



Kane County

KC Public Service Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

SANCHEZ, Young, Gumz, Lewis, Surges, Tepe, Williams & Pierog (ex-officio Chair)

Thursday, March 21, 2024

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Committee Chairman Sanchez called today's meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member David Young Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Clifford Surges Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams
REMOTE	Board Member Michelle Gumz
ABSENT	Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. members Bates*, Kiou*, Molina*, Roth, Strathmann*; KCAC Youngsteadt*; Treasurer Lauzen; Sup. of Assessments Armstrong; ROE Supt. Dal Santo & staff Oliver; Co. Clk. staff Pollock; VAC Supt. Zimmerman; ASA Spec. Shepro; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Committee Chairman Sanchez announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. He asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Member Gumz attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: February 22, 2024

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Vern Tepe

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

Kane County resident Michelle Bettag shared her concerns about the outbreak of illegal immigrants invading the country and county. She stressed to the Committee that our elections and Kane County citizens need to be protected. (Committee Member Surges arrived at 9:05 a.m.)

Kane County resident Cathy Fiesburg expressed her concerns and opposition on illegal immigrants being able to vote. She stressed to the Committee that there needs to be a county sanctuary policy put in place before giving illegal immigrants any privileges.

Kane County resident Brian Anderson shared his opposition and concerns on non-citizens having the right to vote. He stated that there are rights that born and raised American citizens have, that non-citizens do not have.

Kane County resident Frank Esposito shared his concerns on illegal immigrants being able to vote. He stated that immigrants need to be coming to this country the legal way before given that privilege.

Dennis Syllar indicated the effects illegal immigrants will have on the Census counts nationally for this year.

Kim Sieber shared her opposition on giving illegal immigrants the right to vote.

6. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

7. Finance**A. Monthly Finance Reports (attached)**

The monthly reports are on file.

8. Recorder**A. Monthly Report (attached)**

The monthly report is on file.

9. Treasurer / Collector**A. Monthly Report (attached)**

Treasurer Lauzen stated that the monthly report for collections was submitted. The process of collecting \$1.5B of property taxes from 195K property tax payers from individual parcels continues.

10. Supervisor of Assessments**A. Monthly Report (attached)**

Sup. of Assessments Armstrong stated that the 2024 applications for low income senior citizen assessment freeze homestead exemptions were mailed out. Last month, there were 61 senior freeze applications processed for 2023. Armstrong noted that the senior citizen exemption reduces the tax base by \$179M, with a 1.03 increase in Kane County's tax rate.

11. Regional Office of Education

ROE Supt. Dal Santo reminded the Committee that the Annual Educator of the Year banquet will be on Friday, May 3, 2024 to honor all of the educators in the county. There are 57 nominees this year. Assistant ROE Supt. Oliver stated that her team provides a 12-month education program, that includes 300 minutes a day to students at the Juvenile Justice Center.

12. Veteran's Assistance Commission**A. Monthly Report (attached)**

VAC Supt. Zimmerman stated that Veterans received \$836K in new benefits for the month of January. He noted that on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 3 p.m. there will be a Veteran's Treatment Court Graduation in courtroom 201 at the Judicial Center. On Friday, April 26, 2024 at Elgin Community College at Building E, there will be a table set up for the Senior Health and Wellness fair. Lastly, Zimmerman announced that the Village of South Elgin began selling engraved bricks for the Veteran's Plaza as part of the new Police station. The bricks sell for \$75.

B. Acknowledging Annual Review of Number of Procurement Cards Issued to the Kane County Veteran's Assistance Commission and Each of their Transactions

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	David Young
SECONDER:	Clifford Surges
AYE:	Jarett Sanchez, David Young, Michelle Gumz, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Corinne M. Pierog

13. County Clerk**A. Monthly Report (attached)**

Co. Clk. staff Pollock stated that monthly reports are on file. He announced that there are a total of 5,600 outstanding vote-by-mail ballots. The new voting machines were a success. Voters gave positive feedback on having the option to vote from anywhere. Pollock stated that the County Clerk's Office is in the process of extending tax bills, calculating the rates, and sending to the Treasurer's office. Pollock addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

B. Acknowledging Annual Review of Number of Procurement Cards Issued to the Kane County Clerk's Office and Each of their Transaction Limits

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	David Young
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Jarett Sanchez, David Young, Michelle Gumz, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
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14. Other Business**A. A Proclamation by the Kane County Board Opposing Non-Citizen Voting**

Chairman Sanchez presented this Proclamation. Committee Member Gumz made a motion to table the proclamation. Committee Member Tepe seconded. The motion carried by roll call vote failed.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Clifford Surges
AYE:	David Young, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Rick Williams
NAY:	Jarett Sanchez, Michelle Gumz, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Corinne M. Pierog

15. Executive Session (If Needed)

None.

16. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Vern Tepe

17. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	David Young

This meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary