



# Kane County

## KC Public Health Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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

STRATHMANN, Sanchez, Arroyo, Juby, Penesis, Tarver, Young, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair) and Pierog (County Chair)

**Wednesday, October 22, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**County Board Room**

**1. Call To Order**

Chairman Strathmann called today's meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**2. Roll Call**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Ted Penesis Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth
<b>REMOTE</b>	Board Member Bill Tarver
<b>ABSENT</b>	Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Alex Arroyo Board Member David Young Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. members Allan\*, Gripe, Kious\*, Linder, Molina\*; KCAC Admin. Younsteadt; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson and staff Alleman, Barrett, Onwuta, Peterson; Spec. ASA Shepro; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

**3. Remote Attendance Requests**

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

**4. Approval of Minutes: September 17, 2025**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ted Penesis

**5. Public Comment**

None.

**6. Finance/Budget**

**A. Monthly Report**

The monthly report is on file. No additional report was made.

**7. Animal Control**

**A. Monthly Report**

Kane County Animal Control (KCAC) Admin. Youngsteadt stated that the monthly reports are on file. He stated that the last 2025 vaccine drive-thru clinic was on Saturday, October 18. He reminded the Committee that Illinois State Law, 510 ILCS 5/16.5, requires a clinic for micro chipping companion animals of county residents at least once a year, and also provides low cost rabies vaccines. Per Illinois State Law, microchips are fifteen dollars. KCAC offers microchips year round, and continues its push to service more animals each year through this program. Tags are issued for free to senior citizens with neutered or spayed pets. The KCAC continues to find new ways to promote services each year. Further discussion ensued.

**B. Authorizing the Acceptance and Appreciation of Artwork Donated to 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>	Ted Penesis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Cherryl Strathmann, Leslie Juby, Ted Penesis, and Bill Roth
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Jarett Sanchez, Alex Arroyo, David Young, and Corinne M. Pierog
<b>AWAY:</b>	Bill Tarver

**8. Executive Director**

**A. Health Department Updates**

KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson provided an overview of the vital statistics of births and deaths in Kane County. He stated that vital records are obtained by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and are a representative of all registered births and deaths in Kane County. He provided 2023 data of the number of live births and general fertility rates of Kane County residents. There were 5,494 births to Kane County residents in 2023. The general fertility rate (GFR) in 2023 was 56.0 births per 1K women of ages fifteen to forty-four. Isaacson stated that the conditions originating in the prenatal period include low birth weight, pre-maturity, and complications of pregnancy, labor, and delivery. In 2023, the infant mortality rate (IMR) was 7.1 infant deaths per 1K live births, and a total of 3,755 Kane County resident deaths. Kane County resident deaths have decreased significantly since year 2020 during the Covid pandemic. He noted that cancer has been the leading cause of death in Kane County since 2008. Lung Cancer was the most common cancer type among Kane County resident decedents. A total of 6.1 percent of accidental deaths occurred in Kane County including motor cycle accidents, fall, unintentional poisoning or overdose, and drowning. Isaacson highlighted that the first "Walk-and Roll" to School Day was on Wednesday, October 8. The KCHD provided stipends to all of the schools who participated. Kane County has traditionally been the county with the highest participation in Illinois. He noted that this event is used to collect data and raise awareness about students safely walking or riding bikes to school. Lastly, Isaacson asked the Committee Members' for input on what other data or statistics they would like to see included in a KCHD pamphlet. Much discussion ensued.

**9. New Business**

**A. 2026 Committee Goals Review**

Chairman Strathmann asked the Committees' for their input on Committee Goals for 2026. Committee Member Juby suggested to remove the "protect people from health problems and health hazards" goal, and replace it by including a goal regarding the use of data to drive healthy outcomes. She also suggested to change the goal "enforce public health laws" to "educate the public on health laws." Discussion ensued.

**10. Old Business**

None.

**11. Reports Placed On File**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ted Penesis

**12. Executive Session (if needed)**

None.

**13. Chair's Comments**

Chairman Strathmann suggested to anyone with health concerns to contact their health care provider.

**14. Adjournment**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby

This meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Rachel Santora  
Recording Secretary