



Kane County County Board Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

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 January 13, 2026.

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Alex Arroyo Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Sonia Garcia Board Member Jon Gripe Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Mo Iqbal Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Ted Penesis Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Board Member Bill Tarver Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams Board Member David Young Chairman Corinne M. Pierog
REMOTE:	Board Member Myrna Molina
AWAY:	Board Member Clifford Surges

Present: Dpty. Clk. Mazzei; KDOT staff Rickert*; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt*; Sheriff's Ofc. Chief of Admin. Catich; OEM Dir. Buziecki; PIO Mann; KC Historian Shepro; KaneComm Dir. Guthrie; Auditor Wegman; State's Atty. Mosser & staff King; Fin. Dir. Hopkinson; SAO Chief of Civil Frank & staff Ford; SAO Fin. Dir. Hunt*; Bldg. Mgmt./ITD Dir. Fahnestock & staff Lasky*, Peters, Smith and Tierney; members of the press & public.

3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Members Molina* and Surges* requested to attend this meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

Member Roth introduced members of The TriCity Exchange Club who led the assembly with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. This club is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse, supports local youth programs and patriotism. Member Roth said the invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 17, 2025, November 25, 2025 & December 9, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Spellman from Geneva spoke on Team Normal, governmental policy failures and current administration issues. He urged the board to govern from facts over feelings. (Surges* arrives - 9:54 AM)

Brian Anderson from Sugar Grove encouraged earlier movement in the budget process, as well as the filling of board seat vacancies.

Michelle Bettag from St. Charles expressed her displeasure with the way the county is run.

Kane County resident Denise Theobald expressed her concern with the division of our country and the current federal administration. She inquired about local law enforcement response.

Kane County resident Ginger Romano spoke on county spending.

William Rongey from St. Charles cited a zoning guide handout and expressed concern regarding the rental ordinance proposed in the current County Board agenda.

Kane County resident Deanne Davison cited a zoning guide handout and expressed concern regarding the rental ordinance proposed in the current County Board agenda.

Kane County resident Mary Davison expressed concern regarding the rental ordinance proposed in the current County Board agenda.

Kane County resident Jenine Mehr expressed her concern with the 2026 county budget.

KC Historian Ken Shepro provided a brief story on the history of Kane County.

7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

A. Ken Shepro (Historian) - Honoring 190th Anniversary of Kane County

KC Historian Ken Shepro provided a presentation on the forming of Kane County. He highlighted conceptual territories, as well as early legislation.

D. Proclamation Recognizing the Passage of House Bill 3281 [TMP-26-075](#)
("Kentyn's Law") and the Contributions of Kentyn and his Family

SA Mosser introduced this proclamation. She emphasized the involvement and hard work done by Kentyn to make legislative changes in his community.

Kentyn and Officer Vega expressed gratitude for each other, as well as the proclamation.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Alex Arroyo
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
AWAY:	Clifford Surges

B. Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Establishment of the [TMP-25-1464](#)
Kane County Emergency Services & Disaster Agency (now the Kane County Office of Emergency Management)

OEM Dir. Buziecki introduced the following proclamation. Discussion ensued.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
AWAY:	Clifford Surges

C. Proclamation Recognizing America’s 250th Anniversary Commemoration in Kane County

[TMP-26-007](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Jon Gripe
SECONDER:	Michael Linder
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

8. **CONSENT AGENDA/OMNIBUS VOTE**

Madam Chair called for a brief recess. Board members returned and a quorum was present. Additionally, she asked if any members would like to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. Member Kious requested to remove agenda Resolution 26-002. There were no objections.

----- **CONSENT AGENDA** -----

- Authorizing GL Changes in the Building Management and Information Technologies Departments for the Position of Building Security Director [26-001](#)
- Authorizing a Budget Adjustment for the Mill Creek Special Service Area Due to Tax Levy Increase [26-003](#)
- Approval to Purchase a Replacement Vehicle for the Kane County Sheriff’s Office [26-004](#)
- Authorizing the Purchase of a Van by the Kane County Sheriff’s Office for the K9 Unit [26-005](#)
- Approving and Authorizing the Termination of Contract for Distribution of Kane County Property Tax Bills [26-006](#)
- Approving November 2025 Claims Paid [26-007](#)
- Authorizing Emergency Appropriation and Budget Adjustments to Amend FY2026 County Budget for Finance Department Staffing [26-008](#)
- Informing the County Board of Adult Drug Rehabilitation Court Contracts [26-009](#)
- Authorizing Contract for Medical Services for the Juvenile Justice Center [26-010](#)
- Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for Juvenile Detention Services [26-011](#)

Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lawrence County for Juvenile Detention Services	<u>26-012</u>
Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Richland County for Juvenile Detention Services	<u>26-013</u>
Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Franklin County for Juvenile Detention Services	<u>26-014</u>
Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Crawford County for Juvenile Detention Services	<u>26-015</u>
Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with White County for Juvenile Detention Services	<u>26-016</u>
Authorizing Budget Adjustment to Balance Child Support Fund FY2025	<u>26-017</u>
Accepting the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Outreach and Engagement Grant	<u>26-018</u>
Authorizing Agreement with the Illinois Department of Human Services for the Illinois Rapid Rehousing Program in State Fiscal Year 2026	<u>26-019</u>
Approving Appropriation of the County Engineer's Salary and Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Therefore - Kane County Section No. 26-00000-00-CS and 26-CS089-00-AC	<u>26-020</u>
Approving FY2026 County Maintenance Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation, Kane County Section No. 26-00000-00-GM	<u>26-021</u>
Approving FY2026 County Maintenance Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation, Kane County Section No. 26-00000-00-RF	<u>26-022</u>
Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants	<u>26-023</u>
Approving a Contract for the Purchase of One (1) Case WX175 Wheeled Excavator for the Kane County Division of Transportation	<u>26-024</u>
Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois for Phase III Construction Engineering and Construction for Kirk Road at Douglas Road, Kane County Section No. 24-00377-01-CH	<u>26-025</u>
Approving a Funding Agreement Between the County of Kane and Pace for the Ride in Kane Program	<u>26-026</u>
Approving an Appropriation for Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to Support Planning and Programming Services	<u>26-027</u>

Approving an Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Kane and Village of Carpentersville for Access to Randall Road from Huntley Road to Binnie Road [26-028](#)

Approving an Alteration of Speed Limit Within Kaneville Township (Various Roads) [26-029](#)

Approving an Alteration of Speed Limit Within Kaneville Township & Virgil Township (Francis Road) [26-030](#)

Approving an Engineering Services Agreement with H.R. Green, Inc. of Aurora, Illinois for 2026 Structure Safety Inspections, Kane County Section No. 25-00590-00-EG [26-031](#)

Approving a Phase III Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc. of Elgin, Illinois for the Kirk Road Over the Union Pacific Railroad Project, Kane County Section No. 12-00192-04-BR [26-032](#)

Approving the Acquisition of Real Property for the Randall Road at Hopps Road Intersection and Canadian National Railroad Grade Separation Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00511-00-CH, Parcel No. 0001 [26-033](#)

Approving Acquisition of Real Property for the Randall Road at Hopps Road Intersection and Canadian National Railroad Grade Separation Improvement, Kane County Section NO. 19-00511-00-CH, Parcel No. 0003 & Parcel No. 0003TE [26-034](#)

Approving the Acquisition of Real Property for Kirk Road Over Union Pacific Railroad Company Bridge Reconstruction Project in Geneva, Illinois, Kane County Section No. 12-00192-04-BR, Parcel No. 0001, Parcel No. 0001TE-1 & Parcel No. 0001TE-2 [26-035](#)

Approving the Acquisition of Real Property for the Kirk Road Over Union Pacific Railroad Company Bridge Construction Project in Geneva, Illinois, Kane County Section No. 12-00192-04-BR, Parcel No. 0002 & Parcel No. 0002TE [26-036](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Bill Tarver
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

AWAY: Deborah Allan, and Alex Arroyo

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

Authorizing a Contract for the Building Management Department [26-002](#)
with Kluber Architects & Engineers for Professional Services
Related to the Kane County Adult Justice Center Kitchen &
Laundry Improvements

Kious motioned to amend and replace the existing resolution with a copy handed out by the State's Attorney's Office, this motion was seconded by Penesis. ASA Ford explained that this was an amendment to a contract that was previously approved. Discussion ensued.

Roll call followed:

Aye: Allan, Arroyo, Bates, Garcia, Gripe, Gumz, Iqbal, Juby, Kious, Lenert, Lewis, Linder, Molina*, Penesis, Roth, Sanchez, Strathmann, Surges*, Tarver, Tepe, Williams & Young.

Nay: None

VOTE: 22-0 MOTION PASSED ON THE AMENDMENT.

Roll call followed on the original resolution, as amended:

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER: Chris Kious
SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez
AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

A. Petition # 4674 Petitioner: CFP IL Bluestem Solar LLC [TMP-25-1541](#)

Member Iqbal introduced the following petition. Natalie Zine from the Kane County Dev. Dept. elaborated on the requested special use permit to allow for a commercial solar energy facility. Discussion ensued regarding opposition from the Village of Sugar Grove.

Property owner Gary Linos further explained the plans and benefits of utilizing this area as proposed in this petition.

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER: Rick Williams
SECONDER: Mo Iqbal

AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Jarett Sanchez, and Cherryl Strathmann
NAY:	Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and David Young
RECUSED:	Rick Williams

- B.** Amending Chapter 2 (Administration), Article IX (Administrative Adjudication), Section 2-320 (Adoption of System of Administrative Adjudication) and Chapter 7 (Business and Commercial Regulations) of the Kane County Code to Provide for Regulation of Short-Term Rentals in Unincorporated Areas of Kane County [26-038](#)

Much discussion ensued regarding intricacies, benefits and potentially negative outcomes of passing this amendment, as well as the requirements that differentiate first from second readings.

Tarver motioned to send this resolution back to committee for further discussion, seconded by Gumz.

Roll call followed:

Aye: Allan, Bates, Garcia, Gripe, Gumz, Iqbal, Juby, Linder, Tarver & Young.

Nay: Arroyo, Kious, Lenert, Molina*, Penesis, Roth, Sanchez, Strathmann, Surges*, Tepe & Williams.

Away: Lewis.

VOTE: 10-11 MOTION FAILED ON THE SENDING RESOLUTION BACK TO COMMITTEE.

Roll call followed on the original resolution:

KC County Development Committee

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert
AYE:	Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
NAY:	Deborah Allan, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Michael Linder, Bill Tarver, and David Young
AWAY:	Anita Lewis

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Madam Chair entertained a motion to go into closed discussion to discuss the release of closed session minutes, pending, probably and imminent litigation, as well as settlement of claims. The Board entered into closed session at 12:18 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Michael Linder
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
AWAY:	Anita Lewis

- A. Release of Closed Session Minutes
- B. Pending, Probable, and Imminent Litigation
- C. Settlement of Claims

10. OPEN SESSION

The board returned to open session at 12:56 PM. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

- B. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, and Rick Williams
AWAY:	Anita Lewis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and David Young

12. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS

- A.** Amending Section 2-48 of the Kane County Code (Standing Committees) to Revise Language Related to the Agriculture Committee [26-037](#)

Chief of Civil Frank explained that this was the first reading and did not require a vote.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

- C.** Amending Chapter 15 (Nuisances and Property Maintenance) of the Kane County Code Pertaining to Noise [26-039](#)

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Rick Williams

SECONDER: Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

AWAY: Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

- D.** Amending Chapter 15 (Nuisances and Property Maintenance) of the Kane County Code to Declare Trespassing a Public Nuisance [26-040](#)

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and David Young

NAY: Rick Williams

AWAY: Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

E. Approving Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Requests [26-041](#)

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER: Michelle Gumz
SECONDER: Bill Lenert
AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kiou, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
AWAY: Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

F. Authorizing Fiscal Year 2026 Non-Union Cost-of-Living Wage Increase and Emergency Appropriation and Budget Adjustments to Amend FY2026 County Budget [26-042](#)

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER: Michelle Gumz
SECONDER: Cherryl Strathmann
AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kiou, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
AWAY: Anita Lewis

G. Authorizing Fiscal Year 2026 County Board Employees Cost-of-Living Wage Increase and Emergency Appropriation and Budget Adjustments to Amend FY2026 County Budget [26-043](#)

RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kiou, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
NAY: David Young
ABSTAIN: Clifford Surges
AWAY: Anita Lewis

- H. Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of County Board Member in the County of Kane (District 9) [26-044](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Michael Linder
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
AWAY:	Anita Lewis

- I. Authorizing Emergency Appropriation and Budget Adjustment for the State’s Attorney’s Office in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget General Fund [26-045](#)

Member Lenert introduced the following budget adjustment. Much discussion ensued regarding the committee flow of approval.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, and Vern Tepe
NAY:	Myrna Molina, and David Young
AWAY:	Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Mo Iqbal, Anita Lewis, and Rick Williams

13. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Surges announced that there is a Forest Preserve presentation at the Carpentersville Chamber of Commerce on January 14, 2026 at 8:00 AM. He noted that Member Linder will be chairing his committee meeting due to this scheduling conflict.

Member Gumz announced that part of the lobbyist team has moved on to another company and there will be a new representative in Kane County's Washington seat. Further details will be shared as they become available.

Member Tepe announced that the ARPA Committee will be cancelling its January meeting. Additionally, he shared that the Transportation Committee meeting in March will be moved from the 17th to the 16th due to Election Day.

Member Bates shared that the Energy & Environmental Committee will be holding a special presentation on January 16, 2026 regarding acquiring solar products.

Member Kious shared ARPA project updates, including the Sheriff's gun range wrapping up and water improvements at the JJC having been completed.

Member Sanchez inquired about the timeline to fill Dale Berman's District 2 seat vacancy. Discussion ensued regarding the process of appointing an individual within the 60-day deadline.

15. ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates

This meeting was adjourned at 1:29 PM.

Christine Mazzei
Recording Secretary