



# Kane County

## KC Finance and Budget Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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

BERMAN, Lenert, Juby, Lewis, Sanchez, Surges, Tepe, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair)  
and Pierog (County Chair)

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**Wednesday, July 23, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**County Board Room**

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**1. Call To Order**

Vice-Chairman Lenert called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**2. Roll Call**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Clifford Surges Board Member Vern Tepe Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog
<b>ABSENT</b>	Board Member Dale Berman Board Member Jarett Sanchez

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Allan\*, Arroyo\*, Bates, Garcia\*, Gripe\*, Gumz\*, Kiou\*, Linder, Molina\*, Penesis\*, Strathmann\*; Treasurer Lauzen\*; Auditor Wegman & staff Lara, Saveley, Head, Samak, Quillinan, Castellanos; Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson; HRM Exec. Dir. Loblillo; KDOT Dir. Zakosek; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt\*; KCHD CFO Snowden\*; ROE Dir. of Tech. Morris; ITD CIO Lasky\* & staff Kash; BLD Dir. Harris; SAO Chief of Civil Frank & staff Ford, Jerkatis, and members of the press and public.

**3. Remote Attendance Requests**

Vice-Chairman Lenert announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. He asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Chairman Berman attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

Chairman Berman did not attend today's meeting.

**4. Approval of Minutes: June 25, 2025**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe

**5. Public Comment**

Kane County resident, Jenine Mehr, pointed out that the County is proposing another tax, the Kane County Grocery Tax, that would help the \$30M financial hole created by Madam Chairman Pierog. She stated that this is a tax on food that has not received

voter impact, which is known as taxation without representation. She explained that just because Illinois allows the County to impose this tax, it is simply not the right thing to do. She stated that Pierog, who she believes is leading this, has never seen a tax she does not like. She spoke on the recent sales tax referendum that Kane County citizens voted against in mass. However, now the County is trying to push through this additional sales tax. Mehr stated that the County is already the highest taxed throughout the country without transparency. She noted that there was not an estimate of how much revenue this Grocery Tax would generate for the County. She questioned the real meaning behind this. She stated that as the State of Illinois is moving in the opposite direction by eliminating their 1% Grocery Tax in 2026, Kane County wants to snatch it right back. She explained that this is not responsible governing, but is desperation created by poor fiscal management. She stated that the budget has grown without reason and that just five years ago, the County operated on half of the budget they do today. However, instead of tightening the fiscal belt, the County is taxing residents. Mehr stated that a responsible government would cut spending. She explained that the County operated on \$70M for multiple years, but has increased the budget to \$140M in five years. She stated that the County needs to cut taxes and become a leaner government. She urged this Board to oppose the imposition of a Grocery Tax.

Victoria Davidson-Bell, Geneva, explained that she has been attending meetings to try to understand the issues that the County Board is facing, especially with the failure of the tax referendum. She shared an observation that she made at the last meeting she attended. She stated that people are tired of the fighting, polarization, vitriol, and the verbal Molotov cocktails that are thrown. She explained that people want government to work with the people. She observed that the County is dealing with the fall-out of the sales tax referendum. As she stayed at this previous meeting, it was evident to her that there was civil discourse. Each member was listening and hearing one another, and tried to work together in a constructive manner. Davidson-Bell voiced her appreciation for the work being done and she expects this from the entire County Board.

Brian Anderson, Sugar Grove, stated it has been 113 days since the Consolidated Election on April 1, 2025. (Madam Chairman Pierog arrived in-person at 9:06 a.m.) He noted that on today's meeting agenda, the County has imposed another tax, instead of doing the hard work. Referencing County Board Member's Roth 12-point plan that was presented to the Finance Committee previously. Anderson stated that none of the points have been worked on. Additionally, Committee Vice-Chairman Lenert proposed an Attrition Program. Anderson explained that while attending the Kane County Fair, he met with multiple County citizens to speak on taxes. Overwhelming, he was told that no one wants more taxes. He urged the Board to listen to their constituents. He explained that from 2015 to 2021, the County took a conservative approach regarding the Consumer Price Index (CPI). He stated that only within the last 36 months, due to outrageous spending, the County has ended up in the financial crisis. He said to the Board that it is time to roll up the sleeves and do the hard work, such as spending cuts, department budget reductions, hiring freezes, attrition based hiring, delay capital projects, and reduce discretionary spending. Anderson spoke on the imposition of a 1% Grocery Tax. He stated that Cook County is the only other county out of the 102, that

currently imposes a grocery tax. Citizens do not want Cook County in Kane County. (Committee Member Surges arrived in-person at 9:09 a.m.). Anderson stated that Kane County is a conservative county in nature.

Kane County resident, Denise Theobald, spoke on the Kane County budget deficit and the entity that is responsible. She told others to imagine that their home roof is leaking, the foundation is sinking, and repairs are needed, but the person in charge of the finances keeps saying no to fixing anything. This person has called this fiscal responsibility. However, they refuse to work or raise money for maintenance or future repairs. Therefore, the next caretaker of the home is left with the bill. Theobald stated that this house is Kane County. She explained that for ten years under former Chairman Chris Lauzen's leadership, the County imposed a tax freeze. However, he never increased the property tax levy, not even to keep up with inflation. Theobald noted that this was a political decision, not a practical one. This decision left County roads deteriorated, emergency systems aged out, County buildings went without repair, Information Technology (IT) systems lagged, and County employees were underpaid. Meanwhile, inflation surged, population grew, and the service demands increased. However, year after year, Lauzen refused to raise revenue. Theobald explained that while Lauzen was refusing to raise County revenue, he spent hundreds of thousands of tax payer dollars on legal settlements or renovations to the Chairman's office. Currently, she stated that Treasurer Lauzen still refuses to work constructively with the County Board. Theobald spoke on the lack of transparency offered by Lauzen. She explained that Lauzen's goal is not good governance, but is division, distraction and his need for power. She stated that the County's budget deficit is not the result of reckless spending or mismanagement, but a result of a decade of denial refusing to make modest, responsible tax adjustments to keep pace with inflation. She explained that if Lauzen did the right thing back then, the County would not be facing the hard choices it has today, such as budget cuts, lay-offs, and emergency solutions. She spoke on Lauzen's misleading claims on the Sales Tax Referendum, that would have helped close the budget deficit. She stated that Kane County citizens are tired of the lies and the political theatre. Kane County citizens want bipartisanship, facts, solution, and the County to work together.

Michelle Bettag, St. Charles, spoke on the proposed Grocery Tax and the increased spending that has occurred over the past three years. Based on facts, she stated that the spending that has occurred is an insult to Kane County citizens. She noted that Kane County is the twenty-eighth highest taxed County out of the 3,300 counties in the country. Bettag spoke on the multitude of citizens, all from different political parties, that are under high pressure to pay their bills. In regards to the County's Responsible Bidders' Ordinance (RBO), Bettag stated that this is detrimental to the business of the County and is a crime. She explained that when Madam Chairman Pierog passed this ordinance, it gave the County nothing but pressure and overspending. She urged for the elimination of this ordinance. She stated that the County is paying one-third higher costs to complete projects. Meanwhile, the costs of these projects are going to unions that have donated to Pierog's political campaign. Bettag stated that people need to be educated on the RBO. She spoke on her views of Finance Committee Chairman Berman being able to lead.

**6. Treasurer's Report (C. Lauzen)****A. Monthly Report**

At the request of Treasurer Lauzen, the Committee moved to the Auditor's Report.

Treasurer Lauzen requested that the Board, whether they agree or disagree with public comment, not interrupt a public speaker. He asked the Board to let constituents finish their comments. He expressed his respect and appreciation to Chairman Berman. He spoke on Berman's professional past and thanked him for his service. Lauzen stated that the monthly report was on file. He explained that the County has collected and distributed interest income of \$1,250,000 to tax agencies in Kane County for June 2025. Additionally, the County earned \$1.5M for County tax payers. Lauzen noted that this amount is just short of the projected 12-month interest income total. The grand total of this month's interest income is \$2.8M. Referencing page seven, Lauzen presented the Actual Performance Interest Earned Fiscal Years 2023 to 2025. Referencing page eight, he spoke on the Cumulative Interest Earned Fiscal Years 2021 to 2025. On page nine, Lauzen presented the Interest Earned Fiscal Years 2021 to 2025. Referencing page ten, he shared a chart that showed that Kane County is either even or ahead of all benchmarks for both short and long terms. On page 11, Lauzen presented the Kane County - Portfolio Analysis - June 30, 2025 - Summary. He stated that this lists every investment instrument and reconciliation to the financial statements. Referencing page 19, he shared a comparison of total demand and investments from June FY2024 to June 2025. He noted that there is approximately \$25M less to invest. The loss of \$25M at 4% is approximately \$1M. Therefore, the County will have approximately \$1M less to spend than last year. On page 23, Lauzen shared cashVest by Three+One's graph depicting the County's revenue growth. He stated even though the benchmark rates have declined by 8%, the County has actually earned \$7.5M with the help of Three+One's cashVest management. Finally, he reviewed charts that show patterns of the County's cash flow during the year. He explained that his office is trying to put together information where they can project interest income so that the County has the additional information to figure out the budget. Lauzen addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

The Committee moved to the Finance Director's Report.

**7. Auditor's Report (P. Wegman)****A. Monthly Report**

Auditor Wegman stated the monthly report was on file. No additional report was made.

Wegman requested that the Committee move to agenda item 7D: Kane County Procurement Card Review. The Committee provided consensus.

**B. Approving June 2025 Claims Paid**

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Clifford Surges
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dale Berman, and Jarett Sanchez

**C. Amending Kane County Board Resolutions to Correct Scrivener's Errors**

Vice-Chairman Lenert explained that there were five scrivener's errors that have occurred in various resolutions over the past year and this resolution is correcting all of them at once.

Committee Member Tepe commended all involved in reviewing the resolutions and making the needed corrections. He hopes all Committee members feel comfortable with passing this forward.

Committee Member Juby added that the scrivener's errors include the language to the described dollar amount. The actual dollar amount has remained the same.

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dale Berman, and Jarett Sanchez

The Committee moved back to the Treasurer's Report.

**D. Kane County Procurement Card Review**

Auditor Intern Castellanos presented the Kane County Procurement Card (PCard) Review conducted from December 2024 through May 2025. She stated that the Auditor's Office performs an audit of all PCards and respective transactions to provide a semi-annual PCard review. She noted that JPMorgan is the County's PCard provider. She explained that PCards are essential to facilitating purchases of certain goods. For the fiscal year's six-month audit, Kane County had 3,730 PCard transactions that totaled \$984,342.12. Castellanos stated that the Sheriff's Office had the most purchases with 968 transactions that added up to \$280,395.11. Castellanos noted that the fiscal year's top vendors that were used and paid were Amazon, United Airlines, Comcast, American Airlines, and PayPal. Referencing a bar chart, she explained PCard spending has increased over the past years and is likely to continue. By the end of the fiscal year, the Auditor's Office anticipates the amount will increase to more than \$1.8M.

The Committee moved back to agenda item 7B.

**8. Finance Director's Report (K. Hopkinson)****A. Monthly Finance Reports**

Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson stated the monthly financial reports were on file. She shared a table depicting the General Fund - General Account - Variances. She stated that grant revenue is significantly below budget. Additionally, Licenses and Permits revenue is down, due to the Development Department's permit fees being \$300K below budget. Hopkinson added that the revenue categorized under "other" are trending above budget. She stated that the County received a refund from Constellation Energy for \$62K. Overall, the General Fund - General Account's revenue is 9% below budget. The majority of this is due to the timing of property tax installments. Hopkinson spoke on the General Fund - General Account's expenses. She stated that the Capital expense was budgeted at \$331K. However, the County has expended \$501K so far this year. The increase was due to the Sheriff's Office purchasing vehicles for approximately \$280K, which was not a part of the General Fund - General Account budget. Additionally, commodities are over budget by \$800K, primarily due to the food for detainees listed within the Sheriff's budget. Overall, the General Fund - General Account's expenses are on target with the budgeted amount of \$140M. Regarding the use of fund balances, Hopkinson explained that the County budgeted to utilize \$27M to pay for expenses. At this time, the County has used \$19M, which is over the expected amount of \$13M. Hopkinson explained that this amount could be made up as long as the County stays on budget with expenses and the revenue gap is made up with the second installment of property taxes. Hopkinson addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

Hopkinson presented a graph depicting the General Fund - All Accounts - Fund Balance. She stated that the General Fund is made up of six accounts. She

noted that all operating costs are budgeted through the General Account and all other accounts are restricted. She explained that the money in Special Reserve account is extra money. She noted that this is a part of the fund balance and does not have any budgeted expenses. She explained that according to the County's Financial Policy, the only way to access this money is through County Board action. As of July 16, 2025, there is a total of approximately \$60M in the General Fund - General Account - Special Reserve. Hopkinson explained that if the County continues to spend the General Fund - General Account Budget and only collect the revenue that was budgeted for, the County will end the fiscal year with a little less than \$60M in fund balance. She stated that the 90-day reserve amount for a \$140M annual expense budget is \$35M. She explained that if another budget was drafted for FY2026 with a \$127M use of fund balance, the County would end up below the 90-day reserve and would have used up the General Fund - General Account fund balance. This would cause the County to utilize the Special Reserve balance. Hopkinson addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

**B. 2026 Budget Presentation**

Committee Vice-Chairman Lenert explained that the presentation that will be given today by Committee Member Tepe will entail a suggested revenue allocation for FY2026 that was made by a working group made up of himself, Tepe, Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson, ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock, and HRM Exec. Dir. Loblillo.

Committee Member Tepe provided the FY2026 Budget - Suggestions and Discussion Items for the General Fund. He noted that the five mentioned personnel worked diligently on this and provided their full participation and had great discussions on the concerns of the General Fund. They provided their suggestions in hopes the Committee could agree upon them today. Tepe stated that the overriding issue is that it is the County Board's responsibility to establish the budget and it is a requirement of managers and elected officials to live within their allotted budgeted amount. He compared the revenue in the FY2024 Actual Budget that was \$115,051,305 and the FY2025 Amended Budget revenue of \$112,660,094. He explained that \$9M of reserves were used in FY2024 and \$28K or more of reserves will be utilized in FY2025 to cover expenses. He stated that if the County were to continue with this trend, in FY2026, \$30M plus would need to be used from the General Fund's reserve, which the County does not have. Tepe shared suggestions on how the County could increase revenue, such as implementing the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) increase of 2.9%, which would generate an additional \$2M, reallocate the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Sales Tax funds to a fifty-fifty split between Public Safety and Transportation. Lastly, the County could use the Riverboat funds for internal uses. If the County decides to implement all three suggestions, Tepe stated that the potential maximum budgeted revenue available for FY2026 would be \$129,195,000. He noted that if the County were to allocate more than then the \$6.8M of RTA funds, it would devastate the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) and require an increase to the Gas Tax to fund roadway maintenance and projects. Tepe reviewed the working group's overall revenue

suggestions. He suggested that the County increase real estate taxes by the PTELL amount of 2.9%, allocate more of the RTA Sales Tax to Public Safety, up to \$13.7M, and use 100% of the Riverboat funds internally. Tepe shared the County's options with the revenue suggestions implemented. He noted that within the options, he would highlight these County expenses: Health/Dental, Countywide Expenses, Debt Service, KaneComm, and Capital Projects. He reviewed option one, which would be implementing the maximum amount of revenue of \$129,195,693. He explained that if all the County's annual expenses were added to the department's and elected office's FY2026 submitted budgets, the expense amount would be \$145,826,115. This would leave a \$16,630,422 budget deficit. He stated that the County's internal departments' submitted budgets had an 8% decrease from FY2025 and the elected offices had an average of a 6% increase from FY2025. He questioned the basis on which the County Board should establish the FY2026 Budget upon. He stated that the FY2026 submitted budgets are too high and the FY2025 Budget would be inappropriate to use due to numerous amendments made to it. He stated that the working group believed that using the FY2024 actual budget as a basis would be best for the mentioned revenue suggestions because most of the departments were properly staffed and most pay inequities were remedied. Tepe shared the second option, which would be to add the annual County expenses, implement no additional revenue, and set expenses for elected offices and departments at the FY2024 Actual Budget amounts. The expense amount would equate to \$127,778,275, which would leave a \$15,282,582 deficit. Tepe shared option three, which the working group feels is the best way to balance the FY2026 Budget. Option three would entail using the County's annual revenue amount of \$112.5M, reallocation of the RTA Sales Tax Fund of \$6.8M, 2.9% PTELL increase to property taxes, and the Riverboat funds for internal uses. This option would equate the County's annual revenue amount to \$112,295,693. Therefore, if the County's expenses were to mirror the FY2024 Actual Budget, the County would have a budget deficit of \$5,482,582. Tepe compared the FY2024 Actual Budget versus the FY2026 Submitted Budget. He shared the suggested FY2026 Budget numbers for County offices/departments. He requested that changes to these suggested amounts should only be approved if new revenue sources are established or other items are reduced. He stated that this option will require drastic budget cuts. However, the County Board does not have a choice due to not having adequate funds. He repeated that it is the County Board's responsibility to establish the budget and it is a requirement of managers and elected officials to live within their allocated budgets. Tepe and Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

The Committee provided consensus to schedule a Special Finance Committee meeting to further discuss the suggestions presented. Further discussion ensued.

Lenert requested that the Committee provide consensus to direct County departments and elected offices to use the FY2024 Actual Budget as a basis to



plan their FY2026 Budget from. The Committee provided consensus.

**9. New Business**

- A.** Authorizing Kane County Animal Control Department to Utilize the Illinois State Treasurer's Office Electronic Payments Services Program

Committee Member Juby stated that she will be abstaining from this vote due to a family member being employed at Kane County Animal Control.

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Clifford Surges
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dale Berman, and Jarett Sanchez
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Leslie Juby

- B.** Authorizing Additional Appropriations and Budget Adjustments for Provision of Legal Assistance to the Kane County Division of Transportation

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dale Berman, and Jarett Sanchez

- C. Authorizing Contract Amendment with Kerber, Eck & Braeckel to Provide Financial, Accounting, and Consulting Services for Workforce Development Department

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dale Berman, and Jarett Sanchez

- D. Authorizing Renewal of Agreement with Lauterbach & Amen for Accounting Services

Vice-Chairman Lenert stated that this agreement was \$210K last year and will increase to \$218,400 for the one-year extension.

Committee Member Juby questioned why a consultant is being hired to conduct routine services when it should be done in-house. Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson stated that the Finance Department will not be filling positions. She explained that the County pays a fixed monthly fee for a variety of different financial experts that can help with daily tasks and/or special projects. Juby questioned if the cost benefit to utilize Lauterbach and Amen is less than it would be to hire an additional staff member. Hopkinson stated that it is less due to the current reorganization of the Finance Department and the efforts to be more efficient. She explained that due to the process changes the Finance Department will need to have these financial experts available to help. Discussion ensued.

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
<b>NAY:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dale Berman, and Jarett Sanchez

- E. Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dale Berman, and Jarett Sanchez

- F. Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dale Berman, and Jarett Sanchez

- G. Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dale Berman, and Jarett Sanchez

H. Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dale Berman, and Jarett Sanchez

I. Establishing and Imposing a County Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a County Grocery Service Occupation Tax for the County of Kane

Vice-Chairman Lenert explained that he tried to research the actual amount the 1% Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax would equate to. However, he found it difficult. He estimated that it could generate approximately \$60k to \$400K of additional revenue.

County Board Member Gumz explained that this tax would not generate any additional revenue. She stated that the State of Illinois has voted to remove the 1% Grocery Tax. She explained that if the County allows this to happen, the County will lose revenue. This Ordinance would retain the money the County has already been collecting through the State's Grocery Tax. If this Ordinance is not passed, then the County would lose the revenue.

Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson, ASA Ford, and Gumz addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

This Ordinance failed by a 2-3 vote. It will not move on to the Executive Committee meeting.

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>AYE:</b>	Leslie Juby, and Vern Tepe
<b>NAY:</b>	Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, and Clifford Surges
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dale Berman, and Jarett Sanchez

**J. Directing the Use of the Consumer Price Index Increase as Part of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Process**

Committee Member Tepe motioned to postpone the following two resolutions until the Special Finance Committee meeting scheduled for July 30, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., Surges seconded. Motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>HELD OVER</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Finance and Budget Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Clifford Surges
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
<b>NAY:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dale Berman, and Jarett Sanchez

**K. Authorizing Expense Budget Amount to be Used for the 2026 General Fund General Account Budget**

KC Finance and Budget Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>HELD OVER</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Finance and Budget Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Clifford Surges
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
<b>NAY:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dale Berman, and Jarett Sanchez

**10. Old Business**

Committee Member Surges referenced his earlier comments regarding the Kane County CASA not receiving Riverboat funding. He stated that Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff confirmed that CASA did not receive funding for the FY2026 Budget cycle. Discussion ensued.

**11. Reports Placed On File**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anita Lewis

**12. Committee Chairman's Comments**

None.

**13. Executive Session**

The Finance Committee entered into an Executive Session at 11:16 a.m. to discuss the release of closed session minutes on a motion made by Tepe, Surges seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Clifford Surges
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dale Berman, and Jarett Sanchez

A. Release of Closed Session Minutes

**14. Open Session**

The Committee returned to Open Session at 11:19 a.m. on a motion made by Tepe, Juby seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

(Committee Member Surges left at 11:19 a.m.)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby

A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, and Vern Tepe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dale Berman, Jarett Sanchez, and Clifford Surges

**15. Adjournment**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Vern Tepe

This meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Savannah Zgobica

Sr. Recording Secretary