



Kane County

KC Administration Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

KIOUS, Juby, Arroyo, Garcia, Gumz, D. Young, K. Young, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair) and Pierog (County Chair)

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

10:30 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Kious called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT:	Board Member Chris Kious, Board Member Leslie Juby, Alex Arroyo, Sonia Garcia, Michelle Gumz, David Young, Kimberley Young, Bill Roth and Corinne M. Pierog
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Also present: Co. Bd. Members Allan, Linder, Molina*; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Harris, Lasky, Roff, Clark, Smith, Peters, Walker, Tedder; State's Attorney Mosser* & staff Frank, Ford; KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert & staff Way; KC Historian Shepro; Chief Judge Villa & staff Di Giovanni, O'Brien, Mathis; Dev. Preservation Planner Thavong; Auditor Wegman; Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson; Purchasing Dir. Keovongsak; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

There were no remote attendance requests for today's meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2026

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz

5. Public Comment

Kane County Board Member and resident, David Young, spoke on First Amendment retaliation. He stated that the United States Constitution First Amendment provides that Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech. He explained that the phrase "abridging of speech" means that the government is prohibited from punishing or censoring individuals for what they say. The clause applies to federal, state, and local governments, including the Kane County Board. Young stated that First Amendment retaliation refers to adverse actions taken by a government official in response to an individual's exercise of their First Amendment Rights. He explained that to demonstrate First Amendment retaliation of an individual who showed engagement in expression protected by the First Amendment, a government official would have took adverse action against an individual, and the individual's protected expression motivated the official to take adverse action. He stated that courts have repeatedly held

that state and local officials cannot retaliate against free speech, suppress speech based on view points, use government authority to silence critics, and coerce third parties in helping to suppress speech. He explained that 42 USC, Section 1983 has been violated by County Board Member Chris Kious. He stated that possible remedies from a civil liability lawsuit include monetary damages, which include emotional distress, reputation harm, financial losses, and ongoing harm caused by retaliation or suppression and violation of constitutional rights. He noted that civil rights damages often exceeds tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars depending on severity. He added that punitive damages can be substantial, if the government's conduct was malicious, reckless, willful, or intended to suppress or punish constitutional rights. Young explained that in finding that a local official violated a citizen's First Amendment Rights is a public scandal. He stated that when an elected official decides to send out emails to make a call to action against someone, they can be faced with severe consequences.

6. Finance Report

A. Monthly Finance Reports

Chairman Kious stated the monthly financial reports were on file. No additional report was made.

7. Executive Director's Report (R. Fahnestock)

ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock stated that at today's meeting there were a few guests that will speak in support for a neutral exchange, supervised time location at the Third Street Court House. He explained that today's presentation will culminate into a recommendation for a neutral exchange family center. He stated that there is a partnership being proposed between the Kane County Judiciary, Kane County Bar Foundation, and the County Board. He noted that this proposal was brought to him by Chief Judge Villa and Judge Di Giovanni. He explained that after the presentation, staff will be seeking a consensus from the Committee to agree with the financial aspects of this project and to move forward with the development of a neutral exchange family center.

Fahnestock presented the Neutral Exchange Supervised Time (NEST) Renovation Project of the Annex Building located at 401 Campbell Street, Geneva. He reviewed a brochure that describes thae NEST Program, the vision and mission, and the overall plan for the courthouse annex building. He shared the past historic use of the annex building. He reviewed the proposal for the NEST Project. (Madam Chairman Pierog arrived in-person at 10:40 a.m.) He stated that the renovation of the Annex Building would cost \$200K, which \$100K would be covered by Judicial Facility Fees and \$100K would come from the Capital Projects List. He explained that the building would not need any structural changes, but would need a new roof, HVAC system, windows, siding, doors, break area, restrooms, paint, flooring, lighting, security, and accessibility improvements. Additionally, signage and landscaping would need to be installed. Fahnestock stated that the furnishings and decorations would be provided by "In Kind" donations. Lastly, the County would need to decide if the building would be leased to the Kane County Bar Foundation for NEST, or simply have an agreement with them to run the program out of the annex building. Fahnestock provided a breakdown of the

budgetary estimates for the 1,800 square foot building renovation. He shared a map of the location of the building and photographs of the conditions inside and outside of the building. He described what work would be need to be addressed. He further addressed the funding of this project and the approval needed to move forward.

Chief Judge Villa explained the need for improving assets in Kane County. He spoke on the improvements made to the Third Street Courthouse, Kane County Diagnostic Center, and the partnership with the Kane County Bar Foundation with the shift of the Driver Safety Program from Waubensee Community College to them. Additionally, they have worked with the Bar Association on the proposed project of a NEST location. He spoke on the traumatic experiences of neutral exchange sites for children. He stated that it is the Kane County Judiciary's goal to help the Kane County Bar Foundation with the ability to fund the operations of NEST and the facility itself.

Presiding Judge of the Family Division in Kane County, Kim Di Giovanni, spoke on the 2025 case filings involving children. She addressed the need for this type of exchange center. She stated that the Kane County Bar Association and the County held a fundraiser to help support this NEST location. She spoke on the availability and access this location at the Third Street Courthouse holds as an exchange family center. She explained that the Kane County Bar Foundation would provide the support needed, such as mental health providers, security, and funding. Villa and Di Giovanni addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued. The Committee provided consensus to partner with the Kane County Judiciary and the Kane County Bar Foundation to move forward with the NEST project.

Fahnestock stated that the Committee will need to address the landscaping contract for County facilities. He explained that the Building Management Department (BLD) will need direction from the Committee on how to move forward with obtaining a landscaping contract. He stated that this could go out to bid again, but it is likely that the County would receive many of the same vendors. He spoke on the timing of this contract due to the spring weather approaching and the work that is needed. He asked the Committee for their consensus to either have a scope review and present the resolution for a contract with Ratliff Landscaping, or to choose the second lowest qualified bidder. Much discussion ensued.

The Committee provided a consensus to have BLD work with the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) and the Purchasing Department to possibly accept the second lowest qualified bidder and place a resolution on the next Executive Committee meeting agenda. Further discussion ensued on the appeal rights of the first lowest qualified bidder. The SAO asked for more time to review this matter to further advise the Committee. The Committee conceded.

8. Building Management (K. Harris)

Chairman Kious requested the Committee move to agenda item: Building Management: 8C. The Committee conceded.

A. Authorizing Number of Procurement Cards Issued to the Building Management Department and Each of Their Transaction Limits

BLD Dir. Harris stated that this is an annual housekeeping resolution. He explained that there has been no change in the transaction limits from FY2025. He stated that procurement cards allow the Building Management Department (BLD) to purchase items that are found to be lower in cost on non-standard parts and address any emergent situations.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Sonia Garcia
AYE:	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz, Board Member Young and Board Member Young
AWAY:	Board Member Arroyo

B. Authorizing a Contract Extension for Kane County Elevator Preventative Maintenance Services for the Building Management Department (BID# 23-011)

BLD Dir. Harris introduced this resolution. He explained that this is a first contract extension with Urban Elevator, who provide all of the maintenance work on the elevators throughout the County. He noted that there are two additional extensions, if the County decides to grant them. Harris addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby
AYE:	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz, Board Member Young and Board Member Young

- C. Authorizing Updated Capital Projects from the Capital Fund
KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Kimberley Young
AYE:	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz, Board Member Young and Board Member Young

The Committee moved to agenda item: Building Management: 8A.

9. Information Technologies (C. Lasky)

- A. Authorizing Number of Procurement Cards Issued to the Information Technologies Department and Each of Their Transaction Limits
ITD CIO Lasky stated that this resolution is in response to the annual process to approve the procurement card limits. He noted that the transaction limits and single purchase limits have remained the same from last year.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Alex Arroyo
SECONDER:	Sonia Garcia
AYE:	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz, Board Member Young and Board Member Young

- B. Approving the County of Kane Compliance Statement for Website Accessibility
ITD CIO Lasky introduced this resolution. He explained that this is in response to the new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance requirements for public-facing websites and digital communications from the County. Based on this, the Information Technologies Department (ITD) staff have worked with the Kane County State's Attorney's Office (SAO) to draft a County of Kane Accessibility Compliance Statement. Once it is approved by the County Board, the compliance statement will be placed on Kane County websites. Additionally, a Laserfiche form will be made available for those wanting to file a complaint on anything on the website that is not ADA compliant, so that the County can evaluate the issue.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Kimberley Young
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby
AYE:	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz, Board Member Young and Board Member Young

- C. Authorizing a Contract for the Information Technologies Department with Walker and Associates, Inc. dba Netceed & Alxtel for Juniper, Cisco, Fortinet & Support Services (RFP# 26-004-Tk)

ITD CIO Lasky introduced this resolution. He explained that this is in response to a bid that went out through the Purchasing Department to purchase network, gears, services, software, and support. He stated that this will cover all equipment used to maintain the fiber network and wireless access points throughout the County. He explained that Walker and Associates, Inc. and Alxtel have been rewarded the contract due to their pricing on two separate items. Lasky addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Alex Arroyo
SECONDER:	Sonia Garcia
AYE:	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz, Board Member Young and Board Member Young

- D. Authorizing Execution of a Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and Other Documents Necessary to Participate in a Purchasing Cooperative with AT&T, and Authorizing the Purchase of Telecommunications Services Under Said Agreement by Kane County

ITD CIO Lasky introduced this resolution. He explained that this resolution authorizes the Information Technologies Department (ITD) to continue to purchase services through AT&T under the contract that was done by the State of Illinois. He stated that the County would be joining the cooperative to get pricing the State negotiated. He explained that this is how the County has maintained access to most of the AT&T services utilized throughout the years. He added that the state contract has provided the best option to do so.

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SECONDER:	Alex Arroyo
AYE:	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz, Board Member Young and Board Member Young

E. Authorizing a License Agreement for Dark Fiber with ISI Communications, Inc.

ITD CIO Lasky introduced this resolution. He explained that this resolution is the first fiber license agreement since the change in legislation occurred. He stated that GIS Dir. Lebo and ASA Ford worked together on this agreement and that the final language was finalized this morning. He explained that this would be an agreement that would bring to the County \$44,648.95. He stated that this is a four-year agreement for a section of fiber that is coming off of the SBA Data Center.

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SECONDER:	Kimberley Young
AYE:	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz, Board Member Young and Board Member Young

10. Geographic Information Systems (K. Lebo)

None.

11. Mill Creek SSA (R. Fahnestock)

A. Authorizing a Contract Extension with Langton Group for the Mill Creek SSA Landscape Maintenance Services Program (Tree Related Services) (BID# 24-025-TK)

ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock introduced this resolution. He explained that this would be covered by the Mill Creek Special Service Area (MCSSA) funds. This is the first year of a three-year extension. Fahnestock noted that Mill Creek has had a good experience with Langton Group. He added that this contract is in the amount not to exceed \$200K.

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TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Alex Arroyo
AYE:	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz, Board Member Young and Board Member Young

- B. Authorizing a Contract Extension for the Purchase of Trades, Labor, Materials, and Related Services for Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal with Precision Concrete Cutting, Inc. for the Mill Creek Special Service Area (Tips Contract #23010402)
 ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock introduced this resolution. He explained that this is a service contract to remove trip hazards in the Mill Creek Special Service Area (MCSSA). He stated that Precision Concrete Cutting, Inc. has already addressed thousand of tripping hazards within MCSSA. He explained that this company will give recommendations on where trip hazards need to be addressed. He stated that this extension is seeking to approve an additional up to \$150K to address these matters. He noted that this program has been widely appreciated by residents. Fahnestock addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

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TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Alex Arroyo
AYE:	Chris Kious, Board Member Juby, Board Member Arroyo, Board Member Garcia, Board Member Gumz, Board Member Young and Board Member Young

12. Vehicles

None.

13. New Business

A. Facility Use of the Judicial Center Parking Lot for The Fox River Trail Runners Charity Event

ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock introduced this Facility Use Request. He explained that this request is for the use of the Kane County's Judicial Center parking lot for the Fox River Runners Charity Event on May 3, 2026 from 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. He noted that there would be approximately 500 to 800 participants for this event. He stated that Chief Judge Villa has approved this facility use request. Fahnestock addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued. Fahnestock spoke about the online form that was developed to address questions for Facility Use Requests.

The Committee provided a consensus to approve this facility use request.

14. Old Business

A. Discussion: Committee Goals

Chairman Kious introduced the discussion on 2026 Committee Goals. He stated that the proposed Committee goals were emailed out to all Committee Members for review.

Committee Member Juby stated that since this is a governance committee, she reviewed the previous goals to separate the work of the Committee from the work of staff. She tried to realign it within the Committee's governance. She addressed the six proposed 2026 Committee Goals.

Committee Member Gumz would like to add a goal that addresses the County properties and the possibility of leasing, selling, and buying property. Discussion ensued.

Kious stated that any changes to the Committee Goals to be sent to all members before next month's meeting.

15. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz

16. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

17. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Alex Arroyo
SECONDER:	Sonia Garcia

This meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM.

Savannah Zgobica
Sr. Recording Secretary