



Kane County

KC Committee of the Whole

Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

4:00 PM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

2. Roll Call

An in-person quorum was not established. This meeting was informational purposes only.

PRESENT	Board Member Mavis Bates Board Member Dale Berman Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Mo Iqbal Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Michael Kenyon Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Monica Silva Board Member Cherryl Strathmann Board Member Rick Williams Chairman Corinne M. Pierog
REMOTE	Board Member Deborah Allan Board Member Gary Daugherty Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Bill Tarver Board Member David Young
ABSENT	Board Member Mark Davoust Board Member Ron Ford Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Clifford Surges Board Member Vern Tepe

Also present: ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Lasky*, Files, Peters; ASA Cermak; Spec. ASA Shepro; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson*; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt*; and members of the press and public including Jason Dwyer from Wight & Co and Christian Smith from Beacon News.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

No in-person quorum was established. Remote attendance requests were not voted upon.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. Approval of Minutes: September 26, 2023, January 10, 2024, February 8, 2024, and March 26, 2024

No in-person quorum was established. All meeting minutes waiting to be approved will be held until the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

6. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None.

7. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Kane County Resident and County Board Member, David Young, addressed the non-citizen voting proclamation that passed through the March Public Service Committee meeting, but was not included on the April County Board agenda. The proclamation was not included under the purview of the County Board Chairman. Young questioned the offensive manner of the proclamation. He reviewed two statements within the proclamation that could have been taken offensively. He questioned why the County Board Chairman would not allow the proclamation on the April County Board meeting agenda. Young referenced Kane County Statute 247-C1, addressing the role of the Chairman pertaining to the County Board agendas. He stated that because the Executive Committee Chairman, County Board Chairman Pierog, failed to place this proclamation on the Executive Committee agenda, it would not be forwarded to the County Board meeting. The decision of one or two County Board Members out of 25, can change the agenda topics for Kane County. Young stated that if resolutions or proclamations were passed through the Committee structure and were not in line with their political agenda, they can simply ignore it. He asked that the non-citizen voting proclamation be included on the June County Board meeting agenda. (Committee Member Iqbal arrived in-person at 4:09 p.m.)

Kane County Resident, Cathy Flesburg, explained that she has found that meeting agendas have been posted, incorrectly. She questioned the suspicious nature of how frequent these issues are occurring. She requested that this be double-checked. She stated that agenda matters may not be voted upon, if it is not made available to the public (Committee Member Silva arrived in-person at 4:12 p.m.) 48-hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Lastly, Flesburg addressed the common occurrence of the Committee of the Whole meetings not being able to establish a quorum, since September 2023. Committee meeting minutes have not been approved either. Flesburg questioned why quorums have not been established.

8. Presentations/Discussion

A. Final Draft: Facilities Master Plan (J. Dwyer, Wight & Co.)

ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock explained that a presentation would be given to address the overview and final draft of the Kane County Facilities Master Plan. He stated that the Master Plan will go through the Committee flow process until the June County Board meeting, where the final vote to adopt the plan will take place. He noted that the County Board Members will have three more opportunities to provide feedback on the plan, starting at the May 15, 2024 Administration Committee meeting.

Fahnestock recognized Wight & Co. President of Design and Construction, Jason Dwyer, who provided the final draft of the Master Plan. Fahnestock addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

Wight & Co. President of Design and Construction, Jason Dwyer, addressed the County's background of developing master plans. He stated that this plan is to be utilized as a guidance document in addressing the County's short, mid, and long-term needs. The County has worked on multiple facility plans since the 1980's. Dwyer spoke on the fluidity of these types of plans. Dwyer addressed the current development of the County's Facilities Master plan. The first step was to perform a Space Needs Analysis. He provided a summary of that study. Dwyer presented the final draft of the County's Facilities Master Plan. He reviewed the timeline of the plan development. He shared a map depicting the technical recommendations of future County facilities, such as a Judicial Center expansion, Third Street Courthouse renovation, and addressing the State's Attorney's Office Criminal Division short-term space needs. Dwyer reviewed the challenges and priorities of the plan. The main challenges are acquiring funding for larger projects and the need for short-term options. The short-term priority needs are the construction of a new health department, figuring out the State's Attorney and Judiciary staff space needs, and finding centralized storage space. Dwyer addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

Dwyer reviewed the phased project implementation for short, mid, and long-term recommendations. He spoke on the needs for each phase. He explained which buildings would be constructed/renovated during each phase. Dwyer addressed questions about the lifespan of the purposed facilities.

Dwyer continued with the mid-term and long-term recommendations of the Master Plan. The main goal of the Master Plan is to have one centralized location for most County facilities. Dwyer addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

Fahnestock reviewed the next procedural steps for the County Board to approve the County's Facilities Master Plan. He requested Board Members submit their input for the Master Plan via e-mail to himself and/or staff Files before the May 15, 2024 Administration Committee meeting. Fahnestock and Dwyer addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

9. Executive Session

An in-person quorum was not established. The Executive Session to discuss the release of Closed Session Minutes will be held until the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

- A. Release of Closed Session Minutes

10. Open Session

- A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes

No in-person quorum was established. The vote to release Closed Session Minutes will be held until the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

11. Adjournment

This informational-only meeting ended at 5:19 PM.

Savannah Valdez
Sr. Recording Secretary