



Kane County

KC Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

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

Wednesday, September 3, 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 Cheryl Strathmann Board Member Clifford Surges Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth
REMOTE	Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Jarett Sanchez
ABSENT	Board Member Dale Berman

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Gripe, Lenert, Penesis*; Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson; PIO Mann; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock* & staff Lasky*, Kash; Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff & staff Castro; Auditor Wegman; SAO staff Frank, Hunt*; HRM Exec. Dir. Loblillo; Treasurer Lauzen; KDOT Dir. Zakosek & staff Rickert; KCHD CFO Snowden*; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt*; and members of the press and public including McGuireWoods Consulting Representatives Greg Bales*, James Sherwood*, and Kent Gaffney*.

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

4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. Approval of Minutes: August 6, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

6. Public Comment

Kane County resident, Frank Esposito, referenced page 710 of today's Committee agenda packet. He stated that Exhibit A shows a projected deficit of \$3,486,518 for the FY2026 Budget. On page 713, he explained that the graph depicted an increase in expenses from FY2020 to present day. He questioned the reasoning and changes that made this occur. Esposito explained that he is part of a group of residents that question the budgeting process. He stated that all residents want services for the community that they can afford. He explained that he has heard from Democratic and Republican residents alike, that it has become too expensive to reside in Kane County. He stated that the community group he is a part of has been handing out flyers indicating places that citizens can go to get information and make their feelings known. Esposito explained that while he was handing out flyers, (Committee Member Surges arrived in-person at 9:07 a.m.) two incidences occurred that upset him. The first was being accused of being a liar by a resident due to the flyer stating the County would be utilizing the 2.9% Consumer Price Index (CPI) to balance the budget. Secondly, Esposito explained that a resident on the opposing side approached him with a different flyer and asked him if he knew the person that was being depicted. He stated that the flyer was for the Three Headed Eagle Group. He explained that this group has speakers come before the Board on a monthly basis. He stated that he was told that a convicted felon would be speaking at their next meeting.

Kane County resident, Vicky Davidson, explained that as she has listened to the County Board and public speakers. She often hears the need to balance the budget. But, there are no talks on how to increase revenue, which lacks common sense. She stated that her tax bill that goes to the County is \$400. She noted that the additional CPI increase of 2.9% would cost her approximately \$13.00 per year. She stated that residents are up-in-arms about this increase, but she feels it is a lot of hysteria over little. She explained that the County Government has not raised taxes since 2013. The County has averaged 2.76% in inflation yearly, with a cumulative price increase of 38.7. Davidson explained that what a dollar bought in 2013, now requires \$1.39 to buy. She addressed the public comments made at the Finance Committee meeting admonishing the use of Capital Funds to balance the budget, due to the need to maintain the facilities and infrastructure. Additionally, she heard comments made by Committee members about the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to help reduce the cost of labor in auditing reports, and that the County's tech infrastructure is outdated. Davidson stated that under former Chairman Lauzen, the necessary tax increase to cover the County's necessities was not done, such as allowing the Information Technologies Department's (ITD) Technology to become outdated. Lauzen chose to not keep up facilities, while patting himself on the back for not raising taxes. This lack of stewardship by Lauzen delayed what needs to be done, which has caused the County to be in bad financial

shape. Davidson stated that Lauzen was short-sighted and used poor judgment. She explained that inflation from 2013 to present requires that revenue measures be taken. The County needs to maintain facilities and update the infrastructure.

Brian Anderson, Sugar Grove, encouraged the Committee to listen to the September 2, 2025 Strategic Plan Subcommittee meeting. He stated that it was an embarrassment. He explained that as a County taxpayer, he has witnessed a lack of real leadership. He stated that it has been 200 days since the Strategic Plan contract was signed, and the County is just now addressing it. He spoke on the obstacles faced when updating the County website, such as the background color. Anderson stated that the County has been charged \$3K thus far for the Strategic Plan. He feels that the County should pay the invoice and move on. He stated that the County has a balanced budget crisis to address and should be putting their efforts into what matters. Anderson spoke on the proposed Attrition Program, hiring freezes, and pay freezes. He stated that Strategic Plan consultants would be coming to Kane County for three days to interview 100 constituents, which equates to 500 hours. He cannot see how the County can have consultants come to speak to all stakeholders and Board members for a small amount of time and receive the results they need. Anderson spoke on County Board Member Bates' confusion on the needs of the citizens. He stated that Kane County citizens want the Board to do their job and figure out on how to raise the budget.

Kane County resident, Jenine Mehr, addressed a troubling pattern in Kane County's spending. She explained that the County is facing a massive budget shortfall in FY2026. However, the County continues to pay taxpayer dollars on consultant driven initiatives that produce very little. Mehr stated that the County has been billed \$3K for the Strategic Plan process, but has had no tangible output. She noted that the Strategic Plan contract could cost the County \$127,500. She spoke on the cost, results, and poor business practices thus far. As a business owner, she stated that she would expect a real return within a month or two. Mehr spoke on the \$75K Climate Action Plan with paleBluedot, LLC. She stated that this plan was supposed to be a blueprint on how to fight climate change, but in practice, the County has seen very little. She noted that the County cannot get their money back from the Climate Action Plan consultant, but they still have time to cut their losses with the Strategic Plan consultants before more money is wasted. She explained that these consultant projects are not solutions, but are expensive distractions that spend taxpayer funds, while the County's budget problems deepen. Mehr stated that the County's revenue is approximately \$108M, yet the Board approved budgets of \$138M. Economics 101 has said spend only what you take in. However, Kane County spends first and tries to find the additional revenue later. Mehr stated that the residents of Kane County have provided a clear message that they do not want any more taxes. However, residents are still responsible for the CPI increases. Mehr stated that taxpayers cannot keep paying for the fiscal mismanagement. Instead of consultants, Kane County should have all hands on deck for budget cutting, such as offering early retirement, implementing hiring freezes, and auditing departments. Kane County cannot afford more consultants or more taxes. Leadership should demand fiscal discipline, not reckless spending. Mehr stated the County should end wasteful contracts, stop spending taxpayers' money, and match spending with revenue.

Michelle Bettag, St. Charles, explained that the County Board reminds her of the Bob Newhart skits where he yells "Stop it!" at his therapy clients as a solution to their problems. She stated that these skit reminds her of the Kane County Board. She exclaimed, "Stop it!". She explained that the \$127K for the Kane County Strategic Plan will only collect dust. She listed the agreed upon expenses that have cost the County hundreds of thousands of dollars, all while the citizens are saying, "Stop it". Bettag spoke on her property tax increase occurring year after year. She noted that County citizens pay their fair share in taxes for the County to run efficiently. She stated that the Kane County constituents' number one concern is taxes. She urged the Board to stop spending. She stated that the County does not have a revenue problem, but a spending problem. Bettag explained that the number one asset each County Board member should have is financial wisdom and planning. She stated that a County Board member's number one job is to balance the budget. She urged the Board to listen to their constituents and terminate the Strategic Plan contract.

Committee Member Gumz requested that the Committee move to agenda item 14B: Legislative Update. The Committee provided consensus.

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 FY2025 to Date - Key Indicators. She stated that the FY2025 Amended Budget's revenue was \$112.8M, with expenses totaling \$140.4M. She noted that the County will need to use \$27.6M in reserves to cover expenses. With less than three months left of the fiscal year, she explained that the expected revenue to be \$72M, which the County has only collected \$68M. The expected expenses are \$99M. To date, the County has expended \$92M. With the current spending trend, the County is on track to use the budgeted reserve amount of \$27M in reserves to pay for expenses. Regarding revenue, Hopkinson explained that there are some timing issues, especially with the second installment of property taxes. Additionally, the Licenses and Permits - Building Inspection Permit revenue is approximately \$700K under budget. Hopkinson stated that the County's permit fees will be increasing on January 1, 2026. Referencing expenses, she explained that everything is within range. She stated that the Commodities are above budget due to the Sheriff's Adult Correction Facility's food line item. She explained that the Contractual Services are under budget. She shared a table depicting the accounts within the General Fund - General Account that are under budget, such as the Medical/Dental/Hospital Services for the Sheriff's Office and Juvenile Board and Care. Hopkinson spoke on the General Fund - General Account's Personnel Services' costs. She shared a table depicting the differences between where the County should be at this point in the fiscal year compared to the actual numbers. She explained that the Sheriff's Office is approximately \$1.1M under budget. Hopkinson addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued. Hopkinson added that at the County Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday,

September 9, 2025, Baker Tilly's Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Michael Malatt, will be presenting the results of the County's FY2024 Audit. Further discussion ensued.

Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff clarified that the County's permit activities are just for unincorporated areas. He explained that typically building permits are seasonal, with a spring and fall rush. He stated that there is not a solid reason as to why the permit revenue has decreased at this time. He explained that a few factors that could have affected the revenue amount are interest rates or tariffs. He stated that the County continues to receive large home and solar project permits.

Committee Member Kious spoke on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) throughout the County. Discussion ensued. Chairman Pierog stated that a Committee of a Whole meeting could be held to address AI.

8. PIO Update (J. Mann)

PIO Mann provided an update on the activities of her office. She urged those who have not subscribed to Kane County Connects or have not followed the County on social media, to do so, to ensure that the County's voice is amplified and the work being done is shared. Mann reviewed the numerous outreach and engagement events held throughout the County, such as the Red Cross Blood Drive. She stated that she has continued to work with the Strategic Planning Committee and the Judicial Partners Committee to prepare for the next Kane County Communicators' meeting. Additionally, she recently convened a meeting to define ways on how to improve the accessibility of the County's Government Campus. Mann spoke on the recent media releases she helped the Kane County Health Department and the Office of Emergency Management with. She highlighted the upcoming events, such as the Annual Recycling Event and the Rabies and Micro-chipping Clinic. She provided a special shout-out to Kane County Animal Control (KCAC) Administrative Assistant, Tecla Metzel. Mann explained that Metzel is the creative force behind the Kane County Connect's Pet of the Week feature, which have led to countless pet adoptions.

Chairman Pierog reminded the Committee that if they wish to conduct a press release or public presentation to contact PIO Mann for her assistance in drafting letters/speeches and/or taking pictures. She would like members to keep Mann aware of the activities occurring in their districts. Additionally, Pierog requested that everyone work with the State's Attorney's Office before presenting anything to the public. Mann addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

9. Old Business

Committee Member Juby stated that at the last Executive Committee, members identified four deliverables for the FY2026 Budget. However, these were not presented today. She explained that the Committee requested information on personnel and staffing, a work chart, information on Strategic Plan, and for the Lobbyist contract to be signed. She stated that the FY2026 proposed budget is dependent on the information on personnel and staffing and the Strategic Plan, and the work chart, but these have not been shared with the Committee. Pierog stated that necessary conversations need

to be had with the proper staff before a presentation can be provided to the Executive Committee. She noted that the County Board's proposed FY2026 Budget will be presented once this information is collected. Much discussion ensued on the Strategic Plan Subcommittee.

Chairman Pierog stated that a resolution could be drafted to rescind the Strategic Plan contract to be included on the September 9, 2025 County Board Meeting agenda.

10. New Business

Committee Member Surges explained that he has received several Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. He shared his confusion on how to proceed forward with addressing the FOIAs.

Chairman Pierog suggested all County Board members that receive a FOIA request to consult with State's Attorney's Office's (SAO) Chief of Civil, John Frank, due to the uniqueness of each one.

SAO' Chief of Civil explained that all political FOIAs are forwarded to the SAO for review to ensure each request is being properly responded to and that all necessary information is redacted. He explained that when these types of FOIAs are submitted, to immediately notify the SAO's Civil Division, which will ensure that the Information Technologies Department (ITD) pull related emails and/or other corresponding documents for County Board members. He noted that each member will be responsible to search their personal emails, texts, and/or other correspondences that relate to County business. Lastly, he stated that not all files are going to be released to the FOIA requestor. He stated that all corresponding items need to be submitted to the SAO for legal review. Frank spoke on Assistant State's Attorney, Caitlin Vargas' expertise related to FOIA.

