



Kane County

KC Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

BERMAN, Lenert, Juby, Lewis, Sanchez, Surges, Tepe & ex-officios Pierog (County Chair)

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

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

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Dale Berman Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Vern Tepe Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog
REMOTE	Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Clifford Surges

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Allan*, Davoust, Gumz*, Kenyon, Kious*, Linder*, Molina*, Roth, Strathmann; Treasurer Lauzen & staff Cain; Auditor Wegman; Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson & staff Kietzman; State's Attorney Mosser & staff Frank, Hunt*, Shepro; HRM Exec. Dir. Loblillo*; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock* & staff CIO Lasky*, Kash; KDOT staff Zakosek; KCHD CFO Snowden*; and members of the press and public including Vectors Asset Management, LLC Chief Financial Advisor (CFA), Neil Powers.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Chairman Berman announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. He asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Members Sanchez and Surges attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: May 29, 2024 & June 12, 2024

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Vern Tepe

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

Ruth Kuzmanic, St. Charles, thanked the Executive Committee for their service and time. After looking over today's agenda packet, she voiced her concerns on the sourcing. As an educator, she teaches her students the importance of reliable sources. She spoke on the mis/disinformation that has been spread throughout history. She urged the Committee to look at the sources that are being published within County Board Committees' agendas. She stated that the public relies on the County's expertise

and knowledge. Kuzmanic addressed the questionable sources found into today's agenda packet.

Victoria Davidson-Bell, Geneva, thanked the Committee for their hard work. She reminded the Board Members and administrative heads that when they run for election, they are agreeing to represent all the citizens, not just special groups. She voiced that each elected official has made a commitment to serve the people with professional behavior within the County's government is paramount. Davidson-Bell stated that after looking through the agenda packet, she was disturbed by some of the sources that were included in the monthly reports. She requested that respective sources be used that are based on actual scholarship and research. These sources that were included in today's agenda packet are an insult to the County and it's people when using these types of sourcing.

6. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Carl Strathmann, Elgin, stated he has been to several meetings and they have been a great learning experience for him. He noted that it is refreshing to see meetings run properly. He explained his frustrations with misinformation being shared at County Board meetings. He wondered why these people are being told this information and sharing it before it had been reviewed. Strathmann stated that elected officials are for the people and should be working for all, not just one group.

7. Treasurer's Report (C. Lauzen)

A. Monthly Report

Treasurer Lauzen stated the monthly report was on file. He introduced Vectors Assest Management, LLC, Investment Manager, Neil Powers. Powers is one of the investment managers that was selected through the County's Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Lauzen explained that he spoke on the telephone with a Vietnam veteran who was shot 11 times, while serving our country. He spoke on the importance of the Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption. This exemption helps support veterans that have been wounded in the line of duty. Lauzen quoted the Marine veteran. Lauzen commended Supervisor of Assessments, Mark Armstrong, on his work with the exemptions. Lauzen spoke on the importance of the policies passed by the County Board.

Lauzen presented the Projected versus Promised versus Actual Performance of Interest Earned Fiscal Years 2023-2024 graph. He explained the contents of this graph. The Projected performance for 2023 was \$1.8M. The Promised is \$3.8M and the Actual performance is \$16.9M. Lauzen thanked Neil Powers and PFM Asset Management for their work on the interest-earned. He suggested that for every \$20M that is spent down in resources, 5% of revenue from interest income is lost in the following year by \$1M. Lauzen spoke on the use of interest-earned to balance the County's annual budget. He explained that this is a policy decision and would like the County Board to review it. Lauzen reviewed State Statute 55 ILCS 5/3-11005, which pertains to the governmental use of interest-earned funding. One example of this distribution is the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. If he were sitting in the chairs of the

committees, he would request the Finance Department to review each of the "flows-in", to see if any funds are disqualified under the statute. Lauzen presented the attributes of Vectors Asset Management, LLC's, Investment Manager, Neil Powers. He spoke on the positive contributions that Powers has provided for the County.

Neil Powers provided a presentation on the Kane County Vectors Account. He spoke on the job well done with the County and the Treasurer's Office to grow the County's assets. He explained the differences between the two types of bonds. He reviewed the Portfolio Structure (Madam Chairman Pierog arrived in-person at 9:18 a.m.). Powers shared a graph depicting the yield curve distribution of return on investments. Powers spoke on the history of fluctuating interest rates in 2019-2024. Since 2020, excessive monetary and fiscal stimulus drove robust economic growth, pushing inflation and interest rates higher. Powers presented two graphs depicting the Historical Yield Curve and Total Return by Maturity as of May 31, 2024. He stated that the longer the maturity, the greater the price sensitivity. Powers reviewed Kane County's Portfolio Characteristics: Change in Position. Since the portfolio's inception in April 2023, Vectors has worked to boost yield while maintaining a low level of interest rate sensitivity given market conditions. He shared the Investment Performance. Since inception, the portfolio has generated a positive +4.6% return versus the market benchmark that generated a +2.6% return. Powers spoke on the asset types that Kane County's portfolio entails, such as Cash and Equivalents, U.S. Treasuries, and U.S. Government Agency. The County's portfolio now yields 5.29% while the market benchmark yields 4.87%. Vectors Asset estimate that the County's portfolio will generate \$6,125,434 in income over the next year. Powers shared details on the Market Environment, such as interest rates and inflation. The one hesitation on interest rates is the budget deficit, which continues to grow at an alarming pace. The interest expense alone will surpass \$1T by next year. The outstanding amount of debt the Treasury will borrow over the next few years will escalate, which is a fear of long-term rates. Long-term interest rates have greater risk, as short-term rates may have a chance to decrease as the economy slows. Vectors is trying to position the County's portfolio accordingly to make sure the County does not get into interest rate risks. Powers noted that this income could potentially help the County's budget in the long-run. Powers addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

Committee Member Tepe spoke on the inappropriate resources that were included in today's Finance Committee agenda by Treasurer Lauzen. He shared his disgust with these political insults and slurs within the County's agendas. Treasurer Lauzen stated that everyone has a choice to pay attention to these resources or could choose to ignore them. He stated that he has the authority to express his opinions and views. He addressed the contents and importance of the Treasurer's Report documents that were shared by Tepe to the Committee.

8. Auditor's Report (P. Wegman)**A. Monthly Report**

Auditor Wegman stated the monthly report was on file. No additional report was made. Wegman addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

B. Authorizing Revision to the Kane County Financial Policies Related to Travel

Committee Member Juby stated that she does not feel comfortable with County Board Members getting a choice to report their expenses to two separate departments. She believes that expenses reported to the Finance Department is sufficient. She motioned to amend this resolution to omit the works County Board Office within the seventh WHEREAS clause. She would like it to read as follows: "County Board members will, before presenting a reimbursement for expenses through the committee process, submit the personal expense voucher and any supporting documentation, to the Finance Department for entry into New World or other similar software for the Auditor's Office for review."

Committee Vice-Chair Lenert seconded the amendment. Discussion ensued on the development of this revision.

Committee Member Sanchez recommended to amend this resolution to omit the Finance Department, instead of the County Board Office. The County Board Office is in charge of administrative purposes of the County Board. Further discussion ensued on the need for this revision. Juby's amendment failed by a 3-4 vote. The amendment did not pass.

Sanchez motioned to amend this resolution to state, " County Board members will, before presenting a reimbursement for expenses through the committee process, submit the personal expense voucher and any supporting documentation, to the County Board Office for entry into New World or other similar software for the Auditor's Office for review. The amendment was seconded by Committee Member Tepe. Motion passed by a 4-3 vote.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby
AYE:	Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, and Vern Tepe
NAY:	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, and Clifford Surges

C. Approving May 2024 Claims Paid

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Anita Lewis
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

9. Finance Director's Report (K. Hopkinson)**A. Monthly Finance Reports**

Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson stated the monthly financial reports were on file. She reported that the \$17.5M from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), which will go towards defeasing the Longmeadow toll revenue bonds has been confirmed. The State's Comptroller's Office issued the voucher last week. The check will be mailed and the County will receive it by July 8, 2024. Hopkinson explained that the County will have this money for approximately seven days while all closing documents are prepared. The County's bond council and financial advisors are working with the Treasurer's Office to invest this money while the County has it. Hopkinson reviewed the process of completing the transaction. She highlighted the 2023 Audit. The Finance Department is in the process of putting the finishing touches on the annual audit book. She noted that the audit is completed with a clean opinion from the County's auditing firm. Hopkinson spoke on the County's General Fund balance. The balance has decreased from \$98M to \$87M. This was due to increased operating expenses and the purchase of the new election equipment. Hopkinson noted that this is the County's last contracted year with the current audit firm. She explained that a new Request for Proposal (RFP) will be published for Audit services. She stated that the Finance Department is seeking a one-year contract with a four-year option.

Hopkinson shared the Allocation of State Sales Tax Collections, such as general merchandise and qualifying food, drug, and medical appliances. She stated that the State Grocery Tax will be abolished on January 1, 2026. She explained that the County would need an ordinance in place by October 1, 2025 to implement a local grocery tax. She shared a Sales Tax Allocation example. Hopkinson explained that retailers who collected this tax were given a discount of 1.75% of the total amount collected. Now that the law has changed, these retailers will receive a capped dollar amount of \$1K per month. This should allow more money to flow through counties and municipalities. Hopkinson explained that the State is unable to give counties and municipalities an estimated impact of this tax elimination.

Hopkinson spoke on the lack of transition audits done by her predecessor. She reviewed the final allocation of the County's interest earned amount for FY2023. The total amount of interest earned that was allocated was \$18,763,019. The majority of this allocation was given to the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT).

Lastly, Hopkinson explained that a Finance Committee Member asked about the process for resolutions moving through the various County committees as it relates to regular purchases. She stated that all regular purchase contracts for County offices/departments are first presented to the home committee, Finance Committee, Executive Committee, and then the County Board, except for the Division of Transportation (KDOT). KDOT's purchase contracts go to their home committee, Executive Committee, and then the County Board. Many County Board Members have questioned this. Hopkinson said that KDOT's regular purchases do not go through the Finance Committee because the County Board has already adopted their annual budget and appropriations. They are simply spending down their allotted budget. Hopkinson requested input from the Committee on developing a resolution to have KDOT report their regular purchases to Finance, instead of bypassing it. Hopkinson addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued. The Committee provided consensus to draft a resolution that state any increases to the budget or transfer of funds between service accounts or capital that require a two-thirds vote of the County Board, should be presented to the Finance Committee.

10. New Business

A. Goals and Objectives for FY2025

Chairman Berman introduced the discussion on the Finance Committee's goals and objectives for FY2025. He stated that the Finance Committee's goals and objectives should be to ensure a balanced budget and adequate cash flow for County operations. The Committee agreed with this statement and will submit to the County Board Office.

Budget Adjustments

A. Authorizing External Audits Pursuant to the County Auditing Law 55 ILCS 5/6-31005 and Related Budget Transfer

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

Contracts and Purchases**A. Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Proposals for a Countywide Strategic Plan**

Committee Vice-Chair Lenert inquired on the cost of a Countywide Strategic Plan. Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson stated that it would depend on what is being asked of the consulting service. She provided examples of the types of services. She estimated that this will cost approximately several thousand dollars. Much discussion ensued on the need for a Countywide Strategic Plan.

Committee Member Surges suggested that this resolution be changed to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), instead of a Request for Proposal (RFP). Further discussion ensued. Madam Chairman Pierog requested that the County's 2006 Strategic Plan be reviewed in order to see what the County has accomplished versus not.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER:	Anita Lewis
AYE:	Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, and Clifford Surges
NAY:	Bill Lenert, and Vern Tepe

B. Authorizing a Contract for Kane County Building Management Professional Carpet Cleaning Services with Tiles in Style DBA TAZA (BID# 24-034-KK)

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Anita Lewis
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- C. Authorizing a Contract with Family Flooring America for Kane County Flooring Service (BID# 24-021-TK)

Committee Member Juby stated that this resolution was tabled at the last Administration Committee meeting. This item should not have been included on today's Finance Committee agenda. This item was tabled.

RESULT:	TABLED
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- D. Authorizing Janitorial Services for Kane County Facilities with Eco Clean Maintenance, Inc. (BID# 24-038-TS)

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Vern Tepe
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- E. Authorizing a Contract Extension for Kane County Pest Control Services with Chem-Wise Pest Management (BID# 36-020)

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- F. Authorizing a 24-Month Agreement with Vetro, Inc. for Vetro Fibermap Operator Enterprise for the Kane County Information Technologies Department

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Vern Tepe
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- G. Authorizing a Security System Service Contract for the Juvenile Justice Center

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Anita Lewis
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- H. Authorizing Execution of Memorandum of Agreement Between County of Kane, Kane County Sheriff, and Policeman's Benevolent Labor Committee (Kane County Sheriff's Office Corrections Unit)

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Anita Lewis
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- I. Authorizing Additional Funds from FY2024 Budget for Kane County Annual Roof Inspection, Repair, and Replacement Services with Weatherguard Roofing Company (BID# 23-054)

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Anita Lewis
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- J. Authorizing Additional Funds from FY2024 Budget for Mill Creek SSA Brush Pick-Up Services with Trees "R" Us (BID# 02-020)

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Vern Tepe
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- K. Authorizing Additional Funds from FY2024 Mill Creek SSA Budget for Kane County Mill Creek SSA Engineering Firm Services with Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc. (HLR) (RFP# 23-016)

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Anita Lewis
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- L. Approving the Purchase of a Replacement Vehicle for the Kane County Sheriff's Office

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Anita Lewis
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- M. Authorizing the Purchase of Juvenile Justice Center Vehicle Cameras

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Vern Tepe
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- N. Authorizing Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Cigna as Kane County's Group Health and Dental Benefit Provider for 2025

Committee Member Surges introduced the additional components that will be available for County employees when this resolution is approved by the County Board.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Clifford Surges
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

Other

A. Approving the 2025 Monthly Health and Dental Contributions

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Clifford Surges
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

B. Authorizing Updated Capital Projects from the Capital Fund

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Leslie Juby
SECONDER:	Anita Lewis
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, and Vern Tepe
ABSTAIN:	Clifford Surges

C. Authorizing Pay Grade Changes, Pay Adjustments for Equity within Pay Grades for Promotions for the Kane County Division of Transportation

KC Human Services Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Human Services Committee
MOVER:	Leslie Juby
SECONDER:	Clifford Surges
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- D. Authorizing Creation of Ogden Gardens No. 2 Special Service Area Fund #5316
KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Leslie Juby
SECONDER:	Clifford Surges
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- E. Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request
KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Vern Tepe
SECONDER:	Leslie Juby
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- F. Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request
KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Vern Tepe
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert
AYE:	Dale Berman, Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- G. Approving County Board Personal Expense Voucher Reimbursement Request
Committee Member Juby questioned how this voucher pertains to County business. (Committee Vice-Chair Lenert left at 11:07 a.m.) Madam Chairman Pierog explained that Kane County was represented at the Habitat for Humanity Hero Award Dinner. Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Surges explained that there was an e-mail sent from the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) to Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson outlining the legal matters of the County setting the budget process. He expressed his concerns on

this. In his conversations with Hopkinson, she shared her concerns on the notion that she was trying to steer the County Board and/or elected officials/departments on how to put their budget together. The e-mail stated that she was doing this in an inappropriate or wrong manner. Surges explained that Hopkinson is simply acting under the direction of the County Board and should not be criticized for this. He would like this Committee to have a discussion on whether outside council should be obtained in order to handle this matter. Discussion ensued.

State's Attorney Mosser stated that they have been working very diligently with the County Board and Finance Director on the budget proposal. She has communicated what can and cannot happen legally with the budget process. It is the position of the County Board to direct policy and departments/offices would need to follow suit. With this being said, Mosser explained that she is the attorney for every County elected official and director. She has received multiple complaints about how this year's budget process has been done. Despite the fact that she has communicated consistent legal advice about how a budget proposal is supposed to happen, those are not being followed. Mosser explained that County Elected Officials have been restricted from New World when developing an appropriate budget proposal, which cannot be legally done. Many offices are suffering from these restrictions. Mosser explained that SAO's Chief of Civil, John Frank, has had many conversations with the Finance Director on what can or cannot legally happen, which has been met with resistance. She did not like the matter in which this was communicated, but she did not see another way on how to present this to the County Board. If it is true that the County Board has directed the Finance Director to restrict Officials to certain vacant positions or cost-of-living increases, then Mosser has advised this Committee that this cannot legally happen. Ultimately, the County Board will set a budget based on the justifications that the departments/offices meet or does not meet. Up until this point, County Officials/Directors have had a frustrating budget process system. Mosser explained that while everyone is trying to help with the budget process, many are being met with resistance. She addressed the denial to the request of hiring a Special State's Attorney. A conflict is governed by law. When there is a conflict it means that somehow the State's Attorney cannot represent their client. There is no conflict in this situation. Mosser stated that a disagreement with her legal advice does not constitute the need to hire outside council. She is simply advocating for all her clients in Kane County in order for the budget process to be done the legal way. Mosser and ASA Frank addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

Mosser explained that the County Board cannot restrict the budget proposal violating internal controls on elected officials. Department heads have the right to introduce a proposal and should not be restricted. Everyone needs to be able to submit proposals and then the County Board can make the decisions to introduce a balanced budget. The Committee provided consensus to allow department heads to introduce their budget proposals.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Vern Tepe
SECONDER:	Anita Lewis
AYE:	Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, and Vern Tepe
NAY:	Leslie Juby, and Clifford Surges
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

11. Old Business

None.

12. Reports Placed On File

Committee Member Tepe objected to the reports being placed on file. He stated that, at some point, this Committee needs to take a stand on what is allowed in the agenda packet. (Committee Member Sanchez left at 11:35 a.m.)

Tepe motioned to remove pages 22 and 52 from the Treasurer's report, Lewis seconded. Discussion ensued. ASA Frank stated that these reports cannot be changed due to the Open Meetings Act. Motion failed.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Leslie Juby
SECONDER:	Anita Lewis
AYE:	Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, and Clifford Surges
NAY:	Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert, and Jarett Sanchez

13. Committee Chairman's Comments

Chairman Berman stated that an upcoming Special Finance Meeting is scheduled. He asked if the requested information that was asked for at the last Special Finance meeting would be available. Hopkinson stated that this information would not be available. Berman cancelled the upcoming Special Finance Committee meeting on July 1, 2024.

Hopkinson addressed the issue with elected officials/department heads being restricted within the New World financial system. Discussion ensued.

Committee Member Gumz questioned this year's difference with the budget process pertaining to New World from past years. State's Attorney Mosser addressed this issue. She directed that this conversation be taken offline.

14. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

15. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Leslie Juby
SECONDER:	Anita Lewis

This meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM.

Savannah Valdez

Sr. Recording Secretary