



Kane County

KC Judicial/Public Safety Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

MOLINA, Lenert, Gumz, Linder, Roth, Tepe, Williams & ex-officio Pierog (County Chair)

Thursday, December 14, 2023

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Molina called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Rick Williams
REMOTE	Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Vern Tepe
ABSENT	Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. members Bates*, Kious; KaneComm Dir. Guthrie; Sheriff Hain & staff Catich, Anderson*; OEM Dir. Buziecki; State's Attorney Mosser & staff Brady*, Cermak, Hunt*; Public Defender Conant; Chief Judge Villa; Court Admin. O'Brien & staff Mathis; Court Srvs. Exec. Dir. Aust & staff Tsang; Circuit Clk. Barreiro & staff Herwick; Coroner Russell; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Chairman Molina announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. She asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Members Gumz and Tepe attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: November 16, 2023

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Bill Lenert

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None.

6. Monthly Financial Reports**A. Monthly Finance Reports**

Chairman Molina stated the monthly financial reports were on file. No additional report was made.

7. Merit Commission

None.

8. KaneComm (M. Guthrie)**A. Monthly Report**

KaneComm Dir. Guthrie stated the monthly report was on file. She shared that there was an increase in calls for service, but a decrease in phone calls. The majority of the increase in calls is from officer-initiated activity. KaneComm continues to work on their set projects, hiring, and training. Guthrie explained that the 2023 statistics are being gathered and entered into their end of the year report.

9. Sheriff/Adult Corrections (R. Hain)**A. Monthly Report**

Sheriff Hain stated the monthly report was on file. He spoke on the homecoming of Detective Brain Anderson from rehabilitation/hospitalization. He explained that Anderson will have to undergo five additional surgeries with a possible two year recovery process. Hain requested to enter an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

B. Authorizing the Kane County Sheriff's Office to Implement a Standard Security Protocol to Enhance and Maintain Safety Measures for the Kane County Government Center

Sheriff Hain provided additional information on this resolution. He addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Myrna Molina, Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
NAY:	Bill Lenert
ABSENT:	Corinne M. Pierog

10. Executive Session

Chairman Molina requested a motion and a second to move into Executive Session at 9:05 a.m. to discuss personnel and the release of closed session minutes. Committee Member Williams motioned to enter an Executive Session for these mentioned topics, Committee Member Roth seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:18 a.m. on a motion made by Roth, seconded by Gumz. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Judicial/Public Safety Committee re-entered Executive Session at 9:19 a.m. to discuss pending and/or imminent litigation on a motion made by Roth, seconded by Lenert. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:32 a.m. on a motion made by Lenert, seconded by Roth. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A. Release of Closed Session Minutes

11. Open Session

A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz

12. Emergency Management (S. Buziecki)

A. Monthly Report

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Dir. Buziecki stated the monthly report was on file. He has hired a new planner, James Baugh. OEM has been without a planner since September 2023. Buziecki explained that OEM's volunteers finished the fiscal year with 11,116 hours. He reviewed the volunteer statistics. He spoke on the Illinois Capability and THIRA (Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment) Tool (IL-CATT) for Kane County. This is essentially the County's report card and a process that is done every six months. The report is a self-rating of core capabilities. Moving forward with the report's results, OEM implements plans, procedures, and training to raise the County's scores. Buziecki explained that the ratings are done by a team of emergency officials across Kane County. This report also allows the County to judge their emergency capabilities. Buziecki addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

13. State's Attorney (J. Mosser)**A. Monthly Report**

State's Attorney Mosser stated the monthly report was on file. No additional report was made.

B. Authorizing Participation in the Appellate Prosecutor Program

State's Attorney Mosser provided additional information on this resolution.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Corinne M. Pierog

C. Authorizing FY24 Budget Adjustment and Fund Transfer from Fund 234 to Fund 221

SAO CFO Hunt provided additional information on this resolution.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Michael Linder
AYE:	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Corinne M. Pierog

14. Public Defender (R. Conant)**A. Monthly Report**

Public Defender Conant stated the monthly report was on file. Her office is continuing with the hiring process. The open positions will be reposted with the new starting salaries. Conant explained that recently they have received numerous applications/resumes from seasoned attorneys that have not practiced criminal law, instead of recent law graduates.

15. Judiciary & Courts (Villa/O'Brien)

Chief Judge Villa stated that the specialty courts, such as Drug Court, is the star of the Kane County Judiciary. He announced the retirement of Judge Marmarie Kostelny, who was the Drug Court judge. Villa explained that Kostelny promised to assist in the transition of a new judge. In mid-October, Judge Kostelny selected Judge Christine Downs to take on the Drug Court call. Judge Downs has already completed six-hours of training to help with the transition. Villa commended Kostelny and the work done with the success of the specialty court. He noted that Service Dog, Forest, will be attending Drug Court for one additional year.

16. Court Services Administration (L. Aust)**A. JJC Housing Report**

Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust stated the monthly reports were on file. She explained that in the past Kane County Drug Court, has received a good amount of federal grants that help with drug-risk individuals. This year will be the first year Kane County will not be receiving these grant funds. Aust noted that Kane County has received this grant for three cycles, which is uncommon. Due to this, she has been able to store funding over the last three years for a rainy day. Now that the grants will come to an end, the money will be utilized for drug testing services. Aust spoke on the Opioid Crisis. According to law, people who are incarcerated for long periods of time will lose any entitlements they have. Once released from incarceration, they have to re-apply for these. When someone is enrolled in drug court, they must attend a drug treatment program that can cost approximately \$10K for a 27-day treatment program. Kane County has used grant funding to cover these costs, but will no longer be able to. Aust spoke on the medication and treatment costs. Currently, Aust is able to use the funding that was set aside from the grants, but this will soon be diminished. Aust explained that Court Services will be seeking funding from the Kane County's AD HOC Opioid Settlement Fund Committee. Aust addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

17. Circuit Clerk (T. Barreiro)**A. Monthly Reports**

Circuit Clk. Barreiro stated the monthly report was on file. She explained that within the report is a page that has summarized Circuit Clerk's Office duties and totals.

B. Authorizing FY24 Budget Adjustment for the Circuit Clerk's Office

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert
AYE:	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Corinne M. Pierog

18. Coroner (R. Russell)**A. Monthly Report**

Coroner Russell stated the monthly report was on file. He reported that autopsies numbers have decreased from this time last year, which has helped with his overall budget. He announced that Kane County has received from the Federal Government a grant for \$100K for three years. This is to hire a Morgue Technician. Russell noted that he is currently awaiting the \$3.1M from Congress. Russell addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

19. Old Business

Committee Member Roth asked Chief Judge Villa about the Safe-T Act's end of the year statistics. Chief Judge Villa stated that three meetings will be held on this topic. Currently, the data received has been positive. Villa stated he would like to amend the way data is collected. In January 2024, there will be a change implemented to the forum to collect data of detainable versus non-detainable offenses. Villa stated there will be a formal Safe-T Act update after the first six months of it's implementation.

20. Place Written Reports on File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Bill Roth

21. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Chairman Molina thanked all employees for their service over the upcoming holiday season.

22. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Rick Williams

This meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM.

Savannah Valdez
Recording Secretary