



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)

Thursday, October 23, 2025

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Co-Chairman Young called today's meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Roll Call

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

Also present: Co. Bd. members Juby, Kious*, Molina*, Penesis*, Williams*; SOA Armstrong; ROE Supt. Jonak and staff Algrim; VAC Supt. Zimmerman; Co. Clk. staff Pollock; Spec. ASA Shepro*; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public including County Clerk's Office Dir. of Elections Raymond Esquivel.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Co-Chairman Young announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. He asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Member Tepe attending remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: September 18, 2025

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| RESULT: | APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT |
| MOVER: | Jon Gripe |

5. Public Comment

Kane County Board Member and resident, David Young, spoke on his concerns about non-citizens being qualified to vote, and how this process is handled.

6. Finance

A. Monthly Report

The monthly report is on file. No additional report was made.

7. Recorder**A. Monthly Report**

The monthly report is on file. No additional report was made.

8. Treasurer / Collector**A. Monthly Report**

The monthly report is on file. No additional report was made.

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

Supervisor of Assessments (SOA) Armstrong stated that the report is on file. He stated that all Townships have now been published, and all assessment-complaint filing deadlines have passed. After the first filing deadline, the Board of Review is prohibited by stated law from accepting complaints based on an error in valuation. Additionally, the courts have addressed this statutory deadline and specifically held that the taxpayer's right to file a complaint does not continue merely because the board of review continues to sit. Armstrong addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Further discussion ensued.

10. Regional Office of Education

Regional Office of Education (ROE) Supt. Jonak stated that the report is on file. In regards to professional development and learning, Jonak stated that there are 1,841 workshop participants, 4,250 people were fingerprinted, and a total of 520 General Educational Development (GED) exams were given. Students who did not graduate High School are now able to submit their transcripts to the Kane County ROE to be reviewed to determine whether a high school diploma or a GED would be a good fit for the student. There were a total of 3,615 licenses received through the ROE. Jonak highlighted that there was a total 2,500 home visits over the course of last year. A total of 1,209 bus drivers were trained and licensed. He proceeded to explain that all public school buildings and school-related buildings in the jurisdiction of the Kane County ROE, are inspected annually to assure compliance with the standards necessary to guarantee the health and safety of public school students. He explained that the ROE completes over 200 health and life safety (HLS) inspections annually for the nine school districts in Kane County. Jonak noted that the student services team include a range of Alternative Learning programs as well as support systems for students and families experiencing hardships. Jonak addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

11. Veteran's Assistance Commission

A. Monthly Report

Veteran's Assistance Commission (VAC) Supt. Zimmerman stated that invitations for several Veteran's Day events will be sent out to the public soon. He stated that the VA Medical Center Allocation Clinics, and Veteran Centers all remain open, and continue to provide services. Benefit payments are currently being processed and delivered, including disability compensation, pension education, and housing benefits. Burials continue to be held at VA National Cemeteries, and headstones, markers, and burial benefits are being processed. Zimmerman announced that the Board of Veterans' Appeals continues to make decisions on claims, and that the VA call centers remain open. All suicide prevention programs, homeless services, and caregiver support all continue to provide their services. Lastly, Zimmerman announced that Kane County Board has proclaimed November 4-11, 2025, as Veteran's Week in Kane County, honoring the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

12. County Clerk

A. Monthly Report

Kane County Clerk staff Pollock stated the reports are on file. He stated that customer service continues to trend 10 percent higher than last year. In terms of revenue generated this year, it is just below \$1.6M, and all of it will go back into the general fund. Through September 2025, there was over \$275K passport fee revenue generated.

13. Other Business

A. 2026 Public Service Committee Goals Review

The Committee unanimously came to a consensus to review the Public Service Committee Goals for 2026 at next month's meeting.

14. Executive Session (If Needed)

None.

15. Reports Placed On File

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| RESULT: | APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT |
| MOVER: | Bill Roth |

16. Adjournment

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| RESULT: | APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE |
| MOVER: | Bill Roth |
| SECONDER: | David Young |

This meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Rachel Santora
Recording Secretary