The winner will receive an award recognizing Makers Madness-The Coolest Thing Made in Illinois, a written article about the company and product posted on the website, and a feature article about the company in the IMA. There were over 200 products nominated last year. Nineteen of the nominated products were in Kane County.

7. Office of Community Reinvestment - Workforce Development Division**A. Monthly Finance Report**

The monthly reports were on file. No additional report was made.

8. New Business

None.

9. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Ted Penesis

10. Comments by Co-Chair

None.

11. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

12. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	David Young
SECONDER:	Ted Penesis

This meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary