



Kane County County Board Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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 October 14, 2025.

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

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	Board Member Deborah Allan 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 Myrna Molina Board Member Ted Penesis Board Member Bill Roth 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 Alex Arroyo
AWAY:	Board Member Jarett Sanchez

Also Present: Co. Clerk Chief Dpty. Weilandt; Treasurer Lauzen; Public Info Ofcr. Mann; Finance Exec. Dir. Hopkinson; Auditor Wegman; State's Atty. Mosser & staff T. Hunt, Water Resources Dir. Wollnik; Animal Control Admin. Youngsteadt*; ITD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Lasky, Peters, members of the press & public.

3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Madam chair asked for consensus to allow board member Daugherty to attend the meeting remotely. No objections were voiced.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

Board Member Young led the assembly with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. He said the invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 9, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

6. RECOGNITION OF DALE BERMAN

Madam Chair shared words of sympathy for the recent passing of Board Member Dale Berman. The Color Guard presented the folded flag of the United States to his widow, Mary Berman. (Sanchez arrives 9:57 a.m.) Rep. Matt Hansen shared his personal interactions with Dale Berman over the years.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kate Magilione from St. Charles shared her objections toward allowing a county board member to view his/her personal comments that were defamatory, citing the Illinois Human Rights Act.

Alive Institute Director Becky Pundy read a report on the statistics for juveniles that stated a mental health crisis exists in Kane County. She announced that Alive Institute provides a safe haven for youth and addresses mental health challenges. She asked for the board's help in finding locations for such a facility.

Ed Mundt from St. Charles addressed the hostility that he has witnessed in the county, the country and the world. He supported the proclamation against hate.

Brenda Englehardt from St. Charles spoke about hate and how it is affecting children in the community. She stated our community needs to care for each other. She supported the proclamation against hate.

Kane County resident Paul Mayer shared a story, comparing the treasurer's recent recognition for bringing in new revenue for the county, but the proclamation was not read and was denied. He asked to reconsider the recognition.

Retired psychotherapist Pam Skarr voiced her concern about mental health and the amount of hate speech that is affecting young children. She recommended speaking with humility, compassion and taking a stand against hate speech. She asked the board consider what is behind the hateful comments.

Kane County resident Paula Merrington asked that board member Young apologize for his prior comments, especially regarding transgender individuals. She spoke how such comments affect that group.

Michelle Bettag from St. Charles addressed budget concerns, especially with certain facilities being constructed or paid interns being hired by the Chairwoman. She found it disrespectful that the chairwoman was receiving thousands of dollars from unions and asked the board to remove the responsible bidder process, since it was driving the cost of construction higher.

Robin Roy (Sanchez steps away 10:34 AM), explained why she moved to Kane County and once had second thoughts, but was pleased that she did not give into fear. She welcomed transgenders to the county and found Member Young's comments unfortunate. (Sanchez returns 10:35 AM).

(Board consensus received to add 15 minutes to public comment.)

Kane County resident Denise Theobald, shared the necessity of the hate proclamation that was being considered. She shared her own personal experiences and the mental health issues that are being seen in society. She asked that Member Young apologize to the community.

Kane County resident Ginger Romano found it interesting that the hate proclamation was being considered, given the comments in the room about Board member Young and Treasurer Lauzen.

Kane County resident Jeanine Meir voiced comments about the tragedy against Charlie Kirk since he was for family, faith and freedom. She asked both sides of the aisle to come together and support the important issues.

Steven Lefler from St. Charles shared his family's personal experience with using various social services/not-for-profits as a child and asked the county to use its funds to continue to support the same organizations.

Adam Pauley from Aurora discussed Board Member Young comments, reminding board members are to be held to the highest standard. He asked the board to remove Member Young from his committee assignments, reminding the board that members are sworn to protect the citizens they represent.

Brian Anderson from Sugar Grove shared some comments from Dale Berman. He found it ludicrous to be discussing a proclamation against hate and reminded the board that the leadership should be focusing on balancing the budget. Those making the public comments about hate were hypocritical when others also had the right of the First Amendment.

Jean Meyer discussed her goal to speak against hate against transgenders, violence, and the deep psychological problems it causes. She found the comments from Member Young appalling.

Dan Spellman shared his comments about finding common ground and the need to have productive discussions. He discussed the misleading comments made by Member Young. He asked the board and community to focus on the priorities and real results.

Treasurer Lauzen discussed slides on the overhead, which discussed comments made by Denise Theobald and his responses to them.

(Gumz moved to take a five-minute break at 11:08 a.m. All were in favor. Board reconvened at 11:15 a.m.)

8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- A.** Proclamation Recognizing November 4-11, 2025 as Veterans' Week in Kane County, Illinois [TMP-25-1131](#)

Veternas Commission Supt. Zimmerman read a proclamation recognizing November 4-11, 2025 as Veterans' Week in Kane County.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Jon Gripe
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kiou, 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
NAY:	Gary Daugherty
ABSENT:	Alex Arroyo

- B. Proclamation Declaring October 19-25, 2025, as We Stand United Against Hate Week in Kane County (M. Bates) [TMP-25-1266](#)

Board Members Bates, Penesis, Iqbal, Allan, Strathmann, Molina read a proclamation declaring October 19-25, 2025 as "We Stand United against Hate Week" in Kane County. Discussion ensued on unity and the board's focus.

**Motion to table Proclamation #TMP25-1266 by Surges, second by Williams.
Roll call:**

Aye: Daugherty, Gripe, Lenert, Roth, Surges, Williams, Young

Nay: Allan, Bates, Garcia, Gumz, Iqbal, Juby, Kious, Lewis, Linder, Molina, Penesis, Sanchez, Strathmann, Tarver, Tepe

VOTE: 7 - 15 MOTION TO TABLE FAILED.

Discussion followed on the wording of the proclamation, who it was directed to and the fact that people have the right of freedom of speech.

Sanchez then moved to adopt the proclamation presented on the overhead screen, second by Bates. Roll call:

Aye: Allan, Bates, Daugherty, Garcia, Gripe. Gumz, Iqbal, Juby, Kious, Lenert, Lewis, Linder, Molina, Penesis, Sanchez, Strathmann, Tarver, Tepe, Williams, Young.

Nay: None

Abstain: Surges

VOTE: 21-0 MOTION PASSED.

Bates explained the proclamation as being a national movement and not targeted against a certain person.

Young motioned to amend, second by Gumz, that the last sentence in the NOW THEREFORE paragraph, be revised to insert after the word "religion", the words: "and we stand united in upholding the First Amendment right that protects freedom of speech and expression." Roll call followed:

Aye: Allan, Bates, Daugherty, Garcia, Gripe. Gumz, Iqbal, Juby, Kious, Lenert, Lewis, Linder, Molina, Penesis, Sanchez, Strathmann, Tarver, Tepe, Williams, Young.

Nay: None

Abstain: Surges

VOTE: 21-0 MOTION PASSED.

Members shared their own personal comments about the proclamation and freedom of speech.

Roll call followed on the original proclamation, as amended:

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Michael Linder
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, and Vern Tepe
NAY:	Gary Daugherty, Jon Gripe, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and David Young
PRESENT:	Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Alex Arroyo
ABSTAIN:	Sonia Garcia, and Clifford Surges

9. CONSENT AGENDA/OMNIBUS VOTE

The Chairwoman asked if anyone would like to remove an item from the Consent Agenda.

Member Tepe removed Resolution No. 25-338. The chairwoman proceeded to ask for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Resolution No. 25-338.

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

- Approving First Amendment to Agreement Between County of Kane and Elgin Partnership for Early Learning (EPEL) [25-335](#)
- Authorizing the Reprogramming of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the Amount of \$314 (Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars) From the Kane County Office of Emergency Management’s Mobile Operations Command Post ARPA Project to the Kane County Building Management Department’s Access Control ARPA Project [25-336](#)

- Authorizing the Reprogramming of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the Amount of \$7,265 (Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars) from the Kane County Environmental & Water Resources Department's Ogden Gardens ARPA Project to the Kane County Environmental & Water Resources Department's Stream Gaging ARPA Project [25-337](#)
- Authorizing the Reprogramming of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the Amount of \$25,450 (Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars) from the Kane County Information Technologies Department's 211 Phone System ARPA Project to the Kane County Public Health Department's Addressing Behavioral Health Needs of Kane County Residents ARPA Project [25-339](#)
- Authorizing the Reprogramming of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the Amount of \$54,550 (Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars) from the Kane County Information Technologies Department's 211 Phone System ARPA Project to the Kane County Building Management Department's Access Control ARPA Project [25-340](#)
- Authorizing the Reprogramming of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the Amount of \$46,200.55 (Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents) from the Association for Individual Developments to Support the Expansion of Access to Mental Health and Crisis Support Services ARPA Project to the Kane County Building Management Department's Kane County Satellite Offices Building in Elgin HVAC System Renovations ARPA Project [25-341](#)
- Authorizing Additional Funds with Facilities Survey, LLC. (FSI) for the Building Management Department's Work Order Software Module for Project Management [25-342](#)
- Authorizing a Contract for Building Management Flooring & Carpeting Services with TSI Commercial Floor Covering, Inc. & Angstrom LLC (BID# 25-029-DH) [25-343](#)
- Authorizing a Contract Extension for a Water Operator for the Judicial Center Campus with Sheaffer and Roland of Geneva, IL (RFQ# 56-024) [25-344](#)
- Authorizing a Lease Extension for Dark Fiber with Metro Fibernet, LLC for the Information Technologies Department [25-345](#)
- Authorizing an Agreement for Cadastral Support Services [25-346](#)
- Amending Chapter 6 of the Kane County Code Buildings and Building Regulations: Article IV Fees [25-347](#)
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Ratifying Emergency Purchase Affidavit for a Temporary Project Manager for a Federal Grant	<u>25-348</u>
Adoption of a Revised Schedule of Fees for Stormwater Permits in Unincorporated Kane County and Non-Certified Communities	<u>25-349</u>
Authorizing Amendment to Master Power Supply Agreement for the Kane County Electrical Aggregation Program (RFP# 25-035-TK)	<u>25-350</u>
Creating the Position of Kane County Historian	<u>25-351</u>
Ratifying an Emergency Purchase Affidavit for Radio Tower Installations and Repairs	<u>25-352</u>
Ratifying and Approving Amendment to Grant Agreement Between the County of Kane and Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center	<u>25-353</u>
Approving August 2025 Claims Paid	<u>25-354</u>
Authorizing Transfer of Appropriation and Budget Adjustment in the General Fund for Contractual Services in the County Auditor's Office	<u>25-355</u>
Authorizing the County to Contract with Humana Inc. to Provide the 2026 Healthcare Continuation Coverage for Medicare Eligible Retired and Disabled Employees and Surviving Spouses	<u>25-356</u>
Authorizing the Provision of Funds to the City of Batavia for the Implementation of an Energy Efficiency Program	<u>25-357</u>
Approving FY2026 Operations and Maintenance Agreement with USGS for the Stream and Rainfall Gages	<u>25-358</u>
Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Rock Island County for Juvenile Detention Services	<u>25-359</u>
Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Ogle County for Juvenile Detention Services	<u>25-360</u>
Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lee County for Juvenile Detention Services	<u>25-361</u>
Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Stephenson County for Juvenile Detention Services	<u>25-362</u>
Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Whiteside County for Juvenile Detention Services	<u>25-363</u>
Emergency Appropriation for Transfer of Funds from JJC/AJC Refunding Debt Service Fund #623 to the General Fund – General Account #001	<u>25-364</u>

Approving an Amendment to the Agreement with Workday Adaptive Planning of Pleasanton, California for Access to and Use of Data Analytics and Budget/Forecasting Software	<u>25-365</u>
Authorization to Enter Into a Contract Extension for Audit Services	<u>25-366</u>
Authorizing Contract Extension for Workers Compensation and Liability Claims Third Party Administrator	<u>25-278</u>
Recognizing October as Manufacturing Month in Kane County	<u>25-367</u>
Ratifying and Approving Agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Homeless Prevention Grants for Program Year 2025	<u>25-368</u>
Approving an Agreement for County Engineer's Salary Program	<u>25-369</u>
Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants	<u>25-370</u>
Establishing a Public Hearing Date for Consideration of Land Use Assumptions for an Update to the Kane County Road Improvement Impact Fee Ordinance	<u>25-371</u>
Approving a Contract for Construction with Helm Electric Facility Solutions, Inc. dba Helm Electric of Rockford, Illinois for the KDOT Fiber Optic Backup Improvement Project, Kane County Section No. 25-00583-00-TL	<u>25-372</u>
Approving a Contract for Construction with Martam Construction, Inc. of Elgin, Illinois for Randall Road at Illinois Route 72 Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00514-00-WR	<u>25-373</u>
Approving an Agreement with Stanley Consultants, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois for Phase III Construction Engineering Services for Randall Road at Illinois Route 72 Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00514-00-WR	<u>25-374</u>

RESULT:	APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA
MOVER:	Deborah Allan
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, 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
ABSENT:	Alex Arroyo

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

Authorizing the Reprogramming of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the Amount of \$214,567.56 (Two Hundred FOURTEEN Thousand FIVE Hundred SIXTY-SEVEN Dollars and FIFTY-SIX Cents) from the Kane County Environmental & Water Resources Department’s Ogden Gardens ARPA Project to the Kane County Environmental & Water Resources Department’s Recycling Contractual Services and Commodities ARPA Project

[25-338](#)

Motion to amend by Tepe, second by Sanchez to (1) strike the amount “\$246,495.95” in the 7th WHEREAS paragraph and replace it with “\$221,832.56” and (2) strike the amount “\$239,230.95” in the resolution title, the 8th WHEREAS clause, and the RESOLVED clause and replace it with “\$214,567.56”.

Roll call followed:

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

Nay: None

VOTE: 22-0 AMENDMENT PASSED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
MOVER:	Jon Gripe
SECONDER:	Ted Penesis
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, 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
ABSENT:	Alex Arroyo

12. ZONING PETITIONS

- A. Petition # 4665 Petitioner: Riverside Club for Adventure & Imagination [TMP-25-989](#)

Motion by Iqbal, second by Williams to amend Stipulation No. 4 of Petition #4665 by deleting the current language and inserting the following text: "No permanent structures intended for overnight habitation shall be permitted within the 100-year flood plain." Roll call:

Aye: Allan, Bates, Daugherty, Garcia, Gripe Gumz, Eqbal, Juby, Kious, Lenert, Lewis, Linder, Molina, Penesis, Roth, Sanchez, Strathmann, Surges, Tarver, Tepe, Williams, Young
Nay: None

VOTE: 22-0 AMENDMENT PASSED.

Madam Chair opened up discussion/public comment from neighbors.

Kerra Comer discussed the positives of Riverside Club and the education her children have received over the years. She cited the neighbor's objections as minimal. There is only one event that Riverside hosts per year.

Agnes Denise Farruiga spoke to the positives she experienced while visiting the club and spoke to the enrichment that children receive. She asked for the board to support the petition.

Peter Searby, founder of Riverside Club, explained the mission of his organization and how the property was a perfect fit for the club. Additionally, he noted that his club supplements education through outdoor enrichment, but there is no accreditation.

Monta Hernon spoke to her own sons participating in the program and the positives they experienced. She emphasized the imagination and engagement in nature that the club offers to her family.

Nick Bosick indicated that he had Peter Searby at his home because he was not sure of what Riverside was and registered his son to be part of the club. He asked that the board make a difference, approve the permit.

(Lewis steps away 12:25 pm)

Roll call followed on Petition #4665, as amended:

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz

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

B. Petition # 4667 Petitioner: Michael Bohanek, et ux

[TMP-25-1069](#)

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, 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, Rick Williams, and David Young
ABSENT:	Alex Arroyo
AWAY:	Anita Lewis, and Vern Tepe

C. Petition # 4666 Petitioner: SV CSG Wilson School Solar LLC
(Tarver, Roth step away 12:30 pm)

[TMP-25-1135](#)

Neighbor Bruce Wright voiced his objections to this petition and believed that the developer will not maintain the buffer and other natural habitat. (Tarver, Roth return 12:33 pm). He believed it was the wrong site for the solar facility and that it will affect property values of the homes.

Neighbor Sharon Wright objected to the solar site, noting the board voted down a previous solar field and asked the board not to support the petition. Sixty-three neighbors have objected to the petition, noting that property values will be negatively affected and will obstruct future development of City of Elgin homes. It was noted that the petition must meet Standards A and C of its Special Use requirements. Additional flooding concerns were raised as well as concern about the site being near the Nicor gas line.

Vincent Argento,asked that the board deny this petition due to State statute law. He proceeded to review the statutes in further detail, noting that local control

remains. Discussion ensued regarding the LaSalle factors and the devaluation of residential home value near solar farms.

Mark Milan, with the City of Elgin, objected to the petition believing it was detrimental to the City by not allowing residential homes to be constructed. He cited the need for residential housing as discussed in a Chicago Tribune news article.

Delores Argento discussed the number of signatures she received that were against the petition and the financial losses that would result if the petition were to be approved, reiterating the Nicor pipeline. Flooding and tornados were also an issue.

Jennifer Rynes shared photographs of her home and asked the board not to approve the petition, showing the natural habitat that will be affected by the solar panels. She focused on Special Use Standard B and asked the board to deny the petition.

Petitioner James Griffin, on behalf of the applicant, and Bill French were present. Mr. French, the lead project manager, walked through the petition and the process to date. He found that the application met the county's standards and pointed out that the board did not hear the evidence presented at the Zoning Board of Appeals. He asked that this petition be approved by the board.

Member Tepe explained that he does not support solar fields in general when placed near residential. Member Allan shared her comments from her personal visit to the site and was in support of the petition. She noted that there is a tree-line separating the homes from the proposed site. She mentioned that the neighbors do have the protection with old tree growth and the water issue was mitigated. Per, Mr. French, old tiles will be repaired and/or replaced. A 12-inch drain tile will be installed per the county's Water Resources department. Current vegetation will remain, but screening will be installed with a double row of evergreens along the East line with arborvitaes. Per Member Williams, owner Mr. Burnidge has not had any offers to purchase the land. Mr. French stated he would agree to the county's standards for screening that are currently being revised, but stressed the double-row of arborvitaes.

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

ABSENT:	Alex Arroyo
AWAY:	Anita Lewis, and Clifford Surges

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(The board took a 10 minute break at 1:20 pm; reconvened at 1:30 pm.) The roll was called and a quorum was established. Absent: Arroyo; Away: Iqbal, Lewis)

The Board entered closed session at 1:32 pm to discuss pending, probable and/or imminent litigation and settlement of claims.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, 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
ABSENT:	Alex Arroyo
AWAY:	Mo Iqbal, and Anita Lewis

- A. Pending, Probable, and/or Imminent Litigation
- B. Settlement of Claims

11. OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 1:39 p.m. Roll call followed and a quorum was established. (Away: Daugherty, Iqbal, Lewis.)

13. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS

- A. Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request

[25-375](#)

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Ted Penesis
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, 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

ABSENT:	Alex Arroyo
ABSTAIN:	Michelle Gumz
AWAY:	Gary Daugherty, Mo Iqbal, and Anita Lewis

B. Authorizing Grand Victoria Riverboat Funding for Internal Projects for FY2026

[25-376](#)

Kious reviewed a spreadsheet on how Riverboat funds -- both internal and external funds -- have been distributed over the years and the fact that some funds were being carried over but now have been readjusted.

Tarver motioned to amend, Roth seconded, to remove the County Board Internship Program (for \$30,000) from consideration. Discussion and questions followed on how the internship program would work, who would be responsible for running it, etc., understanding that if the funds were not used, they would return to the Riverboat Reserve Fund. Comments followed that the \$30,000 funds should not be used right now because the county was asking its departments to cut their budget. The board should be used as an example.

Roll call on the amendment:

Aye: Allan, Daugherty, Garcia, Gripe, Juby, Lenert, Linder, Roth, Sanchez, Surges, Tarver, Williams, Young

Nay: Bates, Gumz, Kious, Molina, Penesis, Strathmann, Tepe

VOTE: 13-7. AMENDMENT PASSED.

Tarver moved, Roth seconded, to amend and remove the \$100,000 funding for the Strategic Plan program. Strathmann and Allan pointed out that the board had already approved and signed a contract with the consultant for the strategic plan and the money was already in the General Fund. Finance Dir. Hopkinson noted the funds were being held in the Riverboat Fund and the board could redirect the funds to the General Fund. Discussion followed.

Motion by Tarver, second by Juby to call the question. Roll call:

Aye: Allan, Daugherty, Garcia, Gripe, Juby, Kious, Lenert, Linder, Molina, Penesis, Roth, Sanchez, Strathmann, Traver, Tepe, Williams, Young

Nay: Bates, Gumz, Surges

VOTE: 17-3 MOTION TO CALL QUESTION PASSED.

Roll call on the amendment (\$100,000-Strategic Plan) followed:

Aye: Allan, Daugherty, Juby, Lenert, Linder, Roth, Sanchez, Surges,

Tarver, Williams, Young

Nay: Bates, Gumz, Kious, Molina, Penesis, Strathmann, Tepe

Abstain: Garcia

VOTE: 12-7 AMENDMENT PASSED.

Motion by Tarver, second by Roth to amend and remove the funding for the Sesquicentennial Garden (\$35,000).

Aye: Allan, Bates, Daugherty, Garcia, Gripe, Juby, Lenert, Linder, Molina, Penesis, Roth, Surges, Tarver, Young

Nay: Gumz, Kious, Sanchez, Strathmann, Tepe, Williams

VOTE: 14-6 AMENDMENT PASSED.

Motion by Linder, second by Gripe to amend to remove the funding (\$101,172.00) for the Grant Management position. A hearty discussion followed for and against the grant manager position. Member Gumz pointed out that the position would not guarantee that grant money would be received. Member Linder believed that funding specific positions, such as this one, should be removed from the Riverboat Funds since the county was trying to cut expenses. (Lenert steps away 2:54 pm) The differences in funding and budgeting were explained by ASA Frank. (Lenert returns 2:56 pm) **Roll call on the amendment (for grant management) followed.**

Aye: Daugherty, Gripe, Linder, Roth, Young

Nay: Allan, Bates Garcia, Gumz, Kious, Lenert, Molina, Penesis, Sanchez, Strathmann, Surges, Tarver, Tepe, Williams

Present: Juby

VOTE: 5-14 AMENDMENT FAILED.

Motion by Roth, second by Young to amend and give the same amount as in the FY25 budget (\$96,800) for the Recycling Program. Roll call on the amendment (Recycling) followed:

Aye: Daugherty, Roth, Young

Nay: Allan, Bates, Garcia, Gripe, Gumz, Kious, Lenert, Linder, Molina, Penesis, Sanchez, Strathmann, Surges, Tarver, Tepe, Williams

Present: Juby

VOTE: 3-16 AMENDMENT FAILED.

Motion by Gumz, second by Roth to amend Resolution No. 25-376 to include Drug Prosecution, Victim Coordination Services, Domestic Violence, Child Advocacy Services, Energy & Management and the

Recycling Program and to grant them their original requests in full, including the non-obligated fund balances. Member Lenert pointed out that the Riverboat Committee had agreed to give the State's Attorney the amount they received in 2025, but what the State's Attorney requested was an increase of \$1,137,163.00, which was a 40% increase from last year. SAO Fin. Dir. Hunt explained that historically, the funds have been supported by the Riverboat. He filled in the details of how the accounts get balanced between the "ask" and "existing fund balance". SA Mosser explained the importance of the programs being funded and asked the board to support the amendment. Questions and clarification followed.

Aye: Gumz, Juby, Penesis, Sanchez, Surges, Tarver, Tepe, Young

Nay: Allan, Bates, Daugherty, Garcia, Gripe, Kious, Lenert, Linder, Molina, Roth, Strathmann, Williams

VOTE: 8-12 AMENDMENT FAILS.

Motion by Molina, second by Williams to amend and take the savings from the 3 eliminated programs, totaling \$165,000, and to add that savings to the State Attorney's 4 programs. Roll call on the amendment:

Aye: Bates, Garcia, GripeGumz, Juby, Kious, Lenert, Linder, Molina, Penesis, Roth, Sanchez, Strathmann, Surges, Tarver, Tepe, Williams, Young

Nay: Daugherty

Abstain: Allan

VOTE: 18-1 AMENDMENT PASSED.

Roll called followed on the original motion with above amendments:

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Cheryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
NAY:	Clifford Surges
PRESENT:	Michelle Gumz
ABSENT:	Alex Arroyo
AWAY:	Mo Iqbal, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

- C. Authorizing Expense Budget Amount to be Used for the 2026 General Fund General Account Budget [25-377](#)

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Deborah Allan
SECONDER:	Michael Linder
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, 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
ABSENT:	Alex Arroyo
AWAY:	Mo Iqbal, Anita Lewis, and Jarett Sanchez

- D. Authorizing Certain Actions Relative to the Tax Agent [25-378](#)

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

- E. Ratifying and Approving Agreement Between JusticeText, Inc. and Kane County Public Defender for Audiovisual Evidence Management Platform [25-379](#)

Per Public Defender Conant, Justice Text will allow her office to use discovery in a more efficient way for court purposes. Transcripts can now be obtained from body cameras. The money is in the budget for this contract.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Ted Penesis

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

F. Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of County Board Member in the County of Kane (District 2) [25-380](#)

Chief of Civil Frank explained the next steps in the process to fill the District 2 vacancy with Madam Chair, who added further details. Member Tarver offered to be on a committee, if needed. Minor questions followed regarding the appointment and then the term. A special election will be held in November, 2026 for the remainder of the term.

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

G. Mill Creek SSA Advisory Body Appointments [TMP-25-1259](#)

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

H. KaneComm Board Appointments

[TMP-25-1260](#)

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

I. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment

[TMP-25-1261](#)

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

14. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

15. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

None.

16. ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Rick Williams

This meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Celeste Weilandt & Christine Mazzei
Recording Secretaries