



Kane County

KC Public Service Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

SANCHEZ, Young, Gripe, Gumz, Lewis, Surges, Tepe, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair)
and Pierog (County Chair)

Thursday, May 22, 2025

9:00 AM

County Board Room

2025 Committee Goals

- Continue presenting all Public Service reports from each department
- Continue receiving Committee member's feedback

1. Call To Order

Chairman Sanchez called today's meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member David Young Board Member Jon Gripe Board Member Anita Lewis Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth
REMOTE	Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Clifford Surges Board Member Vern Tepe
ABSENT	Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. members Juby, Kious*, Molina*, Penesis*; Auditor Wegman; Treasurer Lauzen; SOA Armstrong; VAC Supt. Zimmerman; ROE Dal Santo and staff Oliver; Co. Clk. staff Pollock; ITD staff Kash; and members of the press and public.

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 Gumz, Surges, and Tepe attending remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: April 17, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Jon Gripe

5. Public Comment

Committee Member and Kane County resident David Young stated that in 2023, the Kane County Clerk's Office received a \$2M grant award, and was named as Center for Election Excellence. The grant listed the Center for Technology and Civic Life (CTCL) as the entity that awarded the Clerk's Office \$650K in July 2023. An additional \$1.35M in December 2023. Young noted that the grant funds are supposed to be used for key physical components, such as election equipment, key software components, and election judges. He stated that the grant was supposed to be spent by the end of 2024 and reported in January 2025. However, Young noted that the reporting of the grant was extended to July 31, 2025. He indicated that he received information from Finance Executive Director Kathy Hopkinson that \$400K was allocated, and \$1.6M of the funds have not been allocated. Young expressed his concerns on where the remaining funds were allocated to, and suggested the funds be returned to the general fund due to budget constraints.

6. Finance**A. Monthly Report**

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

7. Recorder**A. Monthly Report**

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

8. Treasurer / Collector**A. Monthly Report**

Treasurer Lauzen stated that the monthly report is on file. He stated that tax collections have begun. Lauzen's staff are extremely busy as they finish up accepting payments for the first installment tax cycle of June 2025. He thanked the County Clerk's Office for all their hard work they provide during this time of year. He noted that there are 3K county vendors that need to be checked each month to avoid sending out checks of taxpayer money to fraudulent people. He commended his staff for all the hard work they do.

9. Supervisor of Assessments**A. Monthly Report**

Supervisor of Assessments (SOA) Armstrong stated that the monthly report is on file. He anticipates all Townships to certify their assessment by the statutory deadline of June 15, 2025. He reviewed the Kane County Taxpayer's Guide to Filing an Assessment Complaint. In 2024, there were 511 residential complaints countywide. Armstrong noted that it is important for residents remember to file an assessment complaint by the deadline for their Township. By state law, the Board of Review cannot accept complaints filed after the deadline. Armstrong will provide a more in depth report on why deadlines are important, and more information on the high cost of late tax bills. He addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion took place.

10. Regional Office of Education

Regional Office of Education (ROE) Supt. Dal Santo announced her retirement to the Committee. Her last day will be June 30, 2025. She stated that she has been with the County for 31 years, and has been the ROE Supt. for 13 years. Dal Santo thanked the Committee for all of their support over the years. The Committee Members thanked her for her service to the county.

11. Veteran's Assistance Commission**A. Monthly Report**

Veteran's Assistance Commission (VAC) Supt. Zimmerman stated that the monthly report is on file. He stated that the compensation claims are going fifteen days faster than the average claims. Pension claims are going 46 days faster than average claims. There are 389 claims pending total. Over \$3.7M in new benefits were collected. Zimmerman announced that for Memorial Day, Public Information's Officer (PIO) Julie Mann prepared an article for Kane County Connects including Kane County Memorial Day ceremonies across the county. On Thursday, May 29, the North Aurora VA Clinic will have a grand opening of their remodeled facility at 11:00 a.m.

12. County Clerk

A. Monthly Report

Kane County Clerk's Office staff Pollock stated that the monthly report is on file. He stated that staff in Aurora have been assisting with tax collections. He will provide more data at next month's meeting. Voter registration cards will be send out soon. He noted that if a voter registration card is received for a resident that no longer lives at the residency, to have someone write on the card stating that the voter is no longer registered, and mail it back to the County Clerk's Office to update voting records. The County Clerk's Office is serving 21% more residents than last year. Lastly, a \$30K grant from the State Board of Elections was reimbursed for election judges to the County Clerk's Office. These funds will be sent back to the general fund. Pollock addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

13. Other Business

Committee Member David Young addressed the Proclamation Authorizing Non-Citizen voting that was voted on last year. He believes it should have been put on the County Board agenda. He would like to have to be put on next month's public service agenda to potentially move it forward. A motion to have the proclamation be put onto next month's Public Service agenda was made by Committee Member Young, seconded by Gripe. Motion carried by roll call vote. Motion passed.

14. Executive Session (If Needed)

None.

15. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Vern Tepe

16. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Vern Tepe
SECONDER:	David Young

This meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary