



# Kane County

## County Board

### Meeting Minutes

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

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**Tuesday, July 8, 2025**

**9:45 AM**

**County Board Room**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Adjourned Meeting of the Kane County Board was held at the Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134 on July 8, 2025.

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 9:46 AM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Present: (\* = remote) Health Dept. Dir. Isaacson\* & staff Snowden\*; KDOT staff Rickert & Zakosek; Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff; Chief of Civil Frank; Animal Control Admin. Youngsteadt\*; SAO Advocate Hagemann; Auditor Wegman; SAO Fin. Dir. Hunt\*; Bldg. Mgmt./ITD Dir. Fahnestock\* and staff Lasky\* & Peters; Dpty. Mazzei; and members of the press & public.

**3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE REQUESTS**

Members Berman and Daugherty requested to attend the County Board meeting remotely. There were no objections.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION**

Madam Chair took a moment to recognize and wish peace for the victims and families of the recent Texas flood tragedy. Discussion ensued.

Board Member Williams led the assembly with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as the invocation.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 10, 2025**

**RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

**MOVER:** Chris Kious

**6. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Madam Chair shared the idea of county internship programs for young adults who are ready to launch their careers and contribute to the growth of our community. She highlighted that many of these individuals are leaving Illinois in search of better job opportunities and education in other states. She cited various Kane County departments already utilizing interns, such as the State's Attorney's Office and the Auditor's office. She expressed interest in implementing a more structured internship initiative to encourage students and young adults to remain in Kane County, while still being able to grow their careers locally. She noted the possibility of funding this initiative with the Illinois Grocery Tax, which generates about \$60k annually. She encouraged the Human Services and Jobs committees to consider the potential of such a program.

Member Gumz recognized the hard work of the Aurora Fire Department and the unfortunate loss of life this past holiday weekend, having had five structure fires.

- A.** Proclamation Congratulating the Kane County Cougars on Receiving the Heroes Award from the Three Fires Council, Scouting America [TMP-25-844](#)

Madam Chair announced that this proclamation would not be presented at this meeting, as the Kane County Cougars were not able to attend the ceremony. She added that this recognition will be presented to them separately at another time.

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

B. Northern Illinois Food Bank's Current Needs and Funding Priorities (Julie Yurko, NIFB CEO)

NIFB CEO Julie Yurko presented the various objectives, successes and needs of Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB). She announced that through their network of 900 food pantries, soup kitchens and feeding sites, they are feeding 574,000 across Northern Illinois monthly. She expressed gratitude to the county for their continued support, specifically the allocation of ARPA funding to distribute 2.6M lbs of food for Kane County residents in need. She stated that the remaining funds received will go to providing fresh and nutritious groceries, as well as household and personal items for our residents. She spoke on SNAP benefits and that the Big Beautiful Bill budget cuts have had a significant impact on local food bank and soup kitchen traffic.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kane County resident Jordan Leuchtmann addressed the history of decisions made that led to the current budget shortfall in Kane County.

Kane County resident John Bryan expressed gratitude to Madam Chair for standing behind constituents. Additionally, he proposed laying employees off to balance the budget and spoke on the redistribution of the RTA tax collected by the county.

Kane County resident John Remitz spoke on his passion for working with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. He expressed his gratitude for the continued support from Kane County. Discussion ensued.

Kane County resident and Sheriff's Deputy Sue Deuchler acknowledged the passing of Jacob Keltner on March 7, 2019. She highlighted the support provided by C.O.P.S., which is a non-profit organization that provides resources to assist in rebuilding the lives of surviving families that lost a loved one in the line of duty. She announced that there will be a 370-mile bike ride, honoring nine officers and three canines from Illinois, which will make a stop at the Kane County Sheriff's Office on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 9:50 a.m. She invited board members to come visit and learn more about their initiative.

Kane County resident Dr. Susan Sokolinski shared her concern regarding the safety of LGBTQ+ community members. She requested that the board be cognizant of their words and actions to protect the wellbeing of all Kane County residents.

Kane County resident Daniel Donohue provided his familial history and connection to the county. He expressed his concern with the current political climate.

Brian Anderson from Sugar Grove expressed his concern with balancing the county budget. He proposed that the county forego the 2026 wage increase.

Kane County resident Jenine Mehr expressed her concern with balancing the county budget.

Kane County resident Denise Theobald expressed gratitude to the board members that

supported the recent LGBTQ+ proclamation. She also highlighted comments subsequently made in opposition to the same proclamation.

Michelle Bettag from St. Charles expressed her concern with current and proposed taxes. (Arroyo arrives - 10:41 a.m.)

## 8. **CONSENT AGENDA/OMNIBUS VOTE**

Member Allan requested to remove Resolution 25-226 from the Consent Agenda.

Member Surges requested to remove Resolution 25-228 from the Consent Agenda.

### ----- **CONSENT AGENDA** -----

Authorizing a Contract Addition of Alternate 4 for the Kane County Judicial Center Pavement Improvement Project with Geneva Construction Company, Inc. (BID# 25-014-TK)	<a href="#"><u>25-223</u></a>
Authorizing Additional Funds for Kane County Concrete Services with M/M Peters Construction Inc. for the Mill Creek Special Service Area (BID# 23-041)	<a href="#"><u>25-224</u></a>
Authorizing Signature on the Master Power Supply Agreement for the Kane County Electrical Aggregation Program	<a href="#"><u>25-225</u></a>
Selecting Members of Strategic Plan Subcommittee	<a href="#"><u>25-227</u></a>
Approving May 2025 Claims Paid	<a href="#"><u>25-229</u></a>
Authorizing Renewal of Contract for Toner Cartridges	<a href="#"><u>25-230</u></a>
Approving the 2026 Monthly Health and Dental Contribution Rates	<a href="#"><u>25-231</u></a>
Approving Transfer of Appropriation and Budget Adjustment within Fund #558 North Impact Fees	<a href="#"><u>25-232</u></a>
Authorizing Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Homeless Management Information Systems Grant for Program Year 2025	<a href="#"><u>25-233</u></a>
Ratifying an Emergency Purchase Affidavit for Contractual Services with MGT Impact Solutions, LLC for Workforce Development Fiscal Manager Position	<a href="#"><u>25-234</u></a>
Authorizing Budget Adjustment to Transfer Funding from the Kane County Health Department to the Kane County State's Attorney's Office for Crisis Collaboration Liaison Position	<a href="#"><u>25-235</u></a>
Authorizing Revision to the Kane County Operating Budget Policy for Emergency Appropriations and Transfers	<a href="#"><u>25-236</u></a>
Authorizing Contract for Commercial Insurance Broker/Consultant	<a href="#"><u>25-237</u></a>

Authorizing Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Cigna as Kane County's Group Health and Dental Benefit Provider for 2026	<a href="#"><u>25-238</u></a>
Authorizing an Amendment to Extend the Professional Healthcare Services Agreement Between the County of Kane and the Kane County Child Advocacy Center and the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois	<a href="#"><u>25-239</u></a>
Authorizing Psychiatric Services for Detained Individuals at the Juvenile Justice Center	<a href="#"><u>25-240</u></a>
Authorizing Renewal of a Support Services Contractor for the Homeless Management Information System	<a href="#"><u>25-241</u></a>
Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement for Continuum of Care Administration with City of Elgin	<a href="#"><u>25-242</u></a>
Approving a Motor Fuel Tax Expenditure of Ice Control Salt for Sugar Grove Township 2025-2026 Rock Salt Contract, Section No. 25-15000-02-GM	<a href="#"><u>25-243</u></a>
Approving a Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation Related to a Phase III Engineering Services Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc. of Elgin, Illinois for the Plato Township Road District, Muirhead Road over Canadian National Railroad Project, Section No. 17-12082-01-BR	<a href="#"><u>25-244</u></a>
Approving a Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation Related to a Contract for Construction with Rausch Infrastructure, LLC of Des Plaines, Illinois for the Plato Township Road District, Muirhead Road over Canadian National Railroad Project, Section No. 17-12082-01-BR	<a href="#"><u>25-245</u></a>
Approving a Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation Related to the Right-of-Way Acquisition of Real Estate for the Kirk Road over Union Pacific Railroad Project, Kane County Section No. 12-00192-04-BR	<a href="#"><u>25-246</u></a>
Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants	<a href="#"><u>25-247</u></a>
Approving a Contract for the Purchase of Mobile and Handheld Kenwood Radios for the Kane County Division of Transportation	<a href="#"><u>25-248</u></a>
Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois for Phase III Construction for Randall Road at Illinois Route 72 Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00514-00-WR	<a href="#"><u>25-249</u></a>
Approving an Emergency Access to Randall Road for Christ Community Church in St. Charles Township	<a href="#"><u>25-250</u></a>

Approving a Thorn Creek Headwaters Preserve Wetland and Stream Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase Agreement with V3 Wetland Restoration, LLC of Woodridge, Illinois for Kirk Road over the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge Replacement, Kane County Section No. 12-00192-04-BR [25-251](#)

Approving a Contract for Construction with Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC of South Roxana, Illinois for the 2025 Kane County Rejuvenator Project, Kane County Section No. 25-00000-01-GM [25-252](#)

Approving a Contract for Construction with AC Pavement Striping Co. of Elgin, Illinois for the 2025 Kane County Chip Seal Project, Kane County Section No. 25-00000-02-GM [25-253](#)

Approving a Contract for Construction with Alliance Contractors, Inc. of Woodstock, Illinois the Allen Road Culvert Replacement Project, Kane County Section No. 22-00552-00-RS [25-254](#)

Approving a Contract for Construction with Preform Traffic Control Systems, Ltd. of Elk Grove Village, Illinois for the 2025 Kane County Paint Pavement Marking Project, Kane County Section No. 25-00000-03-GM [25-255](#)

Approving a Contract for Construction with AC Pavement Striping Co., of Elgin, Illinois for the 2025 Kane County Urethane Pavement Marking Project, Kane County Section No. 25-00000-04-GM [25-256](#)

Approving a Contract for Construction with Path Construction Company of Arlington Heights, Illinois the Claude Hanson Bridge Repair Project, Kane County Section No. 23-00176-05-BR [25-257](#)

Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Wight and Company of Darien, Illinois for Phase III Construction Engineering Services for the Dauberman Road Extension, Kane County Section No. 15-00277-01-BR [25-258](#)

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVER:**           Deborah Allan

**SECONDER:**       Mavis Bates

**AYE:**             Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams

<b>ABSENT:</b> David Young
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-----**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**-----

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Madam Chair entertained a motion to go into closed discussion to discuss the release of closed session minutes and pending, probably, imminent litigation, and/or settlement of claims. The Board entered into closed session at 10:50 a.m.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Alex Arroyo
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Chris Kious
<b>AYE:</b>	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
<b>ABSENT:</b>	David Young

- A. Release of Closed Session Minutes
- B. Pending, Probable, Imminent Litigation, and/or Settlement of Claims

**10. OPEN SESSION**

The board returned to open session at 11:32 a.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Chris Kious

- A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes

(Berman\* returns - 11:39 a.m.)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michelle Gumz
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Linder

<b>AYE:</b>	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
<b>ABSENT:</b>	David Young
<b>AWAY:</b>	Dale Berman

B. Vote on Settlement Approval for Case 2025MR140

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>INFORMATIONAL ONLY</b>
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11. ZONING PETITIONS

A. Petition # 4659 Petitioner: John Townsend

[TMP-25-691](#)

Member Williams presented the above petition.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle Gumz
<b>AYE:</b>	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
<b>ABSENT:</b>	David Young

B. Petition # 4660 Petitioner: KCB Farms, LLC

[TMP-25-714](#)

Member Williams presented the above petition.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michelle Gumz
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ted Penesis
<b>AYE:</b>	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
<b>ABSENT:</b>	David Young



<b>AWAY:</b>	Dale Berman
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**12. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS**

Authorizing Grand Victoria Riverboat Funding for External Projects For FY2025

[25-226](#)

Member Allan explained that this funding comes to the county with an agreement that it will be used to support projects bolstering the education and economic environment in Kane County. Discussion ensued.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Deborah Allan
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Chris Kious
<b>AYE:</b>	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
<b>ABSENT:</b>	David Young
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Anita Lewis

Authorizing a Salary Adjustment for the Administrator of Kane County Animal Control

[25-228](#)

Member Surges noted that he doesn't find this salary adjustment appropriate, given the discussion around a hiring freeze.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Cherryl Strathmann
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Tarver
<b>AYE:</b>	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Corinne M. Pierog
<b>NAY:</b>	Jon Gripe, Mo Iqbal, and Clifford Surges
<b>ABSENT:</b>	David Young

**A.** Revision to the Kane County Financial Policies Regarding Mass Transit Sales Tax Allocation

[25-259](#)

Member Juby expressed her concern with the outcome of cutting funds to this work group. Member Tepe announced that the work group will be meeting Monday, July 14, 2025 to discuss alternative funding options. Discussion ensued.

Madam Chair entertained a motion to postpone the voting on this resolution until the next County Board meeting, when the alternative funding options will have been discussed.

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**RESULT: HELD OVER**

**TO:** County Board

**MOVER:** Vern Tepe

**SECONDER:** Bill Lenert

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, and Vern Tepe

**NAY:** Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, and Rick Williams

**ABSENT:** David Young

**B.** Amending Section 2-48 of the Kane County Code (Standing Committees) to Revise Language Related to the Executive and Legislative Committees

[25-217](#)

Member Iqbal explained his intention to vote no on this particular Amendment. Discussion ensued.

**RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MOVER:** Michael Linder

**SECONDER:** Michelle Gumz

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams

**NAY:** Mo Iqbal

<b>ABSENT:</b>	David Young
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**C. Authorizing Certain Actions Relative to the Tax Agent**[25-260](#)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
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<b>MOVER:</b>	Jarett Sanchez
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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Roth
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<b>AYE:</b>	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
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<b>ABSENT:</b>	David Young
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**D. Approving a Partial Release of a Mortgage, AS AMENDED**[25-261](#)

Member Williams made a motion to amend, adding 'and any other documents required to effectuate the partial release of the mortgage.' Member Gumz seconded the amendment and the following vote was called:

AYE: Allan, Arroyo, Bates, Berman\*, Daugherty\*, Garcia, Gripe, Gumz, Iqbal, Juby, Kious, Lenert, Lewis, Linder, Molina, Penesis, Roth, Sanchez, Strathmann, Surges, Tarver, Tepe, and Williams.

NAY: None.

ABSENT: Young.

**Amendment passed.**

The vote was called on the original motion with approved amendment.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
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<b>MOVER:</b>	Michelle Gumz
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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jon Gripe
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<b>AYE:</b>	Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
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<b>ABSENT:</b>	David Young
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**13. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**14. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Member Kious mentioned that the Code Enforcement Team performed a Spring cleanup. He applauded the efficiency and professionalism of Officer Santiago and staff, as well as Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff, who recently began cleaning up violations at the Lake Marion unincorporated area.

Member Surges requested quorum for the Human Services meeting, which will be held July 9, 2025. He provided a preview of upcoming topics to be discussed.

Madam Chair announced that the workforce board has reached and exceeded key benchmarks, which reinforced the County's good standing with the State of Illinois. She announced that Illinois has received seven job searching kiosks and welcomed input on host sites in Kane County.

Member Gumz reminded board members that the potential impact of the HR1 bill will be discussed at the next Legislative meeting and furthermore, that she will be in Philadelphia representing the county.

**15. ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Rick Williams

This meeting was adjourned at 12:12 PM.

Christine Mazzei  
Recording Secretary