

# Kane County County Board Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

9:45 AM

**County Board Room** 

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Adjourned Meeting of the Kane County Board was held at the Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134 on September 12, 2023.

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 9:58 AM.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Board Member Deborah Allan **Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Dale Berman Board Member Mark Davoust Board Member Ron Ford Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Leslie Juby** Board Member Mo Iqbal **Board Member Michael Kenyon Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Monica Silva** Board Member Cherryl Strathmann **Board Member Clifford Surges Board Member Bill Tarver Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams Board Member David Young** Chairman Corinne M. Pierog **REMOTE: Board Member Gary Daugherty** ABSENT: **Board Member Michael Linder** 

Also Present: Chf. Dpty. Clerk Weilandt; Finance Exec. Dir. Hopkinson; KDOT Dir. Schoedel & staff Rickert, Public Health Exec. Dir. Isaacson; Auditor Wegman; Development Dir. VanKerkhoff; State's Atty. Mosser & ASA Frank, Spcl. ASA, Workmen's Comp. Atty. Collison\*; Shepro Environ. & Water Resources Dir. Wollnik; Animal Control Admin. Youngsteadt\*; ITD Exec. Dir. & Bldg. Management Exec. Dir.

Fahnestock & staff Lasky\*, Peters, and members of the press & public.

#### 3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Madam Chair asked for consensus to allow Board Member Daugherty to attend today's meeting by remote attendance. No objections voiced.

#### 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

Madam Chair invited Board Member Kenyon to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Spcl. ASA Shepro said the invocation. Madam Chair asked for a moment of silence for those first responders, family and friends who were involved or gave their lives in the September 11, 2001 terror attacks.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 8, 2023

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Mavis Bates
SECONDER: Monica Silva

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty,

Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick

Williams, and David Young

**ABSENT:** Michael Linder

# 6. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items)

Madam Chair invited the public to speak on agenda items.

Roxanne Shilka expressed her concern about the county raising taxes while in a poor economy. The people suffer. The best way to help people is during a growing economy. If the board is concerned about Kane County, she stated the board should always be reluctant to raise taxes or the tax rate. Adding in new revenue locks in a higher rate of spending. The public demanded fiscal responsibility with its money.

Brian Anderson, from Sugar Grove thank the board for the invocation. He also asked the board to be good stewards of the public's money. He supported Resolution #23-376, for the H.R. recruitment packet being written, relaying his own experience at the Elections department, where the elections department could not provide a job description for the position of County Board member. As to Resolution #23-360, he encouraged that a referendum go before the public regarding the CPI.

Debbie Kanarowski, opposed the 5% tax increase (\$2.8M Dollars) the county board was seeking, when gas, food, and housing were at their highest; citizens were leaving the State of Illinois. Furthermore, she stated the Treasurer's Office made \$10.0M

Dollars above the projected budget amount and to request an increase to the citizens was appalling. She asked the board to cut its expenses and live within its budget rather than increase the public's property taxes. The citizens elected their representatives to be good stewards of their money.

Michelle Bettag, a St. Charles resident, generally discussed the overall stress that the public seemed to be experiencing while the atmosphere in the board room appeared to be Utopia. She expressed her opposition to the tax increase because the public were suffering with their own budgets, and the economy was suffering. However, she appreciated the new movement in the country where local government was being paid attention.

Howard Miller, a member of the United Gun Violence Prevention (Northern Illinois Chapter) and a board member for the Central Kane County League of Women Voters, spoke to the irony of the board supporting legislation to create a safe gun storage law (Ethan's Law) when the month of September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Month and today, is recognized as Firearms Prevention Day. He provided research on the reduction of suicides when guns are safely stored. He thanked the board for addressing the life-saving opportunity and asked the board to adopt the proposal unanimously.

Kim Sieber, a Geneva resident, appreciated the invocation at the meeting and questioned how many board members were using wisdom to make their decisions. She did not support the board's proposal to increase property taxes and recommended that the board cut its county's budget and not be wasteful.

Frank Esposito, from White Oak Circle, recalled at the last meeting a request was made for staff to present a zero-based budget as well as a report on the actual percentage rate increase that was being proposed. It sounded like that report would be presented to the board in the near future. If so, he asked if the public could receive a copy of that report.

Jonathan Gripe, a St. Charles resident, reminded the board that when elected officials make decisions, they should be constantly asking for input from constituents. He proceeded to review the responses he received from friends, colleagues, neighbors etc. regarding county government, and the fact that many have no understanding of it nor were any aware of the county's proposal to increase property taxes. He asked the board to spend less and not more.

Joyce Courtney, a local realtor/broker voiced her opposition to the proposal to raise property taxes by 5%. She relayed that while it sounded nominal, the board had to consider other factors, such as the 41% rate of her clients moving out of state during the past 3 years, due to high taxes, as compared to 20% years ago.

Public Comments placed on File

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Mo Iqbal

**SECONDER:** Rick Williams

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty,

Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick

Williams, and David Young

**ABSENT:** Michael Linder

#### 7. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

# A. <u>Madam Chairman's Comments</u>

For the public's benefit, Madam Chair shared a number of charts that reflected how the county is broken up by land use acres, the source of the county's property tax revenue, and how property tax is distributed. She asked the board to consider how it can address some of the open land and whether it wants to put some of it on the tax rolls, or, find another creative way to make it more equal and not burden the citizens.

Proclamation: Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

TMP-23-1250

Board member Tarver read a proclamation proclaiming the month of September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Kane County. A plaque was presented to Suicide Prevention Services of America, recognizing them for their 25 years of service in Kane County.

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Chris Kious SECONDER: Clifford Surges

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty,

Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick

Williams, and David Young

**ABSENT:** Michael Linder

#### B. Discussion

The board shared comments about mental health and suicides, open dialog with the assembly, and continuing the open communication in the future.

#### C. Ordinance

#### D. Zoning Petitions

Petition # 4612 Petitioner: 39W180 Highland Avenue, LLC

TMP-23-976

Development Committee Chairman Ford explained the petition was approved by the county's Zoning Board with 14 stipulations. A brief review of those stipulations followed. Madam Chair invited public comment.

Krista Wiesepaper, President of the Wildwood Valley Homeowner's Association, shared her and her community's (Wildwood West, Highland Woods and surrounding residents) opposition to this petition. (Iqbal steps away 11:06 AM.) She referred to slides of the existing site, emphasizing the residents did not want the expansion in their community. The petitioner did send out the required notification letter to neighbors but it was very misleading. She asked the board to oppose the expansion (Sanchez leaves at 11:07 AM) and further pointed out the petitioner's contradicting statements made at prior meetings. (Iqbal returns 11:10 AM)

Cynthia Schif, from Wildwood West, Elgin, voiced her opposition to the expansion in their peaceful residential neighborhood, due to unsightly mechanical parts left on the roadway, trucks being parked on the street, and the many signed petitions against the expansion. She reminded the board that it represents its constituents according to its own articles. She referred to the county's 2040 Plan and its goals, which the expansion did not adhere to. The area was residential. She appreciated those members who did reach out to the residents.

Margaret Avampato, a resident on Cheyenne Court and adjacent to the wetland, referenced her neighbors' signed emails, letters and signed petitions from residents who opposed the expansion with serious concerns. She stated in 2012 the county's Department of Transportation opposed such a business in the area due to the roads not being able to support the truck traffic. The roads are narrow, heavily used by residents who walk to the forest preserve, and have no sidewalks. Ms. Avampato summarized the negative impacts of trucks idling, their impact on respiratory issues, and their impact on nearby young families. (Molina steps away 11:15 AM) She stated she will not be able to enjoy her backyard and asked the board to not support the petition.

Michelle Hubicki, voiced her opposition to the expansion and explained the owner of the property was an LLC with Vladimir Pakhnyuk as a renter. She shared that while she favored the business, it should not be located in such a quiet neighborhood. With the trucks coming in, it was difficult to enter and exit the neighborhood. She suggested the business move to other site, stating the county's 2040 Plan supports neighborhoods.

Petitioner, Carl Kubiak, relayed the business area on Coombs Road and Highland Avenue was zoned for business since the 1950s and the empty lot they wanted for the expansion was a dumping ground a former brick company. He planned to clean up the area. Trains traveled the area 4 times a day with no complaints. Mr. Kubiak stated the property was zoned B-3 prior to the nearby

homes being built and the owners knew that prior to moving to the area. Other vehicle/mechanical business were referenced in the area. Truckers are told to use Highland Avenue but he cannot control the truckers using Coombs Road. The business is a repair facility for trucks/trailers and when parts are ordered the trucks have to remain until the parts show up. Mr. Kubiak relayed the current business has been at the location for a year and a half with no complaints and now that the business wants to expand there are issues arising. The business averages about 5 trucks/day. Mr. Kubiak reviewed an overhead map of the site and offered to do anything to mediate any concerns

For the record, Board member Strathmann clarified that an infusion kitchen was going into the neighborhood; not a (marijuana) dispensary.

Development Director VanKerkhoff reviewed the latest version of the site plan for the site, which reflected the additional screening to be installed by the petitioner/owner, due to neighbor concerns.

Environmental & Water Resources Dir. Wollnik, acknowledged the many stipulations on the petition and offered to answer questions about the stipulations.

Member Ford acknowledged the concerns of the residents and also pointed out the fact that many environmental requirements had to be met by the petitioner. Dialog followed that if the board approved the petition it became a regulatory issue; whereas, if not, the county had no control in enforcing the requirements. Wollnik clarified accordingly. Board members shared their concerns about this petition with some members stating they visited the site.

Mr. Vladimir Pakhnyuk, business owner, spoke about another truck operation he owned in Huntley and the differences between the two locations. He intends to improve this site, if approved. The new space will allow him to operate in a clean space with less chaos. In his defense, Mr. Pakhnyuk explained that other nearby businesses are part of the problem, not just his own business. (Tarver steps away at 11:54 AM.)

Board members shared their opposition to the proposal and the public due to concerns of public safety, wetlands, resale of homes, air/light pollution, idling of engines and more traffic. (Tarver returns 11:56 AM) Notes the residents' are concerned about the expansion. Young asked fellow board members to oppose the petition.

Motion by Gumz, second by Kious to call the question. Roll call: Aye: Bates, Daugherty, Gumz, Lenert, Lewis, Roth, Surges, Tarver, Williams

<u>Nay</u>: Allan, Berman, Davoust, Ford, Iqbal, Juby, Kenyon, Kious, Molina, Sanchez\*, Silva, Strathmann, Tepe, Young

**Absent: Linder** 

# MOTION FAILED. VOTE: 9-14 (Discussion continued.)

Further points were made that code enforcement of the area did not take place until recently and that a certain groundwater recharging area was near the site, causing alarm for pollution. Also, the land was more valuable, too much wetland existed, and the site would be better suited for a business that connects to the residential area. Ford suggested in the future to use a mechanism to help businesses relocate within the county.

The roll was called on the original motion:

RESULT: FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Ron Ford

**SECONDER:** Clifford Surges

**NAY:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty,

Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and David

Young

PRESENT: Rick Williams

**ABSENT:** Michael Linder

#### E. New Business

None.

# F. Appointments

#### G. Committee Updates

Administration Committee Chair Kious reminded the board to fill out the Master Plan survey.

(The board took a 10 minute break at 12:21 PM. and then reconvened at 12:38 PM.)

Upon reconvening, attendance was taken:

PRESENT:	Board Member Deborah Allan
	Board Member Mavis Bates
	Board Member Dale Berman
	Board Member Mark Davoust
	Board Member Ron Ford
	Board Member Michelle Gumz
	Board Member Leslie Juby
	Board Member Mo Iqbal
	Board Member Michael Kenyon
	Board Member Chris Kious
	Board Member Bill Lenert
	Board Member Anita Lewis
	Board Member Myrna Molina
	Board Member Bill Roth
	Board Member Monica Silva
	Board Member Cherryl Strathmann
	Board Member Clifford Surges
	Board Member Bill Tarver
	Board Member Vern Tepe
	Board Member Rick Williams
	Board Member David Young
	Chairman Corinne M. Pierog
REMOTE:	Board Member Gary Daugherty
	Board Member Jarett Sanchez
ABSENT:	Board Member Michael Linder
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#### 8. Resolutions/Ordinances

Madam Chair asked if anyone would like to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Member Gumz removed Resolution No. 23-362; Member Daugherty removed Resolution No. 23-350; and Member Surges removed Resolution Nos. 23-360 and 23-377. Madam Chair asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Resolution Nos. 23-350, 23-360, 23-362, and 23-377.

#### ------ CONSENT AGENDA ------

Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Invoice from Submittable Holdings, Inc. for Web Based Grant Management Portal Hosting Services Rendered from 9/29/2023 to 9/28/2024	<u>23-351</u>
Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund the Court Training Project for the Kane County Circuit Clerk's Office	<u>23-352</u>
Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund Zoom Web Conferencing Services for the Kane County Information Technologies Department	<u>23-353</u>

Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund a Livestock Market Assessment for the Kane County Development and Community Services Department	<u>23-354</u>
Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund Forest Preserve Zoom Web Conferencing Services for the Kane County Forest Preserve Information Technologies Department	<u>23-355</u>
Authorizing the Use of Revenue Recoupment Funds Under the American Rescue Plan Act for the Countywide Water Monitoring Network Project and the Water Sustainability Mapping Project for the Kane County Department of Environmental and Water Resources	23-356
Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Hire Two Staff Members for the American Rescue Plan Program and Fund Associated Expenses	<u>23-357</u>
Approving Purchase of Eight (8) GMC and Four (4) Chevy 2022	<u>23-358</u>
Changing the Name of Part of Bliss Road to "Old Bliss Road"	<u>23-359</u>
Approving the 2024 Monthly Health and Dental Contributions	<u>23-361</u>
Authorizing an Agreement for the Construction of an Accessible Ramp at the Kane County Sheriff's Office	<u>23-363</u>
Approving July 2023 Claims Paid	<u>23-364</u>
Authorizing a Budget Adjustment for Desktop Support Analyst II and Systems Administrator Lead for the Information Technologies Department - Public Safety Sales Tax	<u>23-365</u>
Authorizing the Purchase of Additional Laserfiche Licenses and a Budget Adjustment from the Riverboat Fund 390	<u>23-366</u>
Authorizing the Extension for the Office Supply Contract	<u>23-367</u>
Authorizing Renewal of Contract for Toner Cartridges	<b>23-368</b>
Authorizing a Contract for Kane County Concrete Services	<u>23-369</u>
Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Whiteside County for Juvenile Detention Services	<u>23-370</u>
Authorizing the Replacement of the Chillers at the Judicial Center	<u>23-371</u>
Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds for Technology Products	<u>23-372</u>

and Services			
Ratifying an Emergency Purchase Affidavit to Purchase a 2023 Ford Escape Active for Building Management	23-373		
Kane County Rabies Registration Fees	23-374		
Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request	23-375		
Adopting a Recruitment Policy to the Personnel Policy Handbook	<u>23-376</u>		
Authorizing Personnel Hiring to Increase Behavioral Health, Community Health and Environmental Health Services	23-378		
Authorizing Execution of Agreement with Metopio Approved by Resolution 23-291	23-379		
Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants	<u>23-380</u>		
Approving a Contract for Construction with A.C. Pavement Striping Co. of Elgin, Illinois for Allen Road Chip Seal Improvement, Kane County Section No. 23-00000-06-GM	<u>23-381</u>		
END OF CONSENT AGENDA			

Approving Invoice from Ernst & Young LLP for Professional
Services Related to the ARPA Program Rendered from May 1,
2023 to May 31, 2023

Board comments included the need to reduce the use of Ernst & Young (E&Y), to reduce costs. However, it was mentioned the ARPA Committee will be hiring two employees which should reduce the E&Y rate. It was noted by Member Bates the reason E&Y was hired initially was because the American Rescue Plan Act was very complicated and the county needed to be protected from any misuse of funds.

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Vern Tepe

**SECONDER:** Gary Daugherty

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron

Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver,

Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

**NAY:** Gary Daugherty, and Mo Iqbal

**ABSENT:** Michael Linder

Directing the Use of the Consumer Price Index Increase in the County Budget Process as Addressed in the Kane County Board Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Policy

23-360

Opposition to this resolution was voiced as well as clarification that this was not a tax increase but a request to provide the finance director with a percentage rate for the budget (to balance the budget). Further explanation followed. Finance Director Kathy Hopkinson explained the county's newly approved budget policy and its affect on the 2024 budget. As it stands currently, she reported that without any cost of living increases, without any union wage increases, and without the equity adjustment, the General Fund expenses exceed new revenue by about a \$5 to \$6 Million Dollar shortfall. Because the board has, in the past, dipped into its savings to balance the budget, Hopkinson asked the board to review, in the future, the existing revenue streams that are coming into the county that are going into other funds.

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Vern Tepe SECONDER: David Young

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty,

Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Myrna

Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl

Strathmann, Bill Tarver, and Vern Tepe

**NAY:** Ron Ford, Mo Igbal, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, Rick

Williams, and David Young

ABSENT: Michael Linder

**AWAY:** Mark Davoust

Amending Ordinance 23-77 and Section 2-47 of the Kane County Code to Allow for Remote Attendance at Meetings

**23-362** 

Spcl. ASA Shepro reminded the board that Ordinance 23-362 was a <u>first reading</u> of the ordinance because the State had revised its statute to include a family emergency exception to the Remote Attendance. After its first reading today, the ordinance would go directly to the October 10, 2023 County Board meeting. A motion was entertained to advance Ordinance 23-262 to the October 10, 2023 County Board meeting for a second reading.

# **County Board**

RESULT: SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE

TO: County Board MOVER: Michelle Gumz

**SECONDER:** Gary Daugherty

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Ron

Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

**ABSENT:** Michael Linder

**AWAY:** Mark Davoust

Supporting the Implementation of Ethan's Law

23-377

Pros and cons of the legislation followed by various board members. It was noted the board would be supporting the legislation for Ethan's law.

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Michelle Gumz SECONDER: Clifford Surges

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Ron

Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford

Surges, Bill Tarver, and Vern Tepe

**NAY:** David Young

ABSENT: Michael Linder

**ABSTAIN:** Rick Williams

**AWAY:** Mark Davoust

#### 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Madam Chair entertained a motion to go into closed session to discuss the settlement of claims, pending, eminent and/or probable litigation, and personnel. The board entered closed session at 1:36 PM.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

MOVER: Vern Tepe SECONDER: Chris Kious

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Ron

Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick

Williams, and David Young

**ABSENT:** Michael Linder

AWAY: Mark Davoust, Jarett Sanchez, and Clifford Surges

A. Settlement of Claims

B. Pending, Imminent, and/or Probable Litigation

#### C. Personnel

#### 10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

RESULT: ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE

MOVER: Chris Kious SECONDER: Bill Roth

# Roll Call in Open Session

ABSENT:

The board returned to open session at 2:42 PM. Roll call followed and a quorum was established.

**PRESENT:** Board Member Mavis Bates

Board Member Dale Berman Board Member Ron Ford Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Michael Kenyon Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Bill Roth

**Board Member Cherryl Strathmann** 

Board Member Bill Tarver Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member David Young Chairman Corinne M. Pierog

**Board Member Monica Silva** 

**REMOTE:** Board Member Gary Daugherty

Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Michael Linder

AWAY: Board Member Deborah Allan

Board Member Mark Davoust Board Member Mo Iqbal Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Clifford Surges Board Member Rick Williams **E.** Appointing Director of the County Emergency Management Agency

23-382

The new County of Emergency Management Director, Scott Buziecki, introduced himself and thanked the board for his appointment.

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**MOVER:** Michelle Gumz

**SECONDER:** Bill Roth

**AYE:** Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, Michelle

Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill

Tarver, Vern Tepe, and David Young

**ABSENT:** Michael Linder

**AWAY:** Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Mo Igbal, Bill Lenert, Jarett

Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Rick Williams

A. Vote on Settlement Approval in Case 17WC031599

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Mavis Bates
SECONDER: Bill Roth

**AYE:** Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Ron Ford, Michelle

Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill

Tarver, Vern Tepe, and David Young

**ABSENT:** Michael Linder

**AWAY:** Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Mo Igbal, Bill Lenert, Jarett

Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Rick Williams

B. Vote on Settlement Approval in Case 22WC011885

(Allan returns remotely at 2:48 PM.)

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Chris Kious SECONDER: Bill Tarver

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Ron

Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cherryl

Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and David Young

**ABSENT:** Michael Linder

AWAY: Mark Davoust, Mo Igbal, Bill Lenert, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford

Surges, and Rick Williams

C. Vote of Settlement Approval in Case 23WC001175

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**MOVER:** Chris Kious

**SECONDER:** Cherryl Strathmann

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Ron

Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and David Young

**ABSENT:** Michael Linder

AWAY: Mark Davoust, Mo Iqbal, Bill Lenert, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford

Surges, and Rick Williams

**D.** Authorizing a Settlement of Claim 2021 L 387

23-383

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Michelle Gumz SECONDER: Bill Tarver

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Ron

Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and David Young

ABSENT: Michael Linder

AWAY: Mark Davoust, Mo Iqbal, Bill Lenert, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford

Surges, and Rick Williams

#### 11. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-Agenda Items)

Rachel Albers, a Geneva resident, spoke to honor the memory of the county's 300-plus year-old Burr Oak Trees that were razed by Midwest Industrial Funds, Inc. and to all trees that are deforested to make way for warehouses and development. Ms. Albers asked the board to commit to a better tree stewardship and institute a tree preservation policy for Kane County and that the City of Geneva to partner with developers who make sustainability and environmental justice a top priority. She provided some information for further reading.

# 12. ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 2:56 PM.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

MOVER: Michael Kenyon SECONDER: Chris Kious