



# Kane County

## KC Committee of the Whole

### Meeting Minutes

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

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**Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

**4:00 PM**

**County Board Room**

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**1. Call To Order**

Madam Chairman Pierog called today's meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

**2. Roll Call**

After roll call was taken, an in-person quorum was not established. This meeting will be for informational purposes only.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Alex Arroyo Board Member Sonia Garcia Board Member Jon Gripe Board Member Mo Iqbal Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Ted Penesis Vice Chair Bill Roth Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Chairman Corinne M. Pierog
<b>REMOTE</b>	Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Bill Tarver Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams
<b>ABSENT</b>	Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Dale Berman Board Member Gary Daugherty Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Clifford Surges Board Member David Young

Also present: KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt\*; Exec. Dir. IT/Bldg Mgt. Fahnestock and staff Files, Harris, Walker, Passaglia, Smith; Sheriff's Office Chief of Admin. Catich; ASA Cermak; ITD staff Kash; and members of the press and public.

**3. Remote Attendance Requests**

Madam Chairman Pierog announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. She asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Members Roth, Tarver, Juby, Williams, Lenert, Tepe, Molina, Allan attending remotely. There were no objections.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

Madam Chairman Pierog asked Committee Member Penesis to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. Approval of Minutes: December 16, 2024 & February 13, 2025**

There was no-person quorum established for today's meeting. No votes were taken.

**6. Public Comment**

Kane County resident Brian Anderson spoke on Board Member Kious' Awareness Campaign for the Kane County Tax Referendum. He expressed his un-appreciation for being interrupted by Kious when speaking at one of the campaigns. Anderson stated that it is a Board Member's job to listen to "we the people," and respect freedom of speech. He went on to speak of the importance of being frugal in Kane County. Anderson recommended the Board start thinking about saving money, and decide what expenses need to be cut.

**7. Presentations/Discussion**

**A. Kane County's Capital Projects Program**

ITD/Blg. Mgt. Fahnestock presented information on Kane County's Capital Projects Program. He briefly introduced staff of the Building Management team. Fahnestock stated that the Capital Program matters because it protects public safety and essential services, ensures fiscal responsibility, and builds a resilient future. Justice and Public Safety facilities support daily judicial proceedings and 24/7 custodial care. He noted that there is currently a need for a second and third shift maintenance employee for the Juvenile Center. (Board Members Allan and Arroyo arrived at 4:08 p.m.) The goal is to make sure facilities and technology exceed the public, officials, and the department's expectations. Some of the larger systems will be transitioning to more modern systems, and will be more reliable and efficient. Fahnestock affirmed that deferred maintenance leads to emergency repairs, which are more expensive. One of the systems currently being worked on is the Judicial Center's chillers. They will be replaced with a new, and reliable system. He explained that aging infrastructure, like HVAC systems and plumbing, don't just break; they disrupt operations and create unexpected financial burdens and liabilities. He noted that \$20M of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are being spent on infrastructure and improvements. Fahnestock explained that the Responsible Bidders Ordinance ensures high-quality, reliable work. In addition, by following the Green Building Policy, it will promote energy efficiency, sustainable practices, and healthy indoor environments. He proceeded to share the capital program budget process. (Board Member Roth arrived at 4:40 p.m.) The process begins with collecting capital project requests from offices and departments. The project requests are then classified and ranked by the review team, which then the budget is drafted. The process continues on to committee approvals to the County Board Adoption, and then on to the publish, implement, and assessments process. Fahnestock provided a website to the Kane County Capital Projects, with links to all current projects and completed projects listed. He went on to share a series of photos of the key building systems and the current conditions they are in. Fahnestock concluded by stating that the Capital Project is not only very important for the county, but for the county's assets and its investments. Many systems are at or near the end of their useful life, therefore, years of deferred maintenance have compounded repair costs. Much discussion ensued.

**8. Executive Session**

There was no in-person quorum established for today's meeting. No votes were taken.

**A. Release of Closed Session Minutes****9. Open Session**

No votes were taken.

## A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes

No votes were taken.

**10. Adjournment**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deborah Allan

This meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Rachel Santora  
Recording Secretary