



Kane County

KC Judicial/Public Safety Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

MOLINA, Lenert, Gumz, Linder, Roth, Tepe, Williams & ex-officio Pierog (County Chair)

Thursday, September 14, 2023

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Molina called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog
REMOTE	Board Member Michael Linder
ABSENT	Board Member Bill Lenert

Also present: Co. Bd. members Bates*, Juby*; Kenyon, Kiou*, Lewis; Merit Comm. Chair Burgert; KaneComm Dir. Guthrie; OEM Acting Dir. Mensching; Chief Judge Hull; Court Admin. O'Brien & staff Mathis; Court Srvs. Exec. Dir. Aust; Circuit Clk. Barreiro; KCDC Dir. Tsang; Public Defender Conant; State's Atty. Mosser* & staff Shepro, Tabor; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Lasky*, Peters; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Chairman Molina announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. She asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Members Linder and Lenert attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections. Committee Member Lenert did not attend the meeting remotely.

4. Approval of Minutes: August 10, 2023

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Bill Roth

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None.

6. Monthly Financial Reports**A. Monthly Finance Reports**

Chairman Molina stated the monthly financial reports were on file. No additional report was made.

7. Merit Commission**A. FY24 Merit Comm. Budget Presentation**

Merit Comm. Chairman Burgert provided the FY24 budget presentation. Burgert explained that because the health and dental portion of their budget is being removed, the Merit Commission's FY24 budget is down 7%, which is approximately \$7K. All other entities of the budget will remain the same.

8. KaneComm (M. Guthrie)**A. Monthly Report**

KaneComm Dir. Guthrie stated the monthly report was on file. She highlighted the hiring of multiple staff members. Recently, KaneComm has welcomed a new shift manager who is currently undergoing training. On Monday, September 11, 2023, KaneComm hired a new telecommunicator. Additionally, there are two new applicants going through the hiring process. Lastly, KaneComm will be holding a testing session at the end of September for those who are looking to apply.

B. FY24 KaneComm Budget Presentation

KaneComm Dir. Guthrie provided the FY24 budget presentation. Currently, KaneComm is in negotiations for their Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) that expired on December 31, 2022. Due to this, Guthrie anticipates budget changes. Guthrie listed the numerous agencies served by KaneComm. She presented a graph depicting KaneComm's activities and statistics. She spoke on the deduction of officer initiated activity over the past two years, however, in 2023, these numbers have leveled out. Guthrie provided KaneComm's organizational chart. Currently, the headcount remained the same with 22 employees. Guthrie stated that KaneComm is a Special Revenue funded agency. Their revenue is generated from subscriber fees and the 9-1-1 surcharge revenue. Guthrie explained that the subscriber agreement between KaneComm and subscribing police and fire agencies expired on November 30, 2022. For the budget, fees have been increased 5%. Fees will change when the new agreement is approved. The anticipated revenue total for FY24 is \$2,456,428. Guthrie reviewed the expenditures. The total anticipated expenses for FY24 is \$2,456,428. Guthrie stated that the change in personnel expense is 1.96%. The net change for FY24 is the difference of \$33,515 or 1.38%. Guthrie reviewed the changes that would be made to the FY24 KaneComm's budget. Currently, KaneComm has two vacant positions. Guthrie is hopeful that the two applicants will fill these vacancies.

9. Emergency Management (J. Mensching)**A. Monthly Report**

OEM Acting Dir. Mensching stated the monthly report was on file. He announced that on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, the County Board approved the hiring of a new OEM director. The new director will start in October. The office is hopeful it will be a smooth transition. Once the new director takes over, Mensching will move down to his previous role of Chief Deputy Director. Mensching stated that OEM, along with the Sheriff and KaneComm, is getting ready for the LIV Golf event held in Sugar Grove. The County anticipates approximately 20K people to attend the event. To prepare, the offices are conducting numerous trainings. Mensching stated that calls to OEM have been decreasing over the last few weeks.

B. FY24 KCOEM Budget Presentation

OEM Acting Dir. Mensching provided the agency's FY24 budget presentation. Due to OEM becoming its own County entity and no longer under the Sheriff's provision, this is the first year OEM has had to prepare an individual budget. Mensching stated that staffing will not change. OEM will continue to have five full-time positions, one part-time, and approximately 50 sworn volunteers. Mensching reviewed the activity per year that OEM has handled. Last year, there were approximately 17 responses a month, which equates to about 204 responses a year. Mensching reviewed the entities that the OEM budget supports, such as employees, fleets, and volunteers. Due to OEM not having their own budget since 2017, he provided a budget comparison from that year. Overall, the payroll expenses are down 27%. The anticipated total expense budget for FY24 is \$849,160, which is an increase of 13%. Mensching spoke on the changes within the budget. He provided several pictures of the fleet that OEM is responsible for. He listed the uses for each. He spoke on the challenges of owning older vehicles and the need to replace them. He listed OEM's supplemental requests. He provided the capital requests. Chairman Molina thanked Mensching for his role as the Acting Director.

10. Judiciary & Courts (Hull/O'Brien)

Chief Judge Hull announced the appointment of Judge Larry Lobb. The new judge has a background in civil law and will start on October 10, 2023. The courts are preparing for the implementation of the Safe-T Act on September 18, 2023. Since the beginning of the Safe-T Act, Kane County has been prepared and will continue to make changes on an as needed basis. Hull thanked the Judiciary staff for their preparation work for the Safe-T Act.

- A. Authorizing the Number of Procurement Cards Issued to the Kane County Law Library and Each of Their Transaction Limits

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Myrna Molina, Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert, and Corinne M. Pierog

- B. Authorizing the Child Protection Data Courts Grant

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Michael Linder
AYE:	Myrna Molina, Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert, and Corinne M. Pierog

- C. FY24 Judiciary Budget Presentation

Court Admin. O'Brien provided the Judiciary and Courts FY24 budget presentation. She reviewed the General Fund changes in revenues. She noted that the Judicial Technology Fine and the Interpreter Services Reimbursement revenues will increase. She provided a breakdown of those increases. Over the past couple years, the State has provided substantial reimbursement amounts for interpreter services. O'Brien spoke on personnel expenses. Currently, Judiciary and Courts have three vacant positions. There are two new positions due to the implementation of the Safe-T Act. (Madam Chairman Pierog arrived in-person at 9:29 a.m.) For personnel services, they have requested an increase of \$66,284. Chief Judge Hull spoke on the need to fill the vacancy of the Criminal Data Analyst. O'Brien listed the contractual expenses. In FY24, they are seeking an increase of \$296,700, due to the rise in service costs. O'Brien listed the commodities expenses. Due to the cost of marketplace increases, they are seeking an increase of \$38,750. Currently, Judiciary and Courts have five vacant positions. O'Brien and Hull addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued on the contractual services increases.

11. Court Services Administration (L. Aust)**A. Monthly Report**

Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust stated the monthly report was on file. She provided the monthly statistics. Last month, there were four employees that resigned with only one new hire. She stated that the department is still working on hiring alongside the turnovers and training. Aust spoke on the services that are provided through Court Services. She provided a graph depicting the average population by County from August 2023 within the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center (JJC). She highlighted the bond call appearances in August by supervision level. Since the end of the pandemic, there has been an increase in arrests. In August, there were 418 new cases filed. This puts Kane County on trend to have over 2K new arrests that will come through Bond Call. This is the highest it has been in the last six years. Aust addressed questions and comments from the Committee on the anticipated changes that the Safe-T Act will bring to Court Services. Discussion ensued.

Aust continued with additional statistics, such as pretrial clients by highest supervision level and August Pretrial County Date Reminders. She reviewed the probation rates for juveniles and adults. Currently, there are 9,258 individuals who are supervised by Court Services. Aust shared the statistics on the problem-solving courts. She reviewed the August Drug Testing results. There were 1,052 drug tests administered in August, of those, only 34 were positive for illicit substances. Aust addressed additional questions and comments from the Committee.

B. JJC Housing Report

Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust reviewed the Juvenile Justice Center's (JJC) Out of County Housing Report by Month for Detention. The JJC contracts with eight other counties, such as Kendall, Lee, and McHenry. The year-to-date revenue amount from these contracts is \$1,071,354, which is over what was initially anticipated. Aust spoke on the increase of crimes over this past year.

C. Authorizing Gymnasium Floor Replacement at the Juvenile Justice Center

Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust provided additional information on this resolution. Aust addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

Committee Member Gumz motioned to amend the "Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved" clause to read, by the Kane County Board that a contract for construction is awarded to Sport Court Midwest in the amount of \$43,200 for the Project is hereby approved and the Chairman thereof is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement therefor. Roth seconded the amendment. Discussion ensued. Motion failed on a tie vote.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
NAY:	Michelle Gumz, and Michael Linder
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

D. FY24 Court Services Budget Presentation

Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust provided the department's FY24 budget presentation. She provided the department's organizational chart, which includes the probation and pretrial division, the juvenile detention, and the diagnostic center. She listed the Court Services' functions. In total, there are 197 employees. Aust highlighted her general remarks on the new 2024 Budget Requests. The Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) portion of the budget shows a decrease of \$171,342 in the salary line item and moved into a "contingency" fund. However, the JJC does not have any employees who should be contingent or associated with the Pretrial Fairness Act. During the budgeting process last year, the department has added two mental health clinicians to their headcount. Overall the requested budget amount from the General Fund is \$13,032,951. However, this does not include health and dental benefits. Aust reviewed the last three years of staff turnover and the affects it has on the budget. In 2023, there were 27 employees that resigned with an average salary and wage amount of \$49,221. Of those, most employees left Kane County for higher paying positions. Due to this, Court Services returned approximately \$1M back to the General Fund. The proposed 2024 expenditures for Court Services is \$13,032,951.00. Aust reviewed the anticipated revenue for 2024. She listed the number of reimbursements that the State provides. The expense total from the General Fund is \$5,894,979. Aust reviewed the Administrative Office of the

Illinois Courts (AOIC) reimbursement types, such as salary subsidy. For the FY24 budget, Aust has requested three new vehicles. She reviewed the uses and conditions of the current vehicles. In closing, the AFSCME contract expires on November 30, 2023. Lastly, the sex offender charges and prosecution are increasing. These three items will cause needed budget adjustments in FY24. Aust addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

12. Old Business

None.

13. Place Written Reports on File

RESULT: **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**

MOVER: Rick Williams

SECONDER: Bill Roth

14. Executive Session

The Judicial/Public Safety Committee entered into an Executive Session at 10:33 a.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or dismissal of specific employees on a motion made by Roth, seconded by Williams. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Rick Williams

AYE: Myrna Molina, Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams

ABSENT: Bill Lenert

15. Open Session

The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:42 a.m. on a motion made by Roth, seconded by Williams. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Rick Williams

AYE: Myrna Molina, Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams

ABSENT: Bill Lenert

- A. Authorizing the Salary Adjustment for the Executive Director of Kane County Emergency Communications

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Vern Tepe
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Myrna Molina, Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

16. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

- 17. Adjournment to September 22, 2023 for a Special Meeting to complete the Sheriff, State's Attorney, Public Defender, Circuit Clerk and Coroner –FY24 Budget Presentations and monthly reports**

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Bill Roth

This meeting was adjourned at 10:44 AM.

Savannah Valdez
Recording Secretary