11. Preliminary County Board Agenda:

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

Chairman Pierog moved to the Finance Committee's Consent Agenda items.

Administration

The Committee took a quick recess at 10:45 a.m.

The Committee reconvened at 10:57 a.m.

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 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 Myrna Molina Board Member Jarett Sanchez
ABSENT	Board Member Dale Berman

- A. Authorizing Purchase of First Aid, Emergency Medical, and Athletic Trainer Supplies and Equipment with AED Service America (PF Wellness Consultants) for the Building Management Department (Contract# 704-23)

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

B. Authorizing Updated Capital Projects from the Capital Fund
County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

C. Authorizing the Building Management Department to Purchase Furniture, Installation, and Related Services for the Development Department with the HON Company, LLC (Contract# R240117)
County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

- D. Authorizing Purchase of Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) Supplies, Equipment, and Related Products and Services from Grainger for the Building Management Department (Contract# R240808)

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

- E. Authorizing a Contract Extension for the Mill Creek SSA Holiday Lights & Décor Services with It's a Wonderful Light (BID# 22-029)

Committee Member Kious motioned to move the following three resolutions forward, Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

- F. Authorizing Additional Funds from the Mill Creek SSA Budget for the Mill Creek SSA Landscape Maintenance Services Program (Tree Related Services) with Langton Group (BID# 24-025-TK)

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

- G. Authorizing Additional Funds from the Mill Creek SSA Budget for 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)

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

Agriculture

- A. Approving an Amendment to the Deed of Agricultural Conservation Easement for the Evans Farm through the Kane County Farmland Protection Program

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

- B. Approving an Amendment to the Deed of Agricultural Conservation Easement for the Peterson Farm through the Kane County Farmland Protection Program

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

County Development

- A. Expansion of a Cable Television Franchise Agreement by and Between the County of Kane and Comcast of Northern Illinois, Inc. to Include the Township of Hampshire

Chairman Pierog asked if this Resolution relates to the State Bill that was passed to allow the extension of WiFi through the County's network. Committee Member Williams explained that this Resolution would expand the County's franchise agreement to cover unincorporated areas that do not have cable services.

Committee Member Bates questioned if this would include Broadband, or is it strictly for television. Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff stated that this franchise agreement with Comcast is for cable television. He explained that customers can elect to receive cable services through this Comcast franchise agreement, which raises revenue for the County. Additionally, this resolution will benefit households because they will have the same infrastructure that is capable of delivering high speed internet and phone services. Discussion ensued.

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, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

B. Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Housing Development Authority to Utilize Funding From the Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Committee Member Williams stated that a requested amendment was handed out to Committee Members by Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff to all Committee Members. He requested a motion to move this Resolution forward as amended to reflect the changes referenced in the hand-out. Committee Member Kious motioned to move the Resolution forward as amended, Strathmann seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. (Committee Member Williams left at 11:13 a.m.)

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

Finance

- A.** Amending the Kane County Financial Policies Regarding Investment Policy
County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Clifford Surges
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

- B.** Approving July 2025 Claims Paid
County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Michael Linder
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

C. 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:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

D. Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois,
Department of Human Services - Juvenile Justice Council Grant

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Michael Linder
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

E. Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Montgomery County for Juvenile Detention Services

County Board Member Lenert requested a motion and second to move Finance agenda items E, F, and H forward together.

SAO Chief of Civil Frank explained that a resolution was passed that stated all contracts be reviewed by the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) before they are voted upon by the County Board. Unfortunately, this has not been followed. He explained that he has been trying to work with Department Heads and Elected Officials to receive all contracts. However, since this is not being followed, Frank explained he will be requesting that all contracts that have not been reviewed be pulled from the Consent Agenda and placed Off Consent for the SAO's review. Frank requested that Finance agenda items E through I be pulled from the Consent Agenda and be placed Off Consent of the County Board agenda.

Committee Member Bates motioned to remove Resolutions E through I, forward, and be placed Off Consent on the County Board meeting agenda, Roth seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

F. Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Mason County for Juvenile Detention Services

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

G. Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Shelby County for Juvenile Detention Services

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

H. Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Carroll County for Juvenile Detention Services

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

I. Authorizing a Food Services Contract Extension for the Juvenile Justice Center

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

J. Authorizing Opioid Response Community Implementation Projects
County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Deborah Allan
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, 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
ABSENT:	Dale Berman

The Committee moved to the On Consent Administration agenda items.

Public Health

A. Authorizing Amendment to the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation,
Enhancing Children's Mental Health through Family-run Organizations Grant
County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Cherryl Strathmann
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

Chairman Pierog recognized all the volunteers throughout Kane County.

Public Service

A. Authorizing the Placement of a Marker in Memory of John R. Carr, Retired
Superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission
Chairman Pierog inquired about the location of the marker. Committee Member Sanchez stated it would be located at the Kane County Government's Center's Veteran Memorial.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

Transportation

- A. Approving Purchase of One (1) 2025 3.25 Cubic Yard Articulating Wheel Loader for the Kane County Division of Transportation

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Michael Linder
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

B. Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

C. Approving a Contract for Maintenance Services with Meade, Inc. of Willowbrook, Illinois for 2026, 2027 & 2028 Electrical Maintenance Contract, Kane County Section No. 26-00000-01-GM

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

D. Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois for the 2020 Structural Services Project, Kane County Section No. 19-00523-00-BR

Committee Member Kious motioned to move Resolutions D through G forward together, Gumz seconded.

Committee Member Bates inquired if any of these extensions require a re-bid of the project. Committee Member Tepe stated that this are simply extensions of time. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

- E. Approving Amendment No. 2 To the Agreement with Alfred Benesch & Company of Chicago, Illinois for Phase III Construction Engineering Services for Longmeadow Parkway C-2, Kane County Section No. 18-00215-21-BR

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

- F. Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with V3 Companies, LTD. of Woodridge, Illinois for Phase III Construction Engineering Services for the Bliss Road, Main Street Road, Fabyan Parkway Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 14-00288-01-PV

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

- G. Authorizing Acquisition of Real Property for Randall Road at Hopps Road Intersection and CNRR Grade Separation Improvement Project, Kane County Section No. 19-00511-00-CH

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

- H. Amending Resolution 25-066 - Authorizing Acquisition of Real Property for Randall Road at Big Timber Road Intersection Improvement Project, Kane County Section No. 19-00369-01-CH

Chairman Pierog stated that this Resolution is related to the continued acquisition of property.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Clifford Surges
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

- I. Approving Acquisition of Real Property for Dauberman Road Extension, Parcel No. 1N20009, Kane County Section No. 15-00277-01-BR

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert explained that some of the land acquisitions that are accomplished are done with the assistance of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). With regards to this acquisition, he stated that it was acquired through the Quick Take process. He explained that there was a preliminary judgment where the County needed to pay the amount for the land acquisition. In the final judgment, there was an additional amount the County needed to pay. He noted that these payments are all part of the Land Acquisition process.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

-----END OF CONSENT AGENDA -----

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

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams
ABSTAIN:	Anita Lewis

- B.** Appreciation and Acceptance of Artwork Donation

Chairman Pierog stated that the artwork is a depiction of Kane County bridges that is being donated by the Elgin History Museum. She noted that she is seeking the appropriate location where the artwork could be displayed for the public. Discussion ensued.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Deborah Allan
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

- C. Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois for Phase III Construction for Randall Road at Illinois Route 72 Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00514-00-WR

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Clifford Surges
SECONDER:	Chris Kious
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

Committee Member Surges stated that on Route 72, just west of Randall Road, West Dundee widened the street for an apartment complex. He mentioned that there has been numerous accidents in this location over the past three weeks. He expressed his confusion as to why this is occurring. He provided details on one of the recent accidents.

- D. Confirming Subrecipients for Housing Stabilization Services Using Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 Funds

SAO Chief of Civil Frank stated that Off Consent agenda items D and E came straight to the Executive Committee without the review of the State's Attorney's Office's Civil Division. He requested that these resolutions move forward and be placed Off Consent on the County Board meeting agenda. Chairman Pierog recommended that a checklist be drafted to ensure all contacts are being approved by the SAO. Discussion ensued.

Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff explained that these two resolutions are time sensitive due to September being the last month the County can obligate funds to sub recipients for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. He stated that within the Resolution's attachment, there are five organizations that the County Board already has agreements with or have used for housing stabilization and counseling services. The County has been working with these organizations to make sure all money allocated is spent. VanKerkhoff stated that this resolution would authorize Chairman Pierog or himself to execute amendments to the existing agreements to reflect additional amounts these organizations may be able to use.

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, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

- E. Authorizing Acceptance of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Supplemental State Grant Funds and Related Contract Amendments for Program Year 2025

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Anita Lewis
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

F. Kane County Proclaims September 2025 as National Preparedness Month

Committee Ex-Officio motioned to move the following four proclamations forward, Gumz seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

G. Proclamation Recognizing September 2025 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Kane County

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

H. Kane County Recognizes National Recovery Month and International Overdose Awareness Day in 2025

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

I. Proclamation Commemorating “Constitution and Citizenship Day” and “Constitution Week” 2025 in Kane County, Illinois

Committee Ex-Officio Roth stated he placed a flyer in County Board members' mailboxes regarding Constitution Day. He explained that the flyer highlights several events hosted by AM Vets. He stated that the last event is occurring on September 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Motorcycle Museum. He challenged all Board Members to come out and try to beat the winning team from last year.

County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	County Board
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

12. Executive Session

The Committee took a brief recess before entering Executive Session at 11:43 a.m.

The Committee returned at 11:48 a.m.

The Executive Committee entered into Executive Session at 11:48 a.m. to discuss pending, probable, and/or imminent litigation and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or the dismissal of specific employee(s) on a motion made by Bates, Roth seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

- A. Pending, Probable, and/or Imminent Litigation
- B. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, and/or Dismissal of Specific Employee(s)

13. Open Session

The Committee returned to Open Session at 12:35 p.m. on a motion made by Bates, Gumz seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz

- A. Authorizing IMRF Benefit Protection Leave And Resolution Of Claim (Case No. 25 CV 06430)
County Board

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates

14. Committee Reports

- A. Madam Chairman's Comments

Chairman Pierog stated there has been numerous comments brought to her attention pertaining to Public Comment being located after proclamations on the County Board agenda moving forward. Discussion ensued.

SAO Chief of Civil Frank explained that he is okay with moving Public Comment after

proclamations are heard. However, if there is any public comments on a specific proclamation that these need to be heard before they are presented. Further discussion ensued.

B. Legislative Update

McGuireWoods Senior President, Greg Bales, provided the Federal Legislative Update. He stated that Congress, both the House of Representatives and Senate, has returned to Washington D.C. from the August 2025 recess. Congress will continue to finish the annual budget by September 30, 2025. Bales stated that the Senate has passed eight of their nine appropriation bills. The House has passed nine out of twelve. Additionally, the Senate moved forward three bills to the full chamber, and the House forwarded two. Bales stated that the major question in Congress is if the budget will be completed by the end of FY2025. He explained that the House and the Senate appropriators are trying to buy time to finish the 12 appropriation bills. He spoke on the historic trends of Congress passing the appropriation bills, such as passing them individually, in an omnibus package, minibuss package, or chronobuss package, which is a hybrid of a continuing resolution. Regarding Kane County, McGuireWoods has been tracking three different earmarks that have been secured through members, such as funding for the State's Attorney's Office and Forensic Lab. Bales explained that if these appropriation bills are passed by September 30, the funding will go through. However, if a continuing resolution is passed, these items will be put on pause until a budget is passed. Bales explained some items impacted by the negotiations are rescission packages, which are claw backs of already appropriated funds by previous administrations. He noted that this is a large separation of powers fight between the White House and Congress. He stated what the County should be aware of is the Executive Order of grant making which was released in August 2025. He explained that this Order gives more authority to the political appointees of the agencies. He added that this would take authority from the agency's staff and give it to the White House, as the opinion of some. He noted that this may impact grants that the County submits.

McGuireWoods Senior Vice President, James Sherwood, provided the State Legislative Update. He stated that the State is focused on the Veto Session, where the Legislator will reconvene for two weeks starting on October 14, 2025. He explained that there was a hectic end to the Spring Session, in which a Transit passed out of the Senate. He stated that Kane County and many of the other collar counties have significant concerns with the governance structure contained in the Senate version that passed. One major concern of this Transit Bill is that it would potentially allow Cook County and Chicago to act unilaterally without any input from the collar counties. Currently, the Transit Bill has not passed through the House. It has been said, that there will not be enough votes to pass the Senate's version of the Transit Bill through the House. Therefore, there have been discussions on what needs to be changed within the Bill in order for it to pass both chambers. Sherwood stated that two different things have occurred over the summer that have lessened the pressure off the timing of passing the Transit Bill. First, an additional \$150M of State Sales Tax has been collected this year from online purchases, and is expected to collect \$225M next year for Transit. Sherwood noted that the Transit fiscal cliff is approximately \$770M. Secondly, the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) shifted about \$74M over to the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA). Sherwood stated that these are short-term fixes as the State

looks into passing a Transit Bill next year. He explained that this will be a difficult vote for members because of the massive amounts of revenue that will be contained in the package and large tax increases on constituents. Sherwood stated that the Legislative Committee will be meeting with Leader Delgado on Monday, September 8, 2025, to outline Kane County's concerns with governance. Additionally, the County has sent out a letter of opposition to the Kane County Legislative Delegation earlier this week, making it clear that Kane County has remaining concerns, specifically on the governance side. Sherwood spoke on the potential tax increases and additional taxes that are included in the Transit Bill. He stated that the House should not be entirely focused on revenue, and should make changes to the bill regarding governance. Lastly, Sherwood stated that an energy bill is being tracked through the Veto Session. He explained that discussions were had on Energy last spring. However, a large omnibus package did not pass. The primary concern of the bill was that there were further restrictions on local governance in terms of zoning control over renewable projects. Legislators are focused on drafting a narrowing tailored bill that would focus on battery storage, energy efficiency, and various ways the State can act to offset the expiration of the federal tax cuts.

Bales introduced McGuireWoods State Government Relations Senior Vice President, Kent Gaffney. Gaffney provided a brief professional background.

Committee Member Gumz spoke on the County's opposition on the Transit Bill, such as it being a money and land grab, and the governance structure. She requested the Committee's consensus in order to continue to fight these issues. The Committee provided consensus.

The McGuireWoods Consulting Team addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

The Committee moved to agenda item 7A: Monthly Financial Reports.

Later on in the meeting, Committee Member Gumz notified the Committee that Mr. Mossos is no longer with McGuireWoods. Additionally, she spoke on the obstacles faced by the County with the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Merger. She reflected on the effects this merger would have on all collar counties, if passed.

C. All Other Committees

Committee Member Kious stated that all County Board members should have received an e-mail from BLD Dir. Harris that contained the Kane County Building Management Department's (BLD) monthly brief. Additionally, Kious explained that the BLD is making headway on the Kane County Health Department's Elgin location. He noted that the building will have air conditioning by October 1, 2025.

Committee Member Surges stated that the Human Services Committee will be discussing legislation extending family leave for fathers. He mentioned that he has asked HRM Exec. Dir. Loblillo if this would be a financial null matter, in which he was ensured that it was. Discussion ensued.

Lastly, Surges stated that Chairman Pierog has scheduled a State of the County Address. He inquired about the subject content this address would consist of. Chairman Pierog stated that she will highlight the County's accomplishments and will be addressing economics. She explained that the County has very little debt and that the County's Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) is fully funded. She mentioned that the County has a revenue problem due to growth and she hopes to address this accordingly. She stated that the State of the County Address will be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. at the Eagle Brook Country Club in Geneva. Discussion ensued.

15. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Clifford Surges
SECONDER:	Michael Linder

This meeting was adjourned at 12:51 PM.

Savannah Zgobica
Sr. Recording Secretary