



# 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)

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**Thursday, February 20, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**County Board Room**

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#### 2025 Committee Goals

- Continue presenting all Public Service reports from each department
  - Continue receiving Committee member's feedback
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#### 1. Call To Order

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

#### 2. Roll Call

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

Also present: Co. Bd. members Molina\*, Penesis; Treasurer Lauzen; SOA Armstrong; ROE Supt. Dal Santo; VAC Supt. Zimmerman; Co. Clerk staff Pollock\*; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

#### 3. Remote Attendance Requests

There were no remote attendance requests for today's meeting.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes: January 23, 2025

There was an amendment made to the minutes on a motion made by Young, seconded by Gripe. Motion carried by roll call vote. Motion passed.

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

**5. Public Comment**

Kane County resident Brian Anderson spoke on the U.S. Alliance Election Excellence Grant for \$2M awarded to the Kane County Clerk's Office. He suggested that the County Clerk's Office be more transparent on how these funds were allocated.

Committee Member and Kane County resident David Young reminded the Committee that in February of 2023, the Kane County Clerk's Office received the Election Excellence Award. This \$2M grant came from the Center for Technology and Civic Life (CTCL). He stated that the Clerk's Office spent \$650K of those grant funds in July of 2023, and spent \$1.35M in December 2023. He reiterated that the grant is supposed to be used for three things: election equipment, software, and election judges. Young referenced a company website called "The Honest Election Project." This group stated that the CTCL has ties with the Democratic party and Partisan Progressive Organizations. He mentioned that the drop-boxes used in the 2020 Presidential Election were funded by the CTCL, which evidently made them illegal. Young expressed his concerns on the allocation of these funds, and why he has been unsuccessful in getting answers from the Clerk's Office. He requested that the County Clerk's Office return the \$2M, and no longer be affiliated with the CTCL.

**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 the monthly reports are on file. There are no significant changes. He stated that he and his staff would like to express their appreciation to Committee Chairman Sanchez, as well as the Committee Member's support for the all the work being done in the Treasurer's Office.

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

Supervisor of Assessments (SOA) Armstrong stated the report has been submitted. No additional report was made.

**10. Regional Office of Education**

Regional Office of Education (ROE) Supt. Dal Santo stated that the Kane County Institute Day will be on Friday, February 28, 2025, and will be held at the Q-Center in St. Charles. There will be 75 different sessions for teachers to participate in, including staff wellness, social and emotional learning, and artificial intelligence (AI). There are currently 1,570 people registered to attend the event. In addition, the Art Ed Institute will have a workshop for all fine arts teachers in the county to be held at Central High School in Burlington. There are currently 120 people signed up for the event, and 20 different sessions will be available for teachers to attend. Lastly, Dal Santo noted that ROE is pleased to partner with Valees, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA), Arts Projects, Fermilab, Kane County Farm Bureau, and Fona to offer specific content areas at remote host sites for Kane County Institute Day.

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

Veteran's Assistant Commission (VAC) Supt. Zimmerman stated that the monthly reports are on file. He noted that in December 2024, \$688K of new Kane County Veteran benefits were collected. He announced that on Saturday, March 1, 2025, there will be a Women Veterans Resource Fair held at the Prisco Center in Aurora from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. On Friday, April 25, at Elgin Community College, there will be a Senior Resource Fair from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. A date was established for a Veteran Resource Fair at the Batavia Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) on Friday, May 2, 2025. There will be more information available on that event soon. Zimmerman addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

**12. County Clerk****A. Monthly Report**

Co. Clerk staff Pollock stated that there were 1,024 passport applications processed in January. There were 100 more marriage licenses this January than last year. Pollock announced that the April 1 Consolidated Election is upon us. The February 25 Primary Election is open to Aurora and Aurora Township voters. Early voting begins on March 7, and expanded early voting begins March 17. Early voting is open to everyone including Village Boards, City Council, Schools and Park Districts. Pollock addressed questions on the grant. He stated that \$80K of interest from the \$2M grant has gone back to the General Fund to assist the county for the FY25 budget. About \$400K of the grant funds were allocated for election equipment. In addition, the Clerk's Office generated \$250K more for the General Fund than what was budgeted last year. The Clerk's Office will continue to evaluate the rest of the funds. Much discussion ensued.

**B. Authorization Number of Procurement Cards Issued to the Kane County Clerk and Each of Their Transaction Limits**

KC Finance and Budget Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Finance and Budget Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Clifford Surges
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>AYE:</b>	Jarett Sanchez, David Young, Jon Gripe, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Michelle Gumz, and Corinne M. Pierog

**13. Other Business**

None.

**14. Executive Session (If Needed)**

None.

**15. Reports Placed On File**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jon Gripe

**16. Adjournment**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jon Gripe

This meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Rachel Santora  
Recording Secretary