



Kane County

KC Legislative Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

GUMZ, LINDER, Bates, Daugherty, Gripe, Molina, Strathmann, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair) and Pierog (County Chair)

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

10:30 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Gumz called today's meeting to order at 10:38 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Jon Gripe Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Cheryl Strathmann Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth
ABSENT	Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Gary Daugherty Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. members Allan*, Juby*, Kious*, Penesis*; McGuireWoods Consultants Bales, Sherwood*; Transportation Deputy Dir. Rickert*; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

There were no remote attendance requests for today's meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes: July 16, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Jon Gripe

5. Public Comment

Kane County resident Mike Meyer addressed the resolution for supporting immigrant rights. He stated that ignoring laws provides a soft anarchy, which reduces social stability. He expressed his concerns with the county's revenue issue, and how that relates to the proposed resolution indicating all immigration is welcomed. He stated that due process is important, but to be wise at the same time is important.

Kane County resident Denise Theobald expressed her strong support of the resolution to support immigrant rights, human dignity, and fair reform in Kane County. She stated that what the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) are currently doing is not border control or law enforcement. She recognizes the pain and suffering people are going through, and is sickened it is being allowed. Theobald stated that the resolution reaffirms that everyone, regardless of where they were born, or the color of their skin, deserve to be treated with human dignity and respect. She urged the Committee to vote yes on the resolution.

Kane County resident Brenda Sanchez spoke on behalf of her Latino community, and those who are being targeted. She stated that she has been a member of the Kane County community for fifteen years. She feels attacked based on the color of her skin, and that the actions done by ICE agents have caused her family and her business to be collateral damage.

6. Legislative Update

McGuireWoods Consultant Bales* stated that the Federal Government has been shut down since September 30, 2025. Congress currently is unable to come to an agreement on how to re-open it. He stated that the Republicans in Congress put forth a continuing resolution (CR) to continue spending levels for the immediate future at the existing level set forth in fiscal year 2025. Premium tax credits matching up with the Affordable Care Act to keep premiums low on insurance are going to expire at the end of the year. Democrats proposed their own continuing resolution which included a number of health care components. The extension of the tax credits is the main demand Democrats are seeking in order to provide their votes for a continuing resolution. A CR was passed out of the House with all Republican votes. To date, no Senate CR votes have passed. Open enrollment for health care begins November 1, 2025. It is anticipated that there will be an increase in health insurance premiums.

McGuireWoods Consultant Sherwood stated that next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, will be the final days of the fall Veto Session. He noted that it remains to be seen if any of these issues will come to fruition or not. The big issues are transit, and the consolidation of the Northern Illinois Transit Agencies. Sherwood stated that the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has reported that they have enough funding to get them through to next summer. House Democrats were gathered last week to discuss the type of revenue options they could consider to make up for the funding cliff transit agencies are facing. Conversations are ongoing. In addition to transit, the other big issue is energy reform. Lastly, Sherwood stated that the biggest issue for Kane County is that the current version of the bill includes additional restrictions on units of local government regarding zoning approval for renewable energy projects. The State of Illinois is considering revenue in tax changes to deal with a budget deficit. Conversations are ongoing regarding a revenue package. Further discussion ensued.

7. New Business

- A. Resolution in Support of Immigrant Rights, Human Dignity, and Fair Reform in Kane County, Illinois

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Myrna Molina
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann
AYE:	Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, and Cherryl Strathmann
PRESENT:	Jon Gripe
ABSENT:	Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, and Corinne M. Pierog

8. Old Business

None.

9. Co-Chair Comments

None.

10. Reports Placed on File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Cherryl Strathmann

11. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

12. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Michael Linder
SECONDER:	Cherryl Strathmann

This meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary