

Kane County

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KC Public Service Committee Meeting Minutes

SANCHEZ, Young, Gumz, Lewis, Surges, Tepe, Williams & Pierog (ex-offico Chair)

Thursday, September 19, 2024

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Sanchez called today's meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. He announced that there was no in-person quorum. No votes can be taken. This meeting will be held for presentations and discussion only.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE	

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Jarett Sanchez
	Board Member Anita Lewis
	Board Member Vern Tepe
REMOTE	Board Member Michelle Gumz
	Board Member Clifford Surges
ABSENT	Board Member David Young
	Board Member Rick Williams
	Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. members Juby, Kenyon, Kious*, Molina*, Roth; Treasurer Lauzen; SOA Armstrong; ROE Dir. of Technologies Morris; VAC Supt. Zimmerman*; Co. Clerk staff Pollock; Spec. ASA Shepro; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public, including Fin. Analyst Lloyd, Asst. Customer Service Mgr. Fuentes, and Customer Service Analyst Shook.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

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

4. Approval of Minutes: August 22, 2024

These minutes will be deferred to next month's meeting for approval.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Finance

A. Monthly Report

The monthly reports are on file. No additional report was made.

7. Recorder

The monthly reports are on file. No additional report was made.

A. Monthly Report

The monthly reports are on file. No additional report was made.

8. Treasurer / Collector

A. Monthly Report

Treasurer Lauzen introduced three members of his staff, Fin. Analyst Lloyd, Asst. Customer Service Mgr. Fuentes, and Customer Service Analyst Shook. He commended them on their outstanding customer service to Kane County residents. Lauzen stated that the property tax collection process has reached the 80% mark. There was a 6% increase from last year in overall property taxes collected. The E-Check collections had a 10% increase from last year.

9. Supervisor of Assessments

A. Monthly Report

SOA Armstrong stated that Elgin Township has a final equalization factor of 1.1069, and the final filing deadline is October 25, 2025. Aurora Township's final equalization factor was 1.1192, and the final filing deadline is November 2, 2024. He announced that he will be attending a one-day seminar at Northern Illinois University (NIU) in Naperville for a State Legal Symposium on property assessments. He will co-present with the Senior Legal Counsel of the Cook County Assessors Office. Armstrong noted that he will also give a presentation on the ten court decisions that every Illinois Assessor should know.

10. Regional Office of Education

ROE Dir. of Operations and Tech., Morris, stated that 300 administrators were trained on emergency management reunification. He stated that the 150 building permits have been approved. The yearly required building inspections are about to begin. From now, until December 15, 2024, staff will be conducting inspections throughout the 225 buildings in Kane County.

11. Veteran's Assistance Commission

A. Monthly Report

VAC Supt. Zimmerman stated that the monthly reports are on file. No additional reports were made.

B. Proclaiming Operation Green Light for Veterans in Kane County, Illinois

VAC Supt. Zimmerman stated that this proclamation will encourage the county to show their support for veterans by displaying a green light. The county building and the old court house will display green lights from November 4 to November 11, 2024.

Chairman Sanchez stated that this proclamation will potentially be put on the Executive Committee agenda on Wednesday, October 2, 2024.

RESULT: HELD OVER

12. County Clerk

A. Monthly Report

Co. Clerk Pollock noted that if any constituents have questions about late taxes and what it means, current year taxes are handled at the Treasurer's office, and past year taxes are handled at the County Clerk's office. Passport collections are 3% ahead of record pace. The election judges training is finishing up. Pollock indicated that his staff has been presenting at schools, libraries, churches, as well as colleges, demonstrating new equipment, sharing information on election security, and voting information. Voter's registration was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at the libraries in Aurora and Elgin. Pollock announced that Thursday, September 26, 2024 is the first election day, and early voting begins. Expanded early voting will begin Monday, October 21, 2024.

13. Other Business

None.

14. Executive Session (If Needed)

None.

15. Reports Placed On File

No votes were taken.

16. Adjournment

No votes were taken.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Rachel Santora Recording Secretary