



Kane County

KC Jobs Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

LEWIS, ALLAN, Bates, Daugherty, Penesis, Strathmann, Young, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair) and Pierog (County Chair)

Friday, April 11, 2025

10:30 AM

County Board Room

2025 Committee Goals

Goals from the July Jobs Committee meeting

- Revise County Code Definition of the Jobs Committee
- Economic Development Strategic Plan - Begin implementation of the strategies recommenced by the Kane County Economic Development Strategic Plan
- Regional Partnerships - Continue to work with the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership and other regional partners on economic development activities
- Local Economic Development Programs - Continue to meet the objectives of the active ARPA Programs and Grant Programs while actively seeking new opportunities to enhance current programming
- Support for Jobs Committee focusing on the Six Priorities
- Implement the Economic Development Strategic Plan for Kane County
- Implement approved ARPA projects
 - oKane County Economic Development Corporation - Launch
 - oFabulous Fox! Water Trail - Launch sites and marketing
 - oFarmer Grants – staff managed grants to local food farmers
 - oTourism – with CVB's
 - oManufacturing – with IMEC
- Support the Kane County Economic Development Corporation
- Support County's role in the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership
- Continue to strengthened partnerships with economic development efforts by the State of Illinois, municipalities, chambers of commerce and economic development groups
- Continue to network and development partnership for the future Hydrogen economy
- Renew "Made and Kane" series in Kane County Connects featuring companies and products that are made in Kane County
- Continue to apply for additional outside grants

1. Call To Order

Chairman Lewis called today's meeting to order at 10:38 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Ted Penesis Board Member David Young Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth
REMOTE	Board Member Gary Daugherty
ABSENT	Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. members Gumz*, Juby*, Molina*; Dev. Planner Toth; JEG LLC., 360 CEO Grueling; HR Exec. Dir. Loblillo; ITD staff Kash; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

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

4. Approval of Minutes: March 14, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Deborah Allan

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Jobs Committee Priorities

- A.** Authorizing Kane County's Continuing Participation in the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Ted Penesis
AYE:	Anita Lewis, Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Ted Penesis, and David Young
ABSENT:	Cherryl Strathmann, and Corinne M. Pierog

B. Kane County Economic Development Initiatives Staff Updates

Dev. Planner Toth stated that he, JEG LLC., 360 CEO Grueling, and Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff have been working hard to respond to several site opportunity interests from partners at World Business Chicago and Intersect Illinois. Toth addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion took place.

7. Office of Community Reinvestment - Workforce Development Division**A. Monthly Report**

Human Resources (HR) Exec. Dir. Loblillo stated that given recent transitions within the Office of Community Reinvestment, she has gathered information from Workforce Development to share recent updates. She stated that there have been issues with meeting benchmarks for the current grant with the State of Illinois. Her team has been working with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to develop a corrective action plan due April 30, 2025. The county has contracted with interim director John Duguay to facilitate and ensure that requirements are met with DCEO in order to retain the grant for future years. He will attend next month's meeting for an introduction to the committee. Loblillo addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

8. New Business

None.

9. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Mavis Bates

10. Comments by Co-Chair

None.

11. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

12. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Mavis Bates
SECONDER:	Ted Penesis

This meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary