



Kane County

KC Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

PIEROG, Allan, Bates, Berman, Davoust, Ford, Gumz, Kious, Kenyon, Lewis, Linder, Molina, Sanchez, Strathmann, Surges, & ex-officio Tepe (County Vice Chair)

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call to Order

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Chairman Corinne M. Pierog Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Dale Berman Board Member Mark Davoust Board Member Ron Ford Board Member Michael Kenyon Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Board Member Clifford Surges Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Vern Tepe
REMOTE	Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Jarett Sanchez

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Daugherty*, Juby*, Roth, Williams*; Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson; Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff; Court Admin. O'Brien*; KDOT Dir. Schoedel & staff Rickert*, Coffinbargar, Zakosek; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnstock & staff Lasky*, Peters; HRM Exec. Dir. Loblillo; State's Attorney staff Frank, Hunt*, Weldon, Shepro; Auditor Wegman; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson; OEM Dir. Buziecki; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt*; Environ. & Water Res. Dir. Wollnik; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Chairman Pierog announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. She asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Member Allan, Gumz, Linder, and Sanchez attend today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Pierog asked Committee Member Lewis to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Approval of Minutes: April 3, 2024

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

6. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

Frank Esposito, St. Charles, spoke on the ordinance addressing the amendment to the Kane County Code, Chapter 28: Electric Vehicle Infrastructure. He questioned the red markings made to this ordinance. Beginning on page 207 of the agenda packet, Esposito shared his concerns on the subsection that all newly constructed single-family, small multifamily, and large multifamily residences constructed after January 1, 2024, must have electric vehicle parking spaces. (Committee Member Ford arrived in-person at 9:07 a.m.) Esposito highlighted a possible incorrect date that was used within the amendments of the ordinance. Lastly, he wondered why he was able to click on a hyperlinks within agenda packets to see the history of certain resolutions/ordinances, but now he is unable to.

Kane County resident, Cathy Flesburg, explained after last week's Finance Committee meeting she became upset after numerous American Rescue Plan (ARP) resolutions were discussed and voted upon. She referenced the discussions that mentioned the County using up reserves in the next two to three years. This is unacceptable and should be a grave concern to all County Board Members. Flesburg spoke on the abundant information the County Board receives with each agenda and the overwhelming nature of it. At the ARP meeting on April 24, 2024, projects totaling \$19M were presented. Flesburg questioned the salaries paid by the County to Ernst & Young Accounting Services and the ARP employees. She stated that these salaries should not come from the County's General Fund. She questioned how these resolutions could be listed on today's agenda, when no totals have been provided. She spoke on a comment made by County Board Member Gumz regarding the Fox Valley Pediatrics not receiving any of the ARP grant money. Flesburg questioned why a Committee Member would not have this information beforehand. She spoke on the denial of a senior center facility renovation that was seeking ARP grant money. ARP Committee Chairman Sanchez stated that these projects equaling \$19M was Plan B for the distribution of ARP funds after the new public health facility was voted down. However, this was not discussed in front of the public. Flesburg thanked County Board Members Gumz and Juby for doing their research before taking a vote. She wished everyone on the Board would show that they are truly working for the citizens. She reminded each of them were voted into office by the citizens. They work for the citizens. All work is to be done in front of the citizens. Lastly, Flesburg stated that the new proposed Olympic Training Center would not be accessible to the public, unless they are an approved athlete.

Michelle Bettag, St. Charles, feels that the County Board is out of touch with reality regarding the economic forecasts for 2024. She spoke on the forecasts. She mentioned the monthly discussions had with Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson on how the

County needs to find new revenue sources. In the meantime, all agendas are packed with resolutions that are spending money. Bettag spoke on the ordinance regarding the amendment to the Kane County Code, Chapter 28: Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure. Within the amendments, it states that low income housing that is subsidized by federal and state government will be equipped with EV charging stations. She questioned how citizens in low income housing could afford EVs. Bettag stated that most everything around the solar industry is crashing. Currently, Governor Pritzker is putting another \$827M into Rivian. Rivian is an EV manufacturer whose stock shares have been decreasing rapidly. The American people have been rejecting the EV movement and companies are becoming consumed by millions of debt. Additionally, Bettag mentioned that she would still like to see the proclamation on the County Board agenda addressing non-citizen voting in Kane County. She spoke on an experience her friend had with an illegal immigrant. She stated that many areas across the state are being affected by these illegal immigrants. Bettag urged Madam Chairman Pierog to send a message that Kane County does not want them here. Lastly, she spoke on the proposed Olympic Training Center. She reviewed her research on why Madam Chairman would vote for this. Bettag would like to see the County Board Members to dive deeper into the agendas before taking a vote.

7. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Deb Fisher, Aurora, spoke on the importance of using the proper English language when discussing the asylum seekers. She listed a number of illegal activities. Fisher stated that it is not illegal to come to the United States or another country seeking asylum. These asylum seekers should be referred to as asylum seekers or migrants, not "those illegals". Fisher addressed two myths on those asylum seekers that come into Kane County. First myth: asylum seekers or migrants take U.S. citizens' resources. Fisher explained that the men and women seeking asylum are told at the border that they may not apply for Social Security, Medicaid, or food stamps. If they do, this would jeopardize their ability to seek asylum. Secondly, it has been said that these migrants do not want to work. Fisher explained the difficult task of receiving a work permit. Once a work permit is received, migrants often work the jobs that everyday citizens would not want. Fisher appealed to the Committee, public, and guests to speak of the migrants with dignity and respect when addressing them at County Board meetings.

Kane County resident, Ellen Jo Ljung, spoke on the proposed 1% sales tax increase. In 1972, she was searching for her first home. At that time, there were no homes available in her price point. A realtor explained that prices in Kane County were higher due to the excellent services provided to residents, such as good schools, libraries, and park districts. Overtime, Ljung saved money and moved to Kane County for these services. Ljung explained that at the April 24, 2024 Finance Committee meeting, a speaker stated that Kane County has the highest sales tax rate in the country. This is simply not true. Ljung listed multiple other states, counties, and cities where the sales tax rate is about 9.5%. The same speaker stated that the United States economy was failing. This is also untrue given the record in employment and job creation and the stock market hitting all-time highs. According to the National Retail Federation, last year's annual retail sales were 7% for 2021, and totaled \$4.9T. This growth rate is double the annual retail sales rate pre-pandemic of 3.6%. Ljung spoke on a past referendum for money for road maintenance that failed. Only to have residents

complain that roads were not being maintained. Residents cannot have it both ways. Kane County residents either pay or accept the loss of services. Ljung stated that if Kane County does not find a new revenue source, cuts in staff and services will occur. The County Board cannot continue to use reserves for ongoing budget expenses without putting the County at risk and making financing harder to obtain. Ljung explained that the County has not had a tax increase in 14 years, but needs more funding in order to maintain both the quality of life and property values. She stated that this proposed tax increase should be on the November Election ballot, because this is how democracy works.

Victoria Davidson-Bell, Geneva, spoke on her concerns of the security and safety of the management of the County's funds provided by the tax payers. She referenced a Kane County Chronicle article dated October 17, 2023, where it was reported that First American Bank fired Kane County as a customer related to security concerns. Davidson-Bell reviewed contents of a letter that was sent to Kane County from First American Bank. Within the letter, First American Bank requested specific steps be taken to ensure the security around the funds managed by the Kane County Treasurer's Office, as required by federal guidelines. These steps were not acted upon by the County. Additionally, the letter requested the County find another bank. Today, Chase Bank is now the County's new bank. Davidson-Bell wondered if the County had any verification that these concerns were addressed and acted upon by Chase Bank. She urged the County Board to have Chase Bank representatives appear in front of the Board to present how these issues were addressed to ensure the integrity of the management of taxpayer funds. She stated that it is essential for Kane County residents to have confidence that their hard earned money paid to taxes is being held in compliance with security best practices and to ensure that those managing the funds have checks and balances. There are millions of dollars flowing through these accounts. This is the residents' money. The Kane County Board has done nothing to ensure that these funds are protected. Davidson-Bell questioned why Chase Bank has not come before the Board to provide the necessary oversight.

Ann Wilson, St. Charles, stated she appreciates the hard work the County has done to stretch tax dollars. She mentioned that she is in support of the proposed 1% sales tax to support public safety, especially for the children. Wilson shared a story of a family of eight where the parents were drug-addicted and were living in an one-room shack that lacked basic necessities. The young female children were subjected to malnourishment, sexual, emotional, and mental abuse. After the Department of Children Services were contacted, the four children were removed from the home and placed in foster care. (Committee Member Davoust arrived in-person at 9:32 a.m.) In 2021, a woman named, Mary, became the foster mother for all four of the children. Three years later, the children still remain physically small and struggle to catch up academically, but have been fully adopted by Mary. Wilson stated that child abuse is on the rise and that the 1% sales tax increase will allow the County to obtain additional services to protect children in Kane County.

Brian Anderson, Sugar Grove, addressed the comments made by a previous speaker regarding the mass amount of asylum seekers coming into the country and the economy. He spoke on the financial stewardship of the County Board Members. He mentioned the decrease in jobs and retail prices across the country. Speaking on Kane County's budget forecasting, Anderson highlighted the Kane County Division of Transportation's (KDOT) compensation. Currently, there are numerous KDOT mechanic techs that make approximately \$67K annually. The national average for a transportation tech is \$49K annually. Anderson stated that in the private sector pay freezes, cutbacks, and lay-offs occur, but in the government sector these things rarely occur. In Kane County, where the residents elect County Board Members, there is not an open checkbook. The Board must be good stewards of tax payer money, especially with employee salaries. Anderson commended Coroner Russell on his set base compensation. Lastly, Anderson mentioned the proposed USA Gymnastic facility. He urged each member to look into SB2651 to determine why the County would want to be involved in taking on this kind of project.

Ruth Kuzmanic, St. Charles, read aloud a letter from Kane County resident, Ed Marth, opposing the proposed 1% sales tax increase. She mentioned that she agreed with the comments of Marth's letter. Lately, every Board meeting is being met with false information. The Board is entrusted with what others have built and to maintain and improve financial prudence. The County has unwisely kept County taxes flat for over 13 years and has continued to drain reserves that are prudently required for the financial health of the County. Kuzmanic stated that the tax considered for the November ballot is vital, selective, and modest. The Board must do what needs to be done to ensure the services are maintained.

8. Monthly Financials (K. Hopkinson)

A. Monthly Finance Reports

Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson introduced the Finance Department's Summer intern, Sydney Clinnin. Clinnin has recently finished her freshman year at Grand Valley State in Michigan. Hopkinson stated that Clinnin will be working on two tasks for the Finance Department: archiving files and organizing the Departments/Offices' Mission and Outcomes forms for the FY2025 Budget Book.

Hopkinson stated that monthly financial reports were on file. Currently, the Finance Department is closing out FY2023. The General Fund will have about \$4.5M in excess expenses over revenue for FY2023. In regards to the FY2025 budget, all County offices and departments are working on their budgets. They have been reviewing their position information with respect to vacancies. The guidance given to all departments/offices was that vacant positions will be allowed to be budgeted based on the number of employees that the office/department has. Once their budgets are configured, each department/office will meet with their respective Committee Chairman/Vice-Chairman. Afterwards, departments/offices will present their proposed budgets to their home committees. If changes need to occur within their budget, department heads must consult with their home committee chairs. Hopkinson explained that in order to manage the process, there must be

guidelines set. Additionally when preparing the budget, all pay increases and proper benefit calculations for the County's Collective Bargaining Units will be budgeted for. For non-union employees, the guidance given was to stick with a 2.5% increase. Hopkinson mentioned that it could be beneficial to draft a resolution addressing this percentage amount. She mentioned that when building the draft budget, this 2.5% will be calculated in. Also, based on initial conversations with the County's health broker, the increase for health and dental that will be built into the draft budget will be 10%. Hopkinson addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

9. PIO Update (J. Mann)

PIO Mann provided a monthly update on the activities of her office. Recently, the County took down the toll way sign at the Longmeadow Parkway bridge. Mann thanked the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) staff on their help in this effort. She highlighted numerous outreach activities that have received public attention, such as hosting the Illinois Toll Way to help residents sign up for IPASS. Mann explained that she has reached out to the Secretary of State Office on possible outreach efforts for the mandated Real ID. She spoke on record setting participants for the Kane County Animal Control (KCAC) Rabies and Microchip event and the recycling event. Mann mentioned that Kane County Health Department (KCHD) Exec. Dir. Isaacson was featured on CBS News Chicago about Kane County's Opioid Awareness Campaign. She listed several articles that mentioned Kane County over the past month. Lastly, Mann announced that a previous intern, Gabe Kertesz, has accepted a congressional internship in Washington D.C. She explained that his time interning for Kane County helped him greatly to receive this position. Mann addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

Committee Member Surges mentioned a Sleepy Hollow constituent that was involved in a serious accident that left him paralyzed from the chest down. The family reached out to Surges explaining the struggles of getting their wheelchair bound family member to/from doctor appointments. Surges explained that he reached out to KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson and the township offices about this matter, in which, they immediately helped the family. Surges thanked the KCHD staff and Mann on their diligent work on getting this family the necessary help.

10. Old Business

None.

11. New Business

Committee Member Surges explained that within his district, there has been an aggressive dog situation where residents are being bit. He noted that situations like this have been addressed multiple times in his tenure as a County Board member. However, Kane County continues to not have the proper protocols in place to address these types of situations. Surges explained that he has sent an email to Public Health Committee Chairman Strathmann to revisit this issue and try to find a way to initiate dialog on how the County can address this. Committee Member Strathmann stated this is a State law issue. Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Molina requested that the Executive Committee review the County's reimbursement process. She explained that as Board Members, funding was budgeted for conferences or activities that members would like to participate in. She requested that the reimbursement policy be reviewed to figure out the exact amount that should be allocated in order to attend certain events/activities. Members should be able to know if a reimbursement would be granted ahead of the scheduled event or if they would be paying out of pocket. Madam Chairman Pierog invited Molina to join a committee that would need to be formed in order to discuss this matter. Discussion ensued.

12. Preliminary County Board Agenda:

----- **CONSENT AGENDA** -----

American Rescue Plan

1. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund Association for Individual Development, A-Town Boxing, and West Aurora School District 129 for the Kane County Health Department ARPA Behavioral Health System Improvement Initiative

Committee Member Sanchez recommended all Board Members listen to the April 24, 2024 American Rescue Plan Committee (ARPC) meeting in order to learn the actual plan for the remaining ARPA funds. The following resolutions are a large component of this current funding plan. Sanchez noted that as a general rule, capital expenses will not be funded by ARPA funds.

Committee Member Sanchez motioned the following 14 resolutions forward, Tepe seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

2. Authorizing the Use and Transfer of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from Lost Revenue Recoupment Fund 356 to General Fund 001 to Economic Development Fund 400 to Financially Support the Launch of an Economic Development Organization for Kane County

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

3. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund the Kane County Food & Farm Resiliency Project for the Kane County Development and Community Services Department

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

4. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund Jail Tower A and B HVAC System Improvements for the Kane County Building Management Department

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

5. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund Judicial Center Replacement Chillers for the Kane County Building Management Department

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

6. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund Sheriff's Office HVAC System Renovations for the Kane County Building Management Department

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

7. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund Adult Justice Center Domestic Hot Water Improvements for the Kane County Building Management Department

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

8. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund Kitchen and Laundry Area Improvements at the Kane County Justice Center for the Kane County Building Management Department

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

9. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund Shooting Range HVAC System Renovations for the Kane County Building Management Department

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

10. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund Medical Intake at the Kane County Jail HVAC System Improvements for the Kane County Building Management Department

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

11. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund HVAC System Improvements at Juvenile Justice Center for the Kane County Building Management Department

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

12. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund 2024 HVAC Improvements at the 3rd Street Courthouse for the Kane County Building Management Department

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

13. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund 2023 HVAC Improvements at the 3rd Street Courthouse for the Kane County Building Management Department

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

14. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund Health Department HVAC Replacement for the Kane County Building Management Department

Committee Member Sanchez mentioned that the majority of these resolutions were deemed "Plan B", after the Public Health Facility project was not approved.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

County Development

1. Amendment to the Kane County Code, Chapter 28: Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

Committee Member Ford provided additional information on this resolution. He addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Ron Ford
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

Finance**1. Approving March 2024 Claims Paid**

Committee Member Berman pulled numbers 2, 11, and 12 from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Berman motioned to move resolutions 1, 3-10, and 13 forward, Bates seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. (Committee Member Allan left at 10:29 a.m.)

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

2. Authorizing FY24 Judiciary and Courts Budget Adjustment

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Myrna Molina
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan
ABSTAIN:	Dale Berman

3. Authorizing Renewal of Workforce Development Service Agreements for Program Year 2024

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

4. Authorizing a Contract for Kane County Judicial Center Exterior Lighting Project with Fitzgerald's Electric Contracting, Inc. and the Building Management Department (BID# 24-020-TK)

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

5. Authorizing Contract for Credit Card and Electronic Payment Services at the Kane County Animal Control Department

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

6. Authorizing a Contract with Brandt Excavating, Inc. for the Construction of the Ogden Gardens Water Service Project

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

7. Authorizing Expenditure of Funds for Documents and Records Management with Laserfiche Through OMNIA Partners (Contract# 01-158)

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

8. Authorizing the Purchase of a Renewal License for the GrayKey Digital Forensics Program by the Kane County Sheriff's Office

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

9. Authorizing Health Department Purchase of Mosquito Larvicide

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

10. Amending the Schedule of Fees for Animal Control Services

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

11. Authorizing Revision to the Kane County Departmental Purchasing Policies

Committee Member Gumz questioned the reasoning behind the \$10K reduction. She explained that she is anticipating some efficiency issues with added workload due to this change. Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson stated that nothing is being reduced down. The current County procurement ordinance states that anything over \$30K would need to go out for bid for the Request for Proposal (RFP) process and approved by the County Board. The current ordinance also has federal definitions, in which the County needed to oblige by in order to receive grants and other funding. Additionally, the current ordinance stated that anything over \$10K must receive a quote in order to receive solicitations. Hopkinson reviewed the procurement process in order to receive a purchase order that is mentioned within this resolution. She noted that this resolution was drafted by the Kane County Finance Department and the State's Attorney's Office (SAO). This resolution is not changing any dollar threshold, just simply states that anything over \$10K would need a purchase order.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

12. Authorizing Revision to the Kane County Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting Policies

Committee Member Gumz mentioned the comments made about the amount of pages County Board agendas have and the amount of work it is to read through them. She noted that the amount of work that staff completes for each agenda is substantial. She pointed out the micro-isms of what occurs in county government cannot be overlooked as good things the Board is doing, as well.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

13. Adopting a Sick Leave Donation Policy to the Personnel Policy Handbook

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

Jobs

1. Authorizing Kane County's Continuing Participation in the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership with Funding from Fund 400- Economic Development

Committee Member Bates motioned the following two resolutions forward, Ford seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Ron Ford
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

2. Authorizing a Contract Renewal with JEG 360, LLC, for Consulting Services as an Economic Advisor for Kane County

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Ron Ford
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

Judicial/Public Safety

1. Authorizing the Director of Emergency Management to Enter into Emergency & Disaster Shelter Memorandums of Understanding

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Myrna Molina
SECONDER:	Chris Kious
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

Public Health

1. Authorizing the Kane County Health Department to Participate in the Apple Developer Program to Publish Health-Related Apps on Apple App Store

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Anita Lewis
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

Transportation

1. Approving an Appropriation for Anderson Road Bridge Maintenance Pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Elburn

Committee Member Kious removed resolutions 9 and 10 from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Committee Member Davoust motioned to move resolutions one through eight, 11 through 14 forward, Berman seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

2. Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

3. Approving a Supplemental Appropriation for a Funding Agreement Between the County of Kane and Pace for the Ride in Kane Program

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

4. Approving a Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for 2024 Blackberry Township Road District, Section No. 24-04000-01-GM

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

5. Approving a Contract for Construction with J.A. Johnson Paving Co. of Arlington Heights, Illinois for 2024 Burlington Township Road District, Section No. 24-05000-01-GM

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

6. Approving a Contract for Construction with Peter Baker & Son Co. of Lake Bluff, Illinois for 2024 Hampshire Township Road District, Section No. 24-10000-01-GM

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

7. Approving a Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for 2024 Kaneville Township Road District, Section No. 24-11000-01-GM
County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

8. Approving a Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for 2024 St. Charles Township Road District, Section No. 24-14000-01-GM
County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

9. Approving a Contract for Construction with SKC Construction, Inc. of West Dundee, Illinois for 2024 Kane County HMA and PCC Crack Sealing Project, Kane County Section No. 24-00000-02-GM

Committee Member Kious addressed his concerns on the language within this resolution regarding the "lowest responsible bidder" versus "lowest qualified bidder". He also questioned the qualifications that bidders need to comply with that are stated within the Responsible Bidders Ordinance (RBO). KDOT Dir. Schoedel explained that each firm presented within the following two resolutions are well qualified to do the work. He noted that each firm participates in an apprenticeship training program and completes all that is asked in the RBO. The common issue that the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) is facing pertains to the documentation of the apprenticeship program. Within the RBO, it states that firms must demonstrate that they participated in an apprenticeship or training program that graduates five participants in each of the last five years. However, the County is having trouble getting the proper documentation from businesses. ASA Frank explained that there is an exception within the RBO that states that if a responsible bidder is not found, the original County purchasing order would take precedence. Much discussion ensued.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

10. Approving a Contract for Construction with Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC of South Roxana, Illinois for 2024 Kane County Asphalt Rejuvenator Project, Kane County Section No. 24-00000-01-GM

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

11. Approving an Amendment to the Phase II Engineering Services Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd. of Rosemont, Illinois for Randall Road at Hopps Road Intersection Improvements, Kane County Section No. 19-00511-00-CH

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

12. Approving an Amendment to the Agreement with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC of Lombard, Illinois for On-Call Traffic/Safety Engineering Services, Kane County Section No. 21-00494-00-EG

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

13. Approving a Grey Willows Wetland Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase Agreement with V3 Wetland Restoration, LLC of Woodridge, Illinois for Randall Road at Big Timber Road Intersection Improvements, Kane County Section No. 19-00369-01-CH

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

14. Authorizing Acquisition of Real Property for Kirk Road over Union Pacific Railroad, Kane County Section No. 12-00192-04-BR

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

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

1. Authorizing an Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Supreme Court of Illinois for the Lease of Space in the Third Street Courthouse for the Sixteenth Circuit Arbitration Center

Committee Member Molina introduced this resolution. She motioned this resolution forward to be included on the County Board's Consent Agenda. Strathmann seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Myrna Molina
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

13. Executive Session

Committee Member Gumz motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, pending, probable, and/or pending litigation, the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or dismissal of specific employees, and the selection of a person to

fill a vacancy of a public office. Sanchez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. The Committee entered into Executive Session at 11:12 p.m.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 11:55 a.m. on a motion made by Kenyon, seconded by Kious. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan

14. Committee Reports

A. Madam Chairman's Comments

Chairman Pierog stated that in 18 months, the United States of America will be celebrating its 250-year anniversary. She requested that the Kane County Board come up with appropriate activities to celebrate and honor Kane County's history in alignment with the 250-year anniversary of the United States. Committee Member Ford explained that in 1976, West Aurora High School had a relay team that ran from the high school to the State Capital in Springfield, Illinois, to celebrate a similar anniversary.

B. Legislative Update

Committee Member Gumz reported that the County's lobbyist, McGuireWoods, are working through the current session. They continue to keep the Legislative Chairs updated. Discussions have occurred on the negotiations occurring on the County's broadband bill and leasing bill. A small amendment was made to the broadband bill after negotiations with the Farm Bureau were had. Gumz anticipates this bill moving through smoothly and will be presented to the Senate for concurrence.

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert spoke on the proposed transportation merger. He explained that recently there has been legislation proposals that have been put forth to abolish the Transit Boards of the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra, PACE, and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and to merge the four agencies into one. These proposals have been in the news with discussions on the pros and cons of a unified transit agency for the Metropolitan Chicago area suburbs. State lawmakers that are sponsoring the reform legislation believe that the proposed Metropolitan Mobility Authority is needed to improve service, access, and efficiency. There are currently five bills that are starting this consideration: HB5823, HB5828, HB5829, SB3937, and SB3938. The five bills are focused on the consolidation of the transit agencies and an additional annual \$1.5B in revenue for regional transit. Rickert stated these legislative

proposals are initial draft bills in response to a Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) report called, Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART). He explained that CMAP was tasked by the Illinois General Assembly to create the report that addressed a fiscal cliff facing the transit agencies in 2026. The Federal pandemic relief funding for transit will be exhausted by 2026 and the agencies will have a budget gap of approximately \$730M annually. If the funding issues are not addressed, the transit boards will have to cut service by 40%. Rickert summarized the additional contents of the proposed merger. With these legislative proposals underway, municipalities and counties in the region are convening meetings to discuss potential concerns and what is important for their areas. Most municipalities and counties have voiced concerns with the one regional agency approach and how significant governance changes would impact located transit. Rickert explained that Kane County currently has well-functioning relationships with Metra and PACE on local coordination, planning, and programs. He stated that it may be good for the Kane County Board to concur on a unified response to the legislative proposals regarding regional transit.

Gumz stated that one of the collective concerns of the municipalities and counties is the representation at the unified Metropolitan Mobility Authority. The legislation explains that the City of Chicago would have five representatives, while Kane County would only have one. Additionally, there has not been an identified source of funding for this. Gumz stated that updates will continue to come forward on this. Madam Chairman Pierog requested a full consensus from the County Board to make a statement on this merger whether for or against, with their full support.

C. All Other Committees

Committee Member Bates stated that at the upcoming Environmental & Energy Committee meeting on May 17, 2024, a discussion will occur on a possible tree protection ordinance for Kane County. This ordinance will include the benefits of trees to storm water management, cooling of the earth, cleanses the air, defeat climate change, and contribute to the quality of life.

Committee Member Tepe stated that on Friday, May 10, 2024 at 3:00 p.m., the Elected Official Compensation Review Community Advisory Committee will be meeting to address recommendations of salary. Next Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., the Kane County Elected Officials Salary Review AD HOC Committee will meet to address those recommendations. He invited the Committee to attend.

Committee Member Kious stated that the Kane County Special Courts' graduation is occurring today, May 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Kane County Branch Court. He invited the Committee to attend.

Committee Member Berman stated that at the Finance Committee meeting discussions were had on developing AD HOC committees to study how the County could cut the annual budget by \$5M for the next five years, to discuss the percentage amount of the proposed 1% Special County Retailers' Occupation Tax referendum, and to determine how the County will support the referendum effort. He stated that the County Board cannot go to the public and ask for sales tax increases without trying to figure out where the County can cut expenses. Discussion ensued. The County Board will

discuss this more at the meeting full Board meeting on May 14, 2024.

15. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Michael Kenyon
SECONDER:	Chris Kious

This meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Savannah Valdez

Sr. Recording Secretary