



Kane County

County Board

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

1:00 PM

County Board Room

*****SPECIAL MEETING*****

1. CALL TO ORDER

The recessed meeting of the Kane County Board was held at the Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134 on October 16, 2024.

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

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| PRESENT: | Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Dale Berman Board Member Mark Davoust Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Michael Kenyon Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Monica Silva Board Member Cheryl Strathmann Board Member Bill Tarver Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams Chairman Corinne M. Pierog |
| REMOTE: | Board Member David Young |
| ABSENT: | Board Member Gary Daugherty Board Member Ron Ford Board Member Mo Iqbal |
| AWAY: | Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Clifford Surges |

3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Madam Chair asked that Member Young be allowed to attend the meeting remotely. No objections voiced.

Also present: Chf. Dpty. Clerk Weilandt; Finance Exec. Dir. Hopkinson; I.T. & Bldgs. Mgmt. Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Lasky; Health Exec. Dir. Isaacson; Auditor Wegman; Development Exec. Dir. VanKerkhoff; ASA Frank, Shepro & CFO Hunt; Treas. Lauzen; Supv. of Assess. Armstrong*; Energy & Environ. Resources Dir. Wollnik; members of the press & public.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

Board Member Linder led the assembly with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Madam Chair invited public comment.

Treasurer Lauzen shared a story about model rockets and permanent records and their similarity to the board's approval of the county's budget today. By approving the budget, the board is, in essence, approving the doubling of county general fund spending, excusing general discrepancies, and breaking its own rules, etc. (Lewis arrives.)

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/REMARKS

OEM Director Scott Buzdiak discussed some of the firehouses that have participated in rescue operations in North Carolina and Florida due to the recent hurricane. (Surges arrives.) Appreciation was extended to Kane County OEM volunteer Rich Kroman for volunteering to assist in that region.

8. CONSENT AGENDA/OMNIBUS VOTE

None.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)

10. OPEN SESSION

11. ZONING PETITIONS

12. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS

The following resolutions/ordinances were moved up in on the agenda and discussed individually:

Res. Nos. 24-428, 24-430, 24-379 and 24-430.

Approving the Purchase of Real Estate Located at 2170 Point
Boulevard, Elgin, Illinois 60123

[24-428](#)

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| MOVER: | Chris Kious |
| SECONDER: | Cherryl Strathmann |
| AYE: | Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, and Vern Tepe |
| NAY: | Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Rick Williams, and David Young |
| ABSENT: | Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, and Mo Iqbal |
| AWAY: | Deborah Allan |

Authorizing Fiscal Year 2025 Non-Union Cost-of-Living Wage
Increase

[24-378](#)

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| MOVER: | Chris Kious |
| SECONDER: | Clifford Surges |
| AYE: | Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, and Vern Tepe |
| NAY: | Rick Williams, and David Young |
| ABSENT: | Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, and Mo Iqbal |
| AWAY: | Deborah Allan |

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Appropriations and Budget

[24-379](#)

Board Member Juby voiced her objections on this resolution and provided reasons why. Following, Finance Dir. Hopkinson relayed that the next steps were to provide her with budget recommendations prior to December 1st.

(The board decided to hold off voting until all other resolutions were reviewed/adopted.)

RESULT: FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Jarett Sanchez

SECONDER: Dale Berman

AYE: Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Chris Kious, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe

NAY: Mark Davoust, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams, and David Young

ABSENT: Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, and Mo Iqbal

AWAY: Deborah Allan

Approving a Letter of Support for a 12-Year Extension Request for the First Street TIF District within the City of Saint Charles, Illinois

[24-430](#)

(Allan arrives 1:28 pm) Discussion was raised that this resolution had not been discussed prior and now it became a timing issue. Supv. of Assess. Armstrong discussed St. Charles TIF District #4, noting it was located on the west side of river. Some background info of the district followed. Per Armstrong, the City of St. Charles was asking to extend the district for another 12 years. Details followed. From the Forest Preserve's perspective, Sanchez explained that by not adopting the resolution the City would not only lose \$15,000 but maybe lose the goodwill of the people who certain board members represented. Member Linder voiced he did not support the resolution initially, believing it was a misuse of the TIF policy, since TIFs were supposed to be used for blighted properties. However, after speaking with the former board member who represented the area, he supported the resolution. Further conversation for and against the resolution followed.

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Dale Berman

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| SECONDER: | Rick Williams |
| AYE: | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams |
| NAY: | Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Bill Tarver, and David Young |
| ABSENT: | Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, and Mo Iqbal |
| ABSTAIN: | Clifford Surges |

Amending Resolution 24-305 Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Revenue Loss Recoupment Funds to Fund the Transitional Housing Program for the Kane County Sheriff's Office to Correct Amount Authorized and Add Budget Table

[24-382](#)

Per Sanchez, this resolution was a housekeeping matter.

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| MOVER: | Jarett Sanchez |
| SECONDER: | Bill Tarver |
| AYE: | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and David Young |
| NAY: | Rick Williams |
| ABSENT: | Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, and Mo Iqbal |

Authorizing a Contract for Building Management Flooring Services with Mazarini, Inc. (BID# 24-042-TK)

[24-390](#)

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| MOVER: | Chris Kious |
| SECONDER: | Mavis Bates |
| AYE: | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young |
| ABSENT: | Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, and Mo Iqbal |

Approving a Change Order with Confluence Climate Consultants, LLC.

[24-397](#)

Questions followed if the \$10,000 overage would affect the bidding/purchasing ordinance process. ASA Frank provided his comments regarding the changeover. The work was completed. Wollnik explained how she followed the ordinance. Other board members weighed in with a recommendation to return any changeovers to the committee to review versus just the committee chairperson.

Corrective measures were discussed. ASA Frank stated he has been reviewing such issues. Madam Chair directed ASA Frank to work on the purchasing ordinance, make some recommendations, and to eventually form an Ad hoc Rules Committee. ASA Frank concurred.

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| MOVER: | Mavis Bates |
| SECONDER: | Bill Tarver |
| AYE: | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, and Vern Tepe |
| NAY: | Leslie Juby, Bill Lenert, Rick Williams, and David Young |
| ABSENT: | Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, and Mo Iqbal |

Authorizing a Merit Increase Pool for Kane County Departments

[24-400](#)

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| MOVER: | Jarett Sanchez |
| SECONDER: | Dale Berman |
| AYE: | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young |
| ABSENT: | Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, and Mo Iqbal |

Authorizing the Creation of a Position of Fatality Review Manager
for the Kane County Health Department

[24-403](#)

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| MOVER: | Cherryl Strathmann |
| SECONDER: | Bill Tarver |
| AYE: | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams |
| NAY: | David Young |
| ABSENT: | Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, and Mo Iqbal |

Authorizing Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-Gac) Purchasing
Cooperative Agreement

[24-405](#)

It was brought up the county already had four co-ops and why was a fifth one being proposed, when it was not even local? Juby suggested instead of a blanket approval for everyone to use the co-op, to allow KaneComm to purchase the services it cannot purchase at any other place.

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| MOVER: | Michelle Gumz |
| SECONDER: | Myrna Molina |
| AYE: | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young |
| NAY: | Leslie Juby, Michael Linder, and Bill Lenert |
| ABSENT: | Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, and Mo Iqbal |

Adopting a Kane County Economic Development Strategic Plan

[24-412](#)

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| MOVER: | Dale Berman |
| SECONDER: | Jarett Sanchez |

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| AYE: | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young |
| ABSENT: | Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, and Mo Iqbal |

Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement
and Other Corresponding Documents to Acquire Real Estate in
Aurora, Illinois

[24-429](#)

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| MOVER: | Jarett Sanchez |
| SECONDER: | Michelle Gumz |
| AYE: | Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams |
| NAY: | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Myrna Molina, Monica Silva, and David Young |
| ABSENT: | Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, and Mo Iqbal |

Motion was made by Lewis to reconsider the denial (failure) of Resolution No. 24-379: Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Appropriations and Budget. Second by Kious. Board dialog followed as to what Ms. Juby's questions were regarding the budget. It was suggested the budget return to the Finance Committee. However, Molina recalled the Finance Committee forwarded a balanced budget to the Executive Committee but the Executive Committee made amendments to the budget. Returning the budget back to the Finance Committee again when the committee already made its recommendation, did not make sense. She suggested sending the budget back to the Executive Committee or hold a special County Board meeting.

Madam chair suggested holding a special County Board meeting to discuss only the budget and Juby would submit her questions again with Finance Dir. Hopkinson to send the responses to the board.

Lewis then withdrew her motion to reconsider. Kious did not withdraw his second. Therefore, the original vote on Resolution No.24-379 (fails) would remain.

Finance Exec. Dir. Hopkinson commented that the budget that went on display on September 4 was not changed and she could not change it; only the board could change that budget.

Chairwoman Pierog asked member Juby and all other board members to email their questions to Finance Exec. Dir. Hopkinson by next Tuesday, October 22nd. Madam Chair stated a special board meeting would be scheduled to discuss the budget, with a possible closed session.

13. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I.T. Exec. Dir. Roger Fahnestock provided a summary on his and Madam Chair's sit-down meeting with I.T. Director Phil Morris from the Regional Office of Education as it pertains to artificial intelligence (Sanchez leaves 2:34 PM) and how it can be used in general.

14. COMMITTEE UPDATES

15. ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE |
| MOVER: | Michael Kenyon |
| SECONDER: | Mark Davoust |