

Kane County

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

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, May 7, 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 Michelle Gumz
	Board Member Leslie Juby
	Board Member Chris Kious
	Board Member Anita Lewis
	Board Member Michael Linder
	Board Member Myrna Molina
	Board Member Jarett Sanchez
	Board Member Cherryl Strathmann
	Board Member Clifford Surges
	Board Member Vern Tepe
	Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth
REMOTE	Board Member Dale Berman
	Board Member Rick Williams

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Gripe, Lenert*, Penesis*; Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson; PIO Mann; HRM Exec. Dir. Lobrillo; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Lasky*, Harris, Peters; SOA Armstrong; Auditor Wegman; Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt*; SAO staff Frank, Hunt*; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson* & staff Snowden*; KDOT Dir. Zakosek & staff Rickert; Environ. & Water Res. Dir. Wollnik & staff Ryan; and members of the press and public including McGuireWoods' Senior Vice Presidents Greg Bales*, Louie Mossos*, and James Sherwood*.

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 and Williams attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. Approval of Minutes: April 2, 2025

RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOVER: Chris Kious

6. Public Comment

Kane County Board Member, District 19, and resident, Mo Iqbal, spoke on the Transportation Committee's Motorcycle Safety Awareness Proclamation. He stated that at the Transportation Committee meeting he opposed the proclamation due to the lack of mentioning the use of helmets for motorcyclists' safety. Iqbal spoke on ABATE of Illinois, Inc. While researching, Iqbal found that this is a brotherhood organization that will be honored if this proclamation is passed by the County Board. He reviewed the contents of ABATE's website that does not show or mention the use of helmets. He reviewed ABATE's mission. He spoke on legislation that ABATE has opposed.

Brian Anderson, Sugar Grove, stated that he attended the April 23, 2025, Finance Committee meeting, which was the first meeting held after the Consolidated Election. He urged County Board Members and public to review the meeting. At the two hour mark of the meeting, Anderson grew perplexed when Committee Member Tepe spoke on the budget process becoming adversarial with elected officials. Anderson hopes that the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) and other elected officials do not become adversarial with the budget process and everyone can work together in a professional manner. Anderson spoke on the May 1, 2025 Special Finance Committee meeting. At this meeting, Finance Committee Chairman Berman stated that the budget would be put on those County Board members who did not vote in favor of the Sales Tax Referendum. He addressed County Board Member Bates' presentation. He mentioned that the presentation should have been reviewed by all County Board members due to it being the basics of finance. He stated that the County's budget is most important. However, instead of the County Board starting the budget process in the normal time frame, the County Board has waited to start the conversation now, after the overwhelming opposition to the Sales Tax Referendum. Anderson stated that County Board Member Bates has been sitting on this Board for five years, but has only now been learning how the County's finances work. He mentioned that while doing his own research he was able to learn about 95% of the information presented by Bates. He reminded the Finance Committee that they had a chance in December 2024 to vote for County Board Member Sanchez in becoming the new Chairman of the Finance Committee. It was a 13 to 9 vote, which was shut down by the Chairman of the Board. Anderson stated that he does not believe that the Board, based on statute, have the authority to replace Finance Chairman Berman. He called upon Berman to resign as the Chairman and let Bill Lenert become the new Chairman of the Finance Committee. (Committee Member Allan arrived in-person at 9:14 a.m.)

Michelle Bettag, St. Charles, stated that on August 8, 2023, Kane County approved the Responsible Bidder Ordinance (RBO). In her opinion, this ordinance is something the County needs to look at to correct overspending in Kane County. Bettag explained that

the RBO has made it impossible for private businesses, small businesses, and nonunion businesses to bid on work in Kane County. This has increased costs of projects. Bettag stated that County Board Chairman Pierog and other County Board members have received donations from unions. She mentioned that this ordinance may be a payback for those donations. She urged the County Board to go back to hiring private businesses with the proper education, training, and approval to do work in Kane County. She spoke on the flooring bid that was done on July 25, 2024. She stated that the winner of the bid, Marzetti, Inc., cost considerably more than the others. She was confused that an out-of-county business would be doing the work, instead of Family Flooring of Saint Charles, who was the lowest bidder. Family Flooring has been a part of Kane County for the past 15 years and has had a good track record. Bettag stated that this is just one way that County can cut the budget. She spoke on discussions she has had with other residents on the increased tax bill. She stated that the people of Kane County have had enough. She explained that she does not want to see an increase in the Motor Fuel Tax or another referendum in order to help the County out of their financial situation. Lastly, Bettag stated that as a department head, an inventory of finances needs to occur in order to find out exactly what each department has and how they can compensate the County's overspending.

7. Monthly Financials (K. Hopkinson)

A. Monthly Finance Reports

Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson stated the monthly financial reports were on file. She mentioned that the Budget Kick-Off meetings have been scheduled with elected officials and department heads. The meetings are set to begin next Thursday, May 15, 2025, and Friday, May 16, 2025. At the meetings, Finance staff will be reviewing the mechanics on how the offices/departments will be inputting their budgeting information into NewWorld. Hopkinson spoke on the two resolutions listed on today's agenda regarding Longmeadow Parkway bonds. She explained that the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) has received the remaining grant money from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to reimburse the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge cost. Therefore, Kane County now has enough money to fully defease the total revenue bonds. She noted that the money has been deposited and the Kane County Treasurer has invested it. Hopkinson explained that the ordinance will need to be approved by the County Board in order to fully defease the bonds. The related resolution that is listed on today's agenda is to make budget adjustments to accommodate all the transfers that need to be made. She is looking forward to having all the money with the County's escrow agent by the end of this month, in order for the County to be able to call the bonds by 2028, save millions of dollars in interest payments, and pay off the debt. (Committee Member Berman arrived remotely at 9:19 a.m.) Hopkinson addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued on the FY2026 Budget process.

Chairman Pierog recommended that the Finance Committee hold another special meeting to discuss the budget cut percentage for departments and offices. Further discussion ensued.

8. PIO Update (J. Mann)

PIO Mann provided an update of the activities of her office. She spoke on the Community Speaking Bureaus initiative. This was brought up by Madam Chairman Pierog and County Board Member Linder regarding the creation of a community speaking bureau to support community groups interested in specific aspects of Kane County Government. Mann is currently exploring the feasibility and engaging interest in this from County deaprtments/offices. She provided Kane County Connects' social media outreach highlights. She shared numerous articles that generated high community interest, such as the County Board's approval of the historic landmark status of Echo Valley Farm in Campton Hills. Mann listed several community engagement events that she attended, such as the Kane County Judicial Center's Law Day. She reminded the Committee that County Board Members and/or staff that want to bring proclamations forward, must report them to the Public Information Officer's (PIO) Office to ensure consistency and proper processing. Mann stated that the Kane County Judiciary has created a newsletter, Kane County Quarterly. She recommended that all members subscribe to receive the newsletter. She commended the Kane County Health Department (KCHD) on a successful Safe Kane Drive-Thru event. She mentioned that the Kane County Drug Court Graduation would take place on May 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Kane Branch County. Mann listed upcoming events throughout the County, such as the Kane County Animal Control (KCAC) Rabies Vaccination event, Recycling event, and Swedish Day Parade.

9. **Old Business**

Committee Member Gumz requested that the Committee move to the Legislative Update. The Committee provided consensus. The Committee moved to the Legislative Update.

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None.

11.	Preliminary County Board Agenda:
	CONSENT AGENDA

Administration

A. Authorizing Execution of a Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement to Participate in a Purchasing Cooperative with Midland Paper and Authorizing the Purchase of Paper and Envelopes Under Said Agreement by Kane County (Contract# P-76708)

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez

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

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

Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

B. Authorizing a Contract Extension for Commercial Floor Coverings and Related Services with Mohawk Industries Through OMNIA Partners (Contract# 2020002149)

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

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

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

C. Ratifying an Emergency Purchase Affidavit for the Purchase of Judicial Center Chiller System Upgrades

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez

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

Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe.

Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

D. Authorizing a Contract for the Kane County Judicial Center Pavement Improvement Project with Geneva Construction Company, Inc. (BID# 25-014-TK)

Committee Member Kious stated that County Board Members received an email from ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock that included updated pavement condition pictures.

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Michael Linder

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

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

E. Authorizing Additional Judicial Facility Construction Funds for General Construction Services with MRRW Construction, LLC (BID# 23-032)

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

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

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

Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

F. Authorizing Additional Funds for Fiber Optic Support Services with Nat Tech, LLC d/b/a National Technology, LLC NTI for the Information Technologies Department

Chairman Pierog requested clarification on the significant amount of money that will be set aside for Fiber Optic Support Services. She questioned what the fiber optics would be used for. ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock explained that at the beginning of the year, the County Board authorized National Technologies, LLC (NTI) to do up to \$500K of work. In the time spent scheduling and completing the engineering work, the County added a new building in Elgin that will house satellite offices. Additionally, a connection will be developed between KaneComm, TriCom, and the Kane County Judicial Center, which will build a fiber optic connection between public safety entities. Fahnestock stated that both of these projects have finished the engineering aspect. The TriComm, KaneComm, and Judicial Center project has permits and is under construction. This resolution is to receive authorization to spend up to \$800K, instead of \$500K. Fahnestock anticipates this will cost approximately \$700K. He noted that this is budgeted in a Special Fund and would not affect the County's General Fund. Fahnestock addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Cherryl Strathmann

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

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

G. Authorizing 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)

Committee Member Kious motioned to move the following two items forward, Sanchez seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez

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

Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe.

Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

H. Authorizing a Contract for the Kane County Mill Creek Special Service Area for Curbside Brush Pick-up Services Program with Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. (BID# 25-012-TK)

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez

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

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

Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

I. Authorizing the Purchase of Two Vehicles from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc.
Using the State of Illinois Contract for the Building Management Department

Chairman Pierog questioned the need for these vehicles. ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock explained that both of the old vehicles were scored by the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) for viability. He provided details on the conditions of each of the old vehicles. He shared photographs and the Replacement Guidelines Calculation Sheets of each of the vehicles. Fahnestock explained that the Building Management Department (BLD) maintenance staff utilize these trucks to move equipment and people from campus to campus. He noted that these vehicles were budgeted in the FY2025 Budget. He shared that BLD staff is currently sharing vehicles, which has increased the time spent on

jobs. Fahnestock addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez

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

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

Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

Agriculture

A. 2025 Proclamation Recognizing Steve Pitstick as a Master Farmer Award Recipient

Committee Member Juby motioned to move this proclamation forward and to be placed off consent on the County Board agenda for May 13, 2025, Roth seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe,

Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

Finance

A. Approving March 2025 Claims Paid

Committee Ex-Officio Roth asked the Committee if there were any resolutions that need to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Committee Member Juby removed item J. Committee Member Surges removed item B. Chairman Pierog removed items E and F.

Roth motioned to move resolutions A, C, D, G through I forward, Bates 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, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe,

Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

B. Authorizing Updates to the County's Health Plan

Committee Member Surges explained that this resolution is in response to a mandate from Springfield. He explained that at the Human Services Committee much detail was shared on how this would be implemented. He stated that Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) will be building this coverage into insurance rates. He noted that the County does have the funds to cover additional expenses that may come with this mandate.

HRM Exec. Dir. Lobrillo stated that BCBS did make this coverage the default for other County's insurance plans. She noted that she will be presenting rate options at the next Human Services Committee meeting. She explained that the County's Health Insurance Reserve Fund is healthy and will be able to absorb any extra costs. She stated that if the County Board is interested in reviewing options to save money through the Health Plan, the most effective way to do so is to review providers. She noted that these conversations will be had at the Human Services Committee for feedback. Lobrillo addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Clifford Surges

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

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

C. Authorizing an Agreement with Motorola for the Starcom Radio Management System

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, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe,

Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

D. Authorizing Subaward Agreement with Northern Illinois Food Bank for Partnership and Utilization of Composting and Food Waste Reduction Funds

Environ. Mgmt. Recycling Coordinator Ryan explained that the grant application was submitted in September 2024. The County received notification that the sub-award would be granted in December 2024. Ryan stated that the County Board passed a resolution to accept the money in January 2025. A signed cooperative agreement from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) was received in March 2025. However, the grant funds have not shown up in the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP), which is the Federal Finance Management System. The USDA uses this system to manage these types of awards. Ryan stated that the USDA is still on pause due to the transition of government. Ryan stated that Environ. & Water Res. Dir. Wollnik and herself recommend passing these resolutions because if the funding shows up, staff can move forward with signing the sub-agreements. Ryan addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued. Ryan noted that the information shared pertains to the following three resolutions.

Committee Member Tepe motioned to postpone resolutions D, E, and F indefinitely until funding is secured, Juby seconded. Discussion ensued. Tepe removed his motion and Juby removed her second.

Further discussion ensued on the need for an amendment.

Committee Ex-Officio Roth motioned to table the following three resolutions in order to receive the proper wording for the amendment, Bates seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The Committee moved to item J.

SAO Chief of Civil Frank stated that the amendment should include a NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED clause that states, "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kane County Board, subject to and upon confirmation of available CFWR funding, authorizes its Chairman to enter into a sub-award

agreement, with terms based on the draft agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A, with Northern Illinois Food Bank in the amount of \$211,200 (Two Hundred and Eleven Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars) of CFWR funds, to be distributed as reimbursement for eligible expenses incurred on or after the date of final sub-award signature through February 28, 2027.

Roth motioned to remove these three resolutions from being tabled, Surges seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Roth motioned to amend this resolution to include the NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED clause that was read aloud by Frank, Bates 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, Leslie Juby, Chris

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

Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

NAY: Michelle Gumz, and Anita Lewis

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

E. Authorizing Subaward Agreement with Advocate Sherman Hospital for Partnership and Utilization of Composting and Food Waste Reduction Funds

Committee Ex-Officio Roth motioned to amend this resolution to include, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kane County Board authorizes its Chairman, subject to and upon confirmation of available CFWR funding, to enter into a sub-award agreement, with terms based on the draft agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A, with Advocate Sherman Hospital in the amount of \$53,156 (Fifty-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Six Dollars) of CFWR funds, to be distributed as reimbursement for eligible expenses incurred on or after the date of final sub-award signature through February 28, 2027. Committee Member Strathmann seconded the amendment. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth SECONDER: Chris Kious

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

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

Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

NAY: Michelle Gumz, and Anita Lewis

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

F. Authorizing Subaward Agreement with the Kane County Cougars for Partnership and Utilization of Composting and Food Waste Reduction Funds

Committee Ex-Officio Roth motioned to amend this resolution to include, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kane County Board authorizes its Chairman, subject to and upon confirmation of available CFWR funding, to enter into a sub-award agreement, with terms based on the draft agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A, with the Cougars in the amount of \$18,325 (Eighteen Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars) of CFWR funds, to be distributed as reimbursement for eligible expenses incurred on or after the date of final sub-award signature through February 28, 2027. Committee Member Bates seconded the amendment. 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, Leslie Juby, Chris

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

Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

NAY: Michelle Gumz, and Anita Lewis

G. Authorizing Budget Adjustment for the Lead Poisoning Prevention and Response Grant

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, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe.

Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

H. Emergency Appropriation for Transfer of Funds from the Recovery Zone Bond Debt Service Fund #622 to the Pasadena Drive Special Billing Area SW48 #5311

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, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe,

Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

I. Amending Kane County Financial Policies Related to Travel

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, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe,

J. Reserve Policy for General Fund - General Account

Committee Member Sanchez explained, based on the conversation that was had at the last Finance Committee meeting, that this ordinance would make the County Board unable to spend reserve money. He addressed the language within the ordinance that states, "maintaining a reserve minimum of three months of operating expenditures". He stated that if the County had an emergent situation where the County needed to utilize reserves, they would not be able to without going through the complete committee process, which takes about two months. He recommended that language be added to this ordinance that states that the County Board cannot budget the three months of reserves in the annual budget.

Committee Member Juby explained that she did not support this ordinance at the Finance Committee meeting due to the lack of correct data. She stated that at the April 23, 2025, Finance Committee meeting, Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson stated that the only way money could be taken from Fund 112 is through County Board authorization. Secondly, Juby explained that because of the way the County receives the allotment of Property Taxes, as of April 14, 2025, Fund 001 (General Fund) did not have a 90-Day reserve amount. She stated that if the County did have this ordinance in place, then the County would have been in violation and would have to move approximately \$9M from Fund 112 to Fund 001, immediately. She questioned why the County Board would pass an ordinance, that would be in violation twice a year. Thirdly, Juby inquired why Fund 112 is a restricted fund. Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson stated that the County's Financial Policies state that Special Reserve Funds can be moved at the direction of the County Board. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Pierog understood that if the County does not have a 90-day reserve amount, and needed funds, the County Board would need to transfer money out of the operational fund. However, by the end of the fiscal year, the County Board would need to replenish this in order to maintain the 90-day reserve amount through the Special Reserve Fund 112. Pierog noted that it is best practice for the County to have a 90-Day Reserve Fund. She noted that transfers are under the jurisdiction of the County Board. Much discussion ensued.

Committee Member Surges motioned to hold this ordinance over until the next Finance Committee meeting on May 28, 2025, for revisions, Sanchez seconded. Motion passed with a 12-3 vote. (Committee Member Sanchez left at 11:19 a.m.)

The Committee moved back to items D, E, and F.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT: HELD OVER

TO: KC Finance and Budget Committee

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Chris Kious, Michael

Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

NAY: Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, and Anita Lewis

Jobs

A. Authorizing Kane County's Continuing Participation in the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Anita Lewis

SECONDER: Deborah Allan

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

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

and Bill Roth

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

Public Health

A. Authorizing Adoption of 2024-2027 Community Health Improvement Plan by Kane County Board

Committee Member Strathmann provided additional information on this resolution. Discussion ensued.

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Cherryl Strathmann

SECONDER: Michael Linder

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

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

Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

Transportation

A. Proclaiming May 2025 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in Kane County

Committee Member Tepe motioned to move this proclamation forward and to be placed off consent of the County Board agenda for May 13, 2025, Surges seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Clifford Surges

AYE: Corinne M. Pierog, Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman,

Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern

Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth

B. Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants

Committee Member Tepe motioned to move the following nine resolutions forward, Roth seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Bill Roth

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

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

and Bill Roth

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

C. Approving a Technical Services Agreement Between the Regional Transit Authority and the County of Kane for the Ride in Kane Program, Contract No. S5310-2024-05, Federal Project No. IL-2024-004, Program Phase 21 & 22 Mobility Management

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Bill Roth

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

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

and Bill Roth

D. Approving Amendment No. 2 to an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Kane and City of St. Charles for Access and Improvements to Randall Road from IL Route 64 to Dean Street

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Bill Roth

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

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

and Bill Roth

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

E. Approving the Kane County 5-Year FY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Bill Roth

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

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

and Bill Roth

F. Approving a \$127,892.80 Contract for Construction with Steffens 3D Construction, Inc. of Toluca, Illinois for 2025 Virgil Township Bituminous Surface Treatment, Section No. 25-16000-02-GM

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Bill Roth

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

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

and Bill Roth

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

G. Approving a \$128,909.90 Contract for Construction with Geske and Sons, Inc. of Crystal Lake, Illinois for 2025 Rutland Township Road District, Section No. 25-13000-01-GM

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Bill Roth

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

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

and Bill Roth

H. Approving Amendment No. 2 to the Phase I Engineering Services Agreement with Alfred Benesch & Company of Chicago, Illinois for Randall Road Multi Modal Improvements, Kane County Section No. 21-00539-00-TD

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Bill Roth

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

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

and Bill Roth

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

I. Authorizing Acquisition of Real Property for Randall Road at Big Timber Road Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00369-01-CH

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Bill Roth

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

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

and Bill Roth

J. Approving Acquisition of Highway Right of Way for Randall Road at Illinois Route 72, Elgin, Illinois, Kane County Section No. 19-00514-00-WR, Parcel No. 1PK0004

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board WOVER: Vern Tepe SECONDER: Bill Roth

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

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

and Bill Roth

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

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

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Cherryl Strathmann

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

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

and Bill Roth

B. Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request

Committee Member Bates recommended that County vehicles be utilized for travel by staff and/or elected officials as a cost saving measure.

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Cherryl Strathmann

SECONDER: Michael Linder

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

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

and Bill Roth

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

C. Authorizing Interim Director of Workforce Development

Chairman Pierog provided additional information on this resolution. Pierog and Committee Member Lewis addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Clifford Surges

SECONDER: Cherryl Strathmann

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

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

and Bill Roth

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

D. Approving First Amendment to Agreement Between County of Kane and the Kane County Economic Development Corporation

Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff stated that this is an administrative change to the agreement that was authorized last fall by the County Board. There is zero change in the funding amount. VanKerkhoff stated that the administrative change is a request for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) staff to be able to pay bills. Another change is the removal of categories of work. It is best for

processing the bills to not have these categories as restricted items. The State's Attorney's Office suggested that Appendix A be replaced in its entirety with a more detailed list of the eligible expenses. VanKerkhoff addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Clifford Surges

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

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

and Bill Roth

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

E. An Ordinance Providing for the Payment of Toll Bridge Revenue Bonds (Sales Tax Supported), Series 2018, of the County of Kane, Illinois, in Advance of Maturity, and Authorizing and Directing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement in Connection Therewith

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Bill Roth

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

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

and Bill Roth

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

F. Emergency Appropriation for Budget Amendments Related to the Reimbursement of Grant Funds, Transfer of Monies to Longmeadow Debt Service Funds, and Payment to the Escrow Agent for Defeasance of the Longmeadow Toll Bridge Revenue Bonds

Chairman Pierog spoke on the return on investment of the \$30M. She explained that it cost the County approximately \$75K to work with the lobbyist on the Longmeadow Parkway Toll Bridge, with an additional \$1K for work-related travel to Springfield. For approximately \$76K, the County earned \$30M.

Committee Member Gumz thanked Committee Member Kious for his work on the Longmeadow Parkway Toll Bridge.

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Bill Roth

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

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

and Bill Roth

ABSENT: Jarett Sanchez

12. Executive Session (If Needed)

None.

13. Committee Reports

A. Madam Chairman's Comments

1. Abolishing Township Government Conference Overview

Chairman Pierog spoke on her reasoning for going to Springfield one day earlier than the scheduled Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) Conference. She stated that she attended an Abolishing Township Government Conference. She learned the potential financial impact on counties, if legislation is approved.

SOA Armstrong explained that there are multiple proposals regarding township consolidation. Currently, there is a bill in the State House of Representatives and another in the State Senate that do not affect the township code, but deals with an incremental approach of consolidating small jurisdictions for assessment purposes. One thing found with townships is the more rural one is, the better chance of needing an active Highway Commissioner. Armstrong explained that he has been working with a group on a proposal that appears to be heading to a Property Tax omnibus bill. This bill would change the multi-township assessment jurisdiction threshold from 1K population to 3K, 4K, or 5K. The bill does have the support of the Illinois Association of County Board Members, the County Assessment Officers Association, and township officials of Illinois. Armstrong stated that the danger of this is if a township does not have an assessor, all the responsibility falls on the County, which will entail expenses. Currently, the process states that if the County needs to expend this money through the budget process, due to the lack of a township assessor, a bill can be sent to the township. The downside is that a number of these township consolidation bills

would bring those functions into township government with little to no additional funding, or could eliminate the number of units of government by creating special new taxing districts that the County would administer. Armstrong stated that he is in favor of the smaller incremental way. He noted that some of these consolidating bills could add millions to the County's FY2026 Budget. Armstrong addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

B. Legislative Update

McGuireWoods Senior Vice-President, Louis Mossos, provided a State Legislative update. He stated that over 10K bills, resolutions, and amendments have been filed since January 2025. He noted that the current legislative session is set to end on May 31, 2025. Mossos listed Kane County's priority items that are still on agenda, such as the Township Consolidation Bills. He provided additional information on these bills. The second item is the Transit Overhaul. Illinois lawmakers are actively negotiating a comprehensive transit reform package. A bill could be drafted by the end of the session to address the governess of the transit system. However, finding agreement on funding and revenue is proving to be more challenging. McGuireWoods will continue to monitor the transit overhaul. Thirdly, Mossos spoke on legislation regarding the County's ability to lease property. He mentioned that the bill stalled due to some labor opposition and the need for this type of legislation. He noted that McGuireWoods have been working to craft an agreed amendment and will try to move it forward in May 2025. Lastly, Mossos spoke on the State budget. He explained that staff has been putting the budget together. However, it will not be shared publicly until the last week of May 2025. In February, a budget outline was presented that proposed a \$55.2B balanced budget that did not rely on any new income or service taxes.

McGuireWoods Senior Vice-President, James Sherwood, provided a State Legislative update. He shared the three items that McGuireWoods have been actively pushing forward on behalf of Kane County. The top priority has been the Quick Take Legislation to ensure that the County can take advantage of the Federal and State funding that is available for the Randall Road and Hopps Road intersection project. This bill passed the Illinois Senate unanimously and has moved onto the House of Representative. Sherwood stated that Quick Take Bill is in good shape and he is optimistic that it will receive the majority vote in the House. Next, Sherwood mentioned that a request came forward from the Kane County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) regarding House Bill 2442. He explained that there was a gap in statute regarding traffic signal preemption devices. When this law was passed about ten years ago, ambulances were able to use these devices, but not local emergency vehicles. This Bill has passed the Senate Committee unanimously. Sherwood anticipates that this Bill will move through the proper channels without issues. Lastly, Sherwood spoke on the increase to the income cap for Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze. He stated that there were numerous bills introduced that would raise the cap from \$65K to \$75K or \$85K. He mentioned that the House has developed a Property Tax Working Group, in which this item will be discussed. Committee Member Tepe commended the work being done on the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze cap increase.

McGuireWoods Senior Vice-President, Greg Bales, provided the Federal Legislative update. He mentioned that the administration released the "skinny" budget with recommendations on discretionary funding levels for FY2026. He noted that FY2025 funding runs out at the end of September 2025. He explained that the Trump Administration has proposed funding levels that call for a reduction in budget authority of approximately \$163B, which is a 22% reduction from FY2025 spending. The Trump Administration is estimating trillions of dollars in savings over the next ten years with this proposal. Additionally, the Administration is seeking an increase of 13% in defense spending. Bales stated that he sent an email to County Board Members addressing the increases and decreases that are proposed by the Trump Administration. The majority of the increases would be for the U.S. Department of Transportation funding. The majority of decreases is proposed for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and health and human services. Bales stated that this is just a recommendation and that the U.S. Congress will need to set the actual spending levels. He explained the federal budget process. Concurrently with the budget process, the Administration is looking into the Budget Reconciliation Process. The Reconciliation Process is a mechanism that is utilized by the two chambers to make changes to the Tax Plan. Both chambers have passed their budget resolutions, which gives instructions to authorizing committees in the House of Representatives to come up with increases and decreases in the spending plans. They have proposed a reduction of \$1.1T over ten years. The two committees of note that McGuireWoods is paying attention to is the Energy and Commerce and Agriculture. The Energy and Commerce Committee is seeking to cut spending by \$880B in ten years. It is assumed that the only way to accomplish this is to make reduction in Medicaid spending. In the Agriculture Committee, it is assumed that cuts will be made to SNAP Benefits. However, nothing concrete has been proposed. Bales stated that the majority of Democrats would not support the Reconciliation package. Regarding health care, there was \$11B in federal funds given across the country for Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for state and local health agencies. These include pandemic preparedness programs. Bales explained that when the Trump Administration tried to cut funding to these organizations, some states and municipalities sued. Today, a Rhode Island Federal District Court has a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) on this matter. Bales stated that McGuireWoods has been tracking the court calendar. Recently, there was a request for a preliminary injunction, but there has not been a hearing on this, and the TRO remains in place. Bales explained that a federal funding tracker was shared with Board Members that the House's minority staff on the Appropriation Committee has compiled. He shared a list of the federal funding that the Trump Administration is intending to block. Lastly, Bales stated that a letter was sent out by the U.S. Department of Transportation instructing those that receive federal funds are to adhere to federal law. The focus of the letter is to state that entities who are not compliant may see their federal funding withdrawn. McGuireWoods is keeping an eye on the following long term legislation, such as the Surface Transportation Bill Reauthorization.

The Committee moved back to New Business.

C. All Other Committees

Committee Member Molina stated that May 11, 2025 through May 17, 2025 is National Police Week where time is taken to honor the sacrifice and service of law enforcement officers.

Committee Member Kious stated that the Specialty Courts Foundation will be hosting their third annual Spring Fundraiser on May 15, 2025. He asked the Committee to come and support their efforts. Kious stated that at the Administration Committee meeting a presentation will be given on the completed Geneva Creek Stabilization project. He thanked Environ. and Water Res. Dir. Wollnik, staff, Kane County Forest Preserve, and the Building Management Department for their work on the project. He noted that a tour of the stabilization project would occur directly after the Administration Committee meeting.

Committee Member Bates addressed a correction to the cost of postage for elections that she mentioned during her PowerPoint presentation at the Special Finance Committee meeting on May 1, 2025. At the meeting, she stated that the cost of postage for elections was \$2M. However, the whole election cost the County \$2M, not just the postage.

14. Adjournment

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

MOVER: Clifford Surges

SECONDER: Bill Roth

This meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Savannah Zgobica Sr. Recording Secretary