



# Kane County

## KC American Rescue Plan Committee

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

### Meeting Minutes

SANCHEZ, Kenyon, Bates, Gumz, Lenert, Molina, Strathmann, Surges & Tepe

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

10:30 AM

County Board Room

#### 1. Call To Order

Chairman Sanchez called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

#### 2. Roll Call

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| <b>PRESENT</b> | Board Member Jarett Sanchez<br>Board Member Michael Kenyon<br>Board Member Mavis Bates<br>Board Member Bill Lenert<br>Board Member Cheryl Strathmann |
| <b>REMOTE</b>  | Board Member Michelle Gumz<br>Board Member Myrna Molina<br>Board Member Vern Tepe  |
| <b>ABSENT</b>  | Board Member Clifford Surges   |

Also Present: Madam Chair Pierog; County Board members: Allan, Kious and Roth, ARP Manager Fahnestock and staff Minor; Exec. Dir. Dev. Vankerhoff, Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson, ITD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock and staff Files, Lasky and Peters, HRN Exec. Dir. Loblillo, Public Health Exec. Dir. Isaacson and staff Snowden, KC State's Atty. staff Ford and Frank, members of the press & public.

#### 3. Remote Attendance Requests

Chairman Sanchez asked if there were any opposed to Molina, Tempe and Gumz attending remotely as voting members. No objections were voiced by the Committee.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes: December 27, 2023

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Mavis Bates                   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Kenyon                |

#### 5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None

#### 6. Discussion Items:

A. ARP Committee Report (attached)

Chairman Sanchez acknowledged the monthly reports supplied by Ernst and Young had been provided in the agenda packet.

B. Other Committee Matters

None

7. New Business

A. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for the Construction of a Health Department Facility for Kane County Residents

Chairman Sanchez advised the Committee this resolution pertained to the construction of a new public health department facility for Kane County. He noted it had already been discussed at length at a Committee of the Whole Meeting. The Public Health Facility project would use an estimated \$18M in ARPA funds and \$5M in Public Health reserve funds. Chairman Sanchez reported a resolution had passed this morning at the Finance Committee Meeting authorizing a budget adjustment assigning the \$5M from Public Health reserves line 350 to be used toward the new public health facility. Chairman Sanchez reminded the Committee of the US Treasury guidelines that require ARPA dollars for project to begin spending and reported by the end of 2024.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>  |
| <b>TO:</b>       | KC Executive Committee  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Cherryl Strathmann  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Mavis Bates   |
| <b>AYE:</b>      | Jarett Sanchez, Michael Kenyon, Mavis Bates, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe |
| <b>NAY:</b>      | Michelle Gumz   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Clifford Surges   |

B. Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Recoupment Funds for the Construction of a Health Department Facility for Kane County Residents

Chairman Sanchez advised the Committee this resolution would authorize the use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Recoupment Funds for the construction of a health department facility for Kane County residents.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b> |
| <b>TO:</b>     | KC Executive Committee                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>  | Mavis Bates                            |

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| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Kenyon  |
| <b>AYE:</b>      | Jarett Sanchez, Michael Kenyon, Mavis Bates, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe |
| <b>NAY:</b>      | Michelle Gumz   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Clifford Surges   |

**C. Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement with the Kane County American Rescue Plan Consultant and Corresponding Use of Additional State and Local Fiscal Recovery**

Chairman Sanchez reported to the Committee Ernst and Young (EY) has done excellent work for the ARPA Program thus far. Sanchez discussed the success of ARPA Program Manager Suzanne Fahnestock using County employees to remove tasks from EY by assisting in the daily working tasks of the program. Adding since the County's employees have been handling tasks like the verifying of invoices EY primarily has been doing risk assessments and reporting. Discussion ensued on the savings utilizing the County's own people for most tasks vs. using the consultant EY. Chairman Sanchez reported this resolution authorizes the increase allotted for EY for their services for the remaining time of the Program. Sanchez noted the state's attorney's office was in favor of this resolution increasing the amount allotted for the consultant EY and retaining EY until the end of the ARPA Program.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>  |
| <b>TO:</b>       | KC Executive Committee  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Mavis Bates   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Cherryl Strathmann  |
| <b>AYE:</b>      | Jarett Sanchez, Michael Kenyon, Mavis Bates, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe |
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| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Clifford Surges   |

**D. Approving Compensation Rate for American Rescue Plan Program Coordinator Positions and Budget Adjustments**

Chairman Sanchez advised the Committee approving this resolution would raise the compensation rate for current and future American Rescue Plan Program Coordinators to the 100% allotted range. He acknowledged this would attract and keep qualified staff till the end of the program. Discussion ensued. State's Attorney Frank confirmed as long as the compensation rate for these positions did not exceed 100 percent of what was approved in the resolution the Board's approval would suffice.

A short recess was necessary to correct a technical issue. The Committee returned to open session after the technical issue was corrected and a Roll Call was taken. Present: Michael Kenyon, Mavis Bates, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathman, Vern Tepe, Michelle Gumz, Jarett Sanchez.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>   |
| <b>TO:</b>       | KC Human Services Committee  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Mavis Bates  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Cherryl Strathmann   |
| <b>AYE:</b>      | Jarett Sanchez, Michael Kenyon, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, and Vern Tepe |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Clifford Surges  |

**8. Old Business**

None

**9. Executive Session (if needed)**

None

**