

# Kane County

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# KC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

PIEROG, Allan, Bates, Berman, Gumz, Juby, Kious, Lewis, Linder, Molina, Sanchez, Strathmann, Surges, Tepe, Williams and ex-officio Roth (County Vice Chair)

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

9:00 AM

**County Board Room** 

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

#### 2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Chairman Corinne M. Pierog Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Cherryl Strathmann
	Board Member Clifford Surges Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth
REMOTE	Board Member Dale Berman Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Jarett Sanchez

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Lenert, Penesis\*; Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson; PIO Mann & Intern Hunter; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock\* & staff Lasky\*, Harris, Smith, Peters; SAO staff Frank, Hunt\*, Vargas; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson\* & staff Snowden\*; Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff; HRM Exec. Dir. Lobrillo; Auditor Wegman; KDOT Dir. Zakosek & staff Rickert; Environ. & Water Res. Exec. Dir. Wollnik; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt\*; 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 Members Berman, Gumz, Lewis, Molina, and Sanchez attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

#### 4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

# 5. Approval of Minutes: July 2, 2025

RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

**MOVER:** Chris Kious

#### 6. Public Comment

Kane County resident, Steve Leffler, recognized that 80 years ago the Nuclear War race began. He asked for peaceful reflection upon that, today. Leffler spoke on his time visiting Paris. He stated that ten years ago, Paris' roads were clogged with cars and it dominated their society. As he visited ten years later, he noticed that the cars were still there. However, the four-lane highways have been turned into one-lane and the additional lanes were converted to pedestrian and bike lanes. He witnessed the majority of transportation was electric. (Committee Member Williams arrived in-person at 9:05 a.m.) Leffler stated that Paris was able to change their entire public transit system so less carbon was emitted. He explained that St. Charles is currently debating whether or not to renew their Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA) contract, which would have 80% of the electricity being supplied from burning coal. (Committee Member Allan arrived remotely at 9:06 a.m.) He stated that Kane County could change their transportation system over the next ten years to make an impact on the carbon footprint. Leffler provided suggestions on how Kane County could begin accomplishing the changes, such as converting Route 25 and Route 31 to one-way roads to free up rooms for bikes, buses, and other mechanisms of rapid transit. He recalled that Kane County used to utilize trams and trains. He stated that even though these types of right-of-ways do not exist anymore, the County can still find a way to lessen the carbon footprint. He exclaimed, "Let's get to biking."

Kane County resident, Victoria Davidson-Bell, spoke on the resolution regarding the use of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Process. She shared her concerns about the issues of taxes that are local, county, and federal levels. She has watched constituents come to the County Board to complain about high taxes related to the County. She explained that only four percent of County property taxes go to the County. She stated that last week there were constituents up in arms over the CPI proposal. She explained that this 2.9% increase would equate to approximately \$13.00 per year on a \$400K home. She assumed that some of these residents that come to complain about increased taxes are those spending more on manicures and pedicures. Meanwhile, the cost-of-living continues to increase and people struggle to afford necessities and everyday pleasures, which are having an impact on restaurants and stores. Davidson-Bell spoke on the restaurant staff being afraid to come to work due to fears of being contacted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). She stated that businesses cannot stay afloat due to the increased costs of supplies due to tariffs and limited staff. She explained that General Motors has laid off employees due to overproduction and no demand. She stated that job numbers are decreasing, businesses are not adding positions, small businesses are going under, stock market is beginning to flail, and the economy has been failing since January 2025. She explained that this is a direct result of tariffs. She stated that

the average household will pay \$2,400 per year on tariff taxes. She noted that she does not hear anyone complaining about these increased taxes that were forced on the American people by one man, not Congress. (Committee Member Sanchez arrived remotely at 9:12 a.m.) Davidson-Bell explained that these tariffs will reduce the deficit, but will take away benefits. She stated that Medicare Advantage plans will change, insurance supplements will be reduced, which will cause insurance prices to increase. Additionally, food assistance will be reduced, which cause starvation among the elderly and children. Davidson-Bell stated that the deficit is increasing due to the tax breaks for the wealthy. (Committee Member Gumz arrived remotely at 9:13 a.m.)

Kane County resident, Denise Theobald, stated that some people come to these meetings to complain that Kane County taxes are too high. She shared that one of the reasons for taxes being high that many complain about is that employees and elected officials are overpaid. However, the fact is that Kane County has fallen behind on offering adequate salaries and wages over the last two decades compared to surrounding counties. Theobald stated that County Board members earn \$25,500 per year, which includes all the time spent at meetings, fielding calls, reading policies, and making decisions that affect everyone of Kane County. She explained that the County Board has not received a meaningful raise in over ten years. She compared Kane County Board members salaries versus DuPage County Board members who make over \$52K. She stated that the Kane County Board chairman's salary is \$105K. Meanwhile, the DuPage County Board Chairman makes over \$131K. She noted that Kane County is solidly in the middle for salary and wages. She explained that the Kane County employee average salary is \$59K, compared to DuPage County of \$69K. She stated that it is hard to retain good and talented staff, if a fair wage is not provided. Lastly, Theobald addressed Treasurer Lauzen's leadership of a group that creates false narratives and spreads misleading information to sabotage the County Board. She noted that Lauzen earns approximately \$109K per year. She stated that this compensation would be okay, if the Treasurer earned it. However, Lauzen continues to be one of the loudest critics stating wages are too high. Theobald stated that the County would not be in this financial situation, if Mr. Lauzen and his allies did not spread misinformation about the County's proposed tax referendum. She believed that the referendum was a smart responsible way to balance the budget without affecting working families. However, it failed due to the fear mongering. She explained that the salary debate is the latest chapter in their ongoing misinformation campaign. She encouraged all County constituents to review the County website for the actual truth. (Committee Member Williams arrived remotely at 9:19 a.m.)

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Michael Linder SECONDER: Chris Kious

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams,

and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Anita Lewis

# 7. Monthly Financials (K. Hopkinson)

#### A. Monthly Finance Reports

Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson stated the monthly financial reports were on file. She reviewed the General Fund - General Account's key revenue lines that were under budget. She explained that the last two weeks the grant revenue increased to \$600K. She stated that there were two expense items that were over budget or had no budget at all, which were the Capital and Commodities. She explained that the Sheriff's Office purchased vehicles out of the General Fund. The Sheriff plans to reclass this expense and move it to Fund 128: Sheriff's Vehicle Fund. Hopkinson explained that the Sheriff budgeted \$1,097,000 for FY2025 for food for detainees. However, this expense is currently at \$1.6M, which is \$509K over budget. Hopkinson reviewed the detail of this food expense. She explained that in the detail of \$1.6M in expenses, there is about \$533K that is paid to a food service provider. Additionally, the \$750K is amounts payable to Kendall County, LaSalle County, McHenry County, and DeKalb County for housing detainees. Lastly, there was a couple hundred thousand in security equipment. When these expenses are added up, it shows that the food line item is over budget. Hopkinson stated that the audit on the County's financial statements for November 30, 2024 was completed last week. The County received an unmodified opinion, which is essentially a clean opinion with no finding. The results of the audit will be posted to the County website, today. Hopkinson stated that the audit firm will come to speak to the Finance Committee or the County Board to review their communications of the audit. She stated that the audit firm is also finalizing their report on the County's audit of federal funds and this should be completed in two weeks. Lastly, Hopkinson stated that the Transition Audit of the Finance Department and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) were issued. She noted that there is one more Transition Audit that needs to be completed on the Coroner's Office. (Committee Member Allan arrived in-person at 9:19 a.m.) Madam Chairman Pierog requested that the audit report be presented to the County Board in September 2025. Hopkinson addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

# 8. PIO Update (J. Mann)

PIO Mann provided an update on the activities of her office. She stated that she attended the National Night Out at the Sheriff's Office on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. Additionally, she participated, along with Chairman Pierog, County Board Members Roth, Lewis, and Allan in the Sugar Grove Corn Boil Parade. She thanked those who came out to walk in the parade to represent Kane County Government. Mann reviewed several popular stories that were published in Kane County Connects, such as the 90th year of service anniversary for the Kane County Veterans' Assistance Commission, monitoring air quality, remembering the 1996 Kane County flood and flood safety. Kane County launches Disaster Ready Kane to strengthen community disaster recovery. Lastly, Mann announced that it was Public Information Officer (PIO) Intern Hunter's last day. She stated that Hunter has contributed valuable insight from a younger perspective.

Intern Hunter provided her final report. She stated that during her time with Kane County she was able to explore a wide range of experiences that deepened her understanding of government operations and the vital role that communications plays within them. She shared several highlights of her internship, such as touring the Kane County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) and correctional facility, listening on various County Board meetings, attending and planning Communications team meetings, researching and compiling data on Kane County's senior population, and learning the fundamentals news writing. Additionally, Hunter participated in free online communication trainings with PIO Mann including a case study featuring communication leaders from the Texas floods. Hunter explained that through these experiences she has gained insight into the many facets of public service and how affective communication supports and strengthens government work. She stated that she has enjoyed her time at Kane County and is looking to keep in contact. Lastly, she recommended the internship to other college students interested in communications. Chairman Pierog commended her for her time and work.

Chairman Pierog stated that she attended the National Night Out event at the Kane County Sheriff's Office and was able to contribute to the Hudson Memorial Fund. In doing so, she received a Hudson Memorial hat. She explained that the Sheriff's Office has acquired a new police dog that is in training for eight weeks. She stated that once trained, she will be requesting the dog come to one of the County Board meetings. Additionally, Pierog explained that she got to meet the new therapy dog that will work with detainees at the Kane County Adult Corrections Facility, especially those that are on the Autism Spectrum. Lastly, Pierog expressed her support and appreciation to these dogs that provide services for the courts, security, and therapy.

#### 9. Old Business

None.

#### 10. New Business

Committee Member Bates expressed her gratitude for County Board staff and Executive Assistant Tallitsch on their promptness on sending out the letter to all Board

Members regarding the Solar Group Buy. She explained that the reason there is urgency around this group is because the 30% Federal Tax credit will end on December 31, 2025. She stated that it is not too late to have solar panels installed for those constituents who are interested. She explained that she has spoken to solar installers that have stated they have the capacity to develop more installations on their project lists. She stated that this Solar Group Buy is an opportunity to save 30% on solar panels. Bates explained the misinformation of solar panels costing \$25K. After numerous rebates and tax credits one can receive, the panels can cost about \$5K.

# 11. Preliminary County Board Agenda:

------ CONSENT AGENDA ------

#### Administration

A. Authorizing a Contract Extension for Kane County Generator Maintenance Services for the Building Management Department with Midwest Power Industry Incorporated (BID# 23-046)

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Leslie Juby

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams,

and Bill Roth

**AWAY:** Anita Lewis

**B.** Authorizing a Contract Extension with M/M Peters Construction, Inc. for Kane County Concrete Services for the Building Management Department and the Mill Creek Special Service Area (BID# 23-041)

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Rick Williams

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams,

and Bill Roth

AWAY: Anita Lewis

Chairman Pierog confirmed that out of the \$600K, \$350K is paid for by the County and \$250K is paid by the Special Service Area (SSA).

C. Authorizing a Contract for Kane County Building Management Department Flooring Improvement Project with Artlow Systems (BID# 25-024-TL)

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Deborah Allan

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams,

and Bill Roth

**AWAY:** Anita Lewis

**D.** Authorizing Purchase of Office Furniture, Furnishings, and Services for the Kane County Building Management Department with Tayco Office Furnishings, Inc. (Contract# 240301)

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board MOVER: Chris Kious SECONDER: Rick Williams

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams,

and Bill Roth

AWAY: Anita Lewis

#### **County Development**

**A.** Approving a Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan

Chairman Pierog stated that the following two resolutions are grant related from the Federal Government. She wondered if this grant funding will be continual, or would be ending at a certain time. Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff explained that the first three resolutions pertain to the consolidated and action plans. He stated that this is money that comes to the County from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County has been receiving these funds as an entitlement county since 1998. VanKerkhoff explained that every year the County receives an allocation from the Federal Government through HUD for Community Development Block Grants and the HOME programs. He stated that every year the County needs to submit an action plan and every five years they need to submit a new consolidated plan that states how the County plans to expend the funds.

VanKerkhoff explained that the next two resolutions regard amendments that have to be made to the previous action plans addressing the funds that were not spent or that are available for a variety of reasons and reallocating the funding eligible activities. He stated these funds are to benefit low or moderate residents through community projects, neighborhood projects, or affordable housing rehabilitation. VanKerkhoff addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

#### County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board MOVER: Rick Williams

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams,

and Bill Roth

AWAY: Anita Lewis

**B.** Amending the 2020-2024 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan

Committee Member Juby explained that within the resolution it states that the plan must be amended to reallocate \$175K of Homeless and Supportive Services and \$30,322.92 of Program Administrative funds from Program Year 2020 CDBG-CV funds to Infrastructure to support the North Aurora Veterans' Memorial. She requested clarity on this. Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff explained that the reallocation was presented to the Community Development Commission for their review of the projects. He understood that the switch in use of funds is because the funding was not expended through the program years, but are still available. He explained that HUD sets a timely task of spending funds. He stated that Josh Beck, who was the predecessor on this, looked at the timing issue and the funds that had not been used to be reallocated to meet the current slate of applications, which included the North Aurora Veterans' Memorial. Juby inquired if there was a program found that assists with Kane County's homeless population. She expressed her discernment on utilizing these funds on a memorial, rather than on housing for the homeless.

Juby motioned to move this resolution forward and to be placed off consent on the County Board meeting agenda, Roth seconded. Discussion ensued on the use of funding on the Veterans' Memorial versus homelessness.

VanKerkhoff explained that there is no contract in place. He stated that these are funds that were not spent and deemed not needed during that time period. At this time, staff and the Community Development Commission is recommending to the County Board that these funds be reallocated to the North Aurora Veterans' Memorial Park project. Further discussion ensued.

# County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Leslie Juby

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams,

and Bill Roth

**AWAY:** Anita Lewis

C. Approving Substantial Amendment to the HOME-ARP 2021 Allocation Plan County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board MOVER: Rick Williams

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams,

and Bill Roth

**AWAY:** Anita Lewis

**D.** Approving Projects for Affordable Rental Housing Using Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 Funds

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board MOVER: Rick Williams

**SECONDER:** Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams,

and Bill Roth

AWAY: Anita Lewis

Chairman Pierog commended Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff and PIO Mann for their efforts on getting the word out about this money. She explained that this money was not being spent and during the transition, VanKerkhoff looked through all of the grants and realized there was a significant amount of money that needed to be expended. She stated that all of the funds are allocated and contracts and proposals are being prepared so that it can be disbursed.

# **Energy/Environmental**

# **A.** Authorizing Kane County to Enter Into Community Solar Subscriptions

Committee Member Surges asked what this resolution would be obligating the County to do. Environ. and Water Res. Dir. Wollnik explained that this resolution gives the County an opportunity when it arises to sign onto subscriptions for community solar for the power that the County uses throughout the facilities. The resolution allows the Chairwoman, with the review of the State's Attorney's Office, to enter into these agreements. Wollnik explained that the community solar fields are about 18 acres that produce solar power that goes to the grid. She stated that signing onto a subscription will give the County ninety cents on the dollar. Therefore, this would provide a 10% discount on the County's solar. Currently, the County is working with the electric consultant and has been told that there is a community solar subscription available that would provide the County with the remaining 70% to 80% of the power at the Judicial Center with a 10% discount. Wollnik stated that once this resolution is approved and a community solar subscription is signed, the County's utility bill will be 10% less. Discussion ensued.

#### **County Board**

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Mavis Bates

SECONDER: Deborah Allan

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams,

and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Anita Lewis

#### **Executive**

A. Appointment of Member of the Board of Review (Michael E. Madziarek, CIAO)
 County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**TO:** County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Rick Williams

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams,

and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Anita Lewis

B. Appointment of Member of the Board of Review (Constantine "Dino" Konstans)County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams,

and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Anita Lewis

#### **Finance**

A. Approving June 2025 Claims Paid

Committee Member Juby removed agenda items C and F from the today's consent agenda and requested they be placed off consent on the County Board's agenda, Roth seconded. Juby withdrew her motion. Roth withdrew his second.

Committee Ex-Officio Roth motioned to move agenda items A, B, D, E, forward, Bates seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Committee Member Williams motioned to move agenda items C and F forward

and to be placed off consent on the County Board's meeting agenda, Juby seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

# **County Board**

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**TO:** County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth
SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Anita Lewis

**AWAY:** Jarett Sanchez

B. Amending Kane County Board Resolutions to Correct Scrivener's Errors County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**TO:** County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth
SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Anita Lewis

**C.** Authorizing Kane County Animal Control Department to Utilize the Illinois State Treasurer's Office Electronic Payments Services Program

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Rick Williams

SECONDER: Leslie Juby

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Anita Lewis

**AWAY:** Jarett Sanchez

**D.** Authorizing Additional Appropriations and Budget Adjustments for Provision of Legal Assistance to the Kane County Division of Transportation

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth
SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Anita Lewis

E. Authorizing Contract Amendment with Kerber, Eck & Braeckel to Provide Financial, Accounting, and Consulting Services for Workforce Development Department

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth SECONDER: Mavis Bates

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Anita Lewis

AWAY: Jarett Sanchez

**F.** Authorizing Renewal of Agreement with Lauterbach & Amen for Accounting Services

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board MOVER: Rick Williams SECONDER: Leslie Juby

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Anita Lewis

**G.** Directing the Use of the Consumer Price Index Increase as Part of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Process

Discussion ensued on the proper process of removing agenda items from the consent agenda to off consent at the County Board meetings.

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board MOVER: Mavis Bates

**SECONDER:** Cherryl Strathmann

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern

Tepe

**NAY:** Myrna Molina, Clifford Surges, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Anita Lewis

AWAY: Jarett Sanchez

**H.** Authorizing Expense Budget Amount to be Used for the 2026 General Fund General Account Budget

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Clifford Surges

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Anita Lewis

#### **Human Services**

**A.** Authorizing Contract Extension for Workers Compensation and Liability Claims Third Party Administrator

Committee Member Surges motioned to move the following two resolutions forward, Roth seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board MOVER: Clifford Surges

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Anita Lewis

**AWAY:** Jarett Sanchez

B. Approving the 2026 Holiday Schedule for Kane County Offices

(Committee Member Berman left at 10:26 a.m.)

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board MOVER: Clifford Surges

**SECONDER:** Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Leslie

Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Anita Lewis

#### Legislative

**A.** Authorization Renewal of Agreement for Professional Government Relations Consulting and Legislative Lobbying Services

Chairman Pierog questioned Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson about the funding stream for this resolution. She explained that the resolution states, "WHEREAS, the funding for this agreement are as follows: Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) from the Sheriff's Office, Forty-Five Thousand (\$45,000.00) from the County Board, Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) from the State's Attorney's Office, and Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) from the Coroner's Office." She stated that it was her understanding that these departments were no longer contributing to the cost.

Committee Member Gumz confirmed that this was correct. She explained that the adjustment was made and included in the FY2024 and FY2025 budgets, and will remain the same for FY2026.

Discussion ensued on potential amendment.

Committee Member Linder motioned to amend this resolution to include all changes as recommended by the State's Attorney's Office, Juby seconded. Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Molina stated that this resolution was amended at the Legislative Committee meeting. However, the resolution that was included in today's agenda packet is not the correct one. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. (Committee Member Sanchez left at 10:29 a.m.)

# **County Board**

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Michelle Gumz

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford

Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, and Anita Lewis

#### **Public Service**

A. Appointing Additional Members to the Board of Review

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**TO:** County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth SECONDER: Leslie Juby

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford

Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth

NAY: Rick Williams

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

# **Transportation**

A. Amending Resolution No. 24-336 - Approving an Agreement with V3 Construction, Ltd. of Woodridge, Illinois for On-Call Environmental Engineering Services, Kane County Section No. 24-00480-02-SM

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board WOVER: Vern Tepe SECONDER: Rick Williams

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern

Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

AWAY: Clifford Surges

**B.** Amending Resolution 25-210 - Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Phase I Engineering Services Agreement with Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly, Inc. of Aurora, Illinois for Dauberman Road - Meredith Road Realignment, Kane County Section No. 20-00526-00-ES

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Rick Williams

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern

Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

AWAY: Clifford Surges

**C.** Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Rick Williams

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern

Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

AWAY: Clifford Surges

D. Approving a Supplemental Appropriation for Plank Road Highway Safety Improvement Project from Engel Road to Waughon Road, Kane County Section No. 19-00524-00-SP

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford

Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

E. Approving Acquisition of Real Property for Randall Road at Big Timber Road Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00369-01-CH, Parcel No. 0004 & 0004TE

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Chris Kious

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford

Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

F. Approving Acquisition of Real Property Easements for Kirk Road over Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) Tracks, Geneva, Illinois, Kane County Section No. 12-00192-04-BR, Parcel No. 0004PE & 0004TE

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford

Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

Committee Member Surges inquired about what the Randall Road at Big Timber Road project would achieve. KDOT Dir. Zakosek explained that this project would add dual left turn lanes on Randall Road and realigning Big Timber Road.

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The Committee moved to agenda item H on the Off Consent Agenda.

A. Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request
 County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Rick Williams

AYE: Deborah Allan, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Michael

Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern

Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

**ABSTAIN:** Mavis Bates

Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request
 County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**TO:** County Board

**MOVER:** Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Cherryl Strathmann

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Michael

Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern

Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

**ABSTAIN:** Michelle Gumz

C. Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford

Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request
 County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**TO:** County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Rick Williams

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford

Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

Committee Member Surges questioned the total amount budgeted for County Board member reimbursements for FY2025. Chairman Pierog stated that the Board has not gone beyond what has been budgeted.

Committee Member Strathmann requested that the names of those requesting the Personal Expense Voucher be included within the resolutions.

**E.** Kane County Proclaims August 2025 as National Emergency Management Awareness Month

Chairman Molina questioned if the proclamations would be placed under the Chairman's Comments on the County Board agenda. Chairman Pierog stated that they would.

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**TO:** County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth SECONDER: Chris Kious

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford

Surges, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

AWAY: Vern Tepe

**F.** Proclamation Honoring Kane County's Ace Holder for his Courage and Quick Thinking in an Emergency

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Rick Williams

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford

Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

**G.** Proclamation Honoring Nathan Muenz and Landen Whiteman for their Courageous Action to Assist with an Arrest

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**TO:** County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Cherryl Strathmann

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford

Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

**H.** Revising Kane County Code Sections 2-48(G)(2), 2-48(A)(9), and 2-48(A)(3) (not attached)

Committee Member Tepe stated that this Ordinance is no longer required and there are no changes to be submitted. The Ordinance failed due to lack of motion.

The Committee moved to agenda item A on the Off Consent Agenda.

#### 12. Executive Session

The Executive Committee entered into an Executive Session at 10:49 a.m. to discuss the release of closed session minutes on a motion made by Williams, Kious seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Rick Williams SECONDER: Chris Kious

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford

Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

A. Release of Closed Session Minutes

# 13. Open Session

The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:49 a.m. on a motion made by Williams, Roth seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

MOVER: Rick Williams

**SECONDER:** Bill Roth

#### A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Chris Kious SECONDER: Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford

Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

#### 14. Committee Reports

#### A. Madam Chairman's Comments

#### 1. County Board FY2026 Budget

Chairman Pierog presented the County Board's FY2026 Budget. She compared the revenues and expenses from the FY2024 Actual Budget to the FY2026 Budget. The County Board's revenues consist of liquor licenses and gathering permits, which equates to \$132,500 for the FY2026 Budget. Pierog stated that the incoming revenue for gathering permits has decreased. In 2024, the total revenue was \$112,500. Pierog compared the expenses from the FY2024 Actual Budget to the FY2026 Budget. She explained the expense increases within salaries, contractual services, and commodities. The FY2024 Actual Budget expenses were \$1,209,756. The FY2026 Budget expenses are \$1,321,765. The difference being \$112,009. Pierog discussed the options of covering the \$100K allocation within the County Board's budget, such as moving the \$100K cost of the Strategic Plan under Riverboat funding upon approval. Pierog addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued on the potential options to decrease the expense difference.

Pierog asked Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson what the FY2025 Budget allocation was for the Strategic Plan contract with BerryDunn versus the FY2026 Budget? Hopkinson stated that the entire contract with BerryDunn is \$127,500. Due to the delay in the Strategic Plan process, she explained that the total of \$127,500 was included in the FY2025 Budget. However, due to not knowing how far the process would be by the end of FY2025, the FY2026 Budget includes \$100K. Hopkinson stated that this allocation is a

moving target. She noted that if BerryDunn prepares the Strategic Plan at a faster rate, less funds will need to be allocated in FY2026. Pierog asked if there was a cancellation clause within the BerryDunn contract? SAO Chief of Civil Frank answered that there is no contract that the County enters that they cannot withdraw from due to State law. Further discussion ensued.

Pierog stated that the County Board would need to raise revenue and seek the recommendation and approval of the Grand Victoria Riverboat Fund Committee to provide funding for the Strategic Plan and potential internship program. Further discussion ensued on additional revenues and possible budget cuts.

Pierog summarized the recommendations of asking the Riverboat Committee for \$130K to cover the Strategic Plan contract and the internship program, reduction in conferences and meetings, and the potential to increase liquor license fees. Much discussion ensued.

The Committee agreed to look over the County Board's FY2026 Budget and address the pending requests, such as the additional revenue from the Riverboat Fund. The Committee requested that a Special Executive Committee meeting be held to further discuss the County Board's FY2026 Budget.

## B. Legislative Update

Committee Member Gumz provided the Legislative Update. Regarding the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) merger, she stated that a letter is being proofed that will show the County is choosing to stand firm with their governance position. She explained that this merger entails a land grab. She stated that the County wants to maintain local control. She noted that the County's lobbyists are working on the letter and will get that out to elected officials. Additionally, Gumz reported that the County has received money for the Congressional spending.

Chairman Pierog explained that a land grab is when the revenue that is allocated to pass the Bill, the collar counties will have little to no voice at the table on how the money will be expended. Gumz stated that the language proposed suggests that the new committee or organizations can take governance and claim a .5 mile around a local transit organization. Discussion ensued.

#### C. All Other Committees

Committee Member Surges stated that he has had conversations with Kane County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) regarding the Riverboat funding allocation that they did not receive. He explained that CASA has always been funded in the past, but has been denied for this year's funding. Surges addressed the "soft landing" discussion, in which organizations' funding would not be cut dry. He suggested that pulling funds indefinitely from organizations is not the best way the County could go about this, and would like to reconsider some of the funding requests of the Riverboat funding. Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Kious stated that the Administration Committee moved the regularly scheduled meeting from Wednesday, August 13, 2025 to Friday, August 15,

2025 at 1:00 p.m. He explained that the Committee will discuss the Information Technologies Department (ITD), Building Management Department (BLD), Mill Creek Special Service Area (MCSSA) and Geographic Information System (GIS) FY2026 budgets. Lastly, he added that the pavement project at the Kane County Judicial Center is nearing completion.

# 15. Adjournment

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

MOVER: Clifford Surges
SECONDER: Mavis Bates

This meeting was adjourned at 12:09 PM.

Savannah Zgobica Sr. Recording Secretary