



Kane County

KC Jobs Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

LEWIS, ALLAN, Bates, Daugherty, Ford, Strathmann, Young, ex-officios Pierog (County Chair), and Tepe (County Vice Chair)

Friday, November 17, 2023

10:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Ron Ford Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Board Member David Young Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog
REMOTE	Board Member Gary Daugherty
ABSENT	Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Vern Tepe

Also present: Co. Bd. members Kiouss*, Molina*; OCR Dir. Berger & staff Gonzalez; Dev. staff Thavong; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Committee Chair Lewis announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. She asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Member Daugherty attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: October 13, 2023

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	David Young

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None.

6. Office of Community Reinvestment - Workforce Development Division

A. OCR Financials

OCR Dir. Berger provided the monthly financial reports. He introduced Fiscal Manager, Maria Gonzalez who stated that the WIOA is beginning to report expenditures for youth funds. She projects that they will meet the required benchmarks at the end of the two year cycle. The Trade Grant ended on September 30th. Gonzalez addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

B Authorize Acceptance of Supplemental Funding to Support Workforce Services in Partnership with Chinese Mutual Aid Association and World Relief

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Ron Ford
AYE:	Anita Lewis, Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Ron Ford, Cherryl Strathmann, and David Young
ABSENT:	Vern Tepe
AWAY:	Gary Daugherty

7. Jobs Committee Priorities**A. RISE Grant Update**

Toth provided a RISE Grant update. Staff is currently working on a physical tour of the County. They will be one more session of one-on-one interviews. The deadline for the Rise Grant is March 31, 2024. Toth addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

B. Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership (GCEP) Update**C. Kane County Economic Profile Presentation**

Toth shared several graphs showing Kane County's employment rates as of August 2023. The annual employment average is at 251K. From 2022-2023 there was a decrease in employment in Kane County due to Automation AI. The top employer by sector is currently manufacturing with over 32K jobs. The unemployment rate is currently at an average of 5.3%. Toth addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

D ARPA Projects Update

Toth provided the ARPA Projects Update. Staff is working on the website and contracts for the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center. He hopes to start working with manufacturers on January 1, 2024.

E. Fabulous Fox! Water Trail Update

Dev. staff Miller provided the Fabulous Fox! Water Trail Update. Staff will begin working with Hey & Associates on marketing and the feasibility study.

8. New Business

None.

9. Comments by Co-Chair**10. Reports Placed On File**

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Mavis Bates

11. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

12. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

13. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Ron Ford
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann

This meeting was adjourned at 11:20 PM.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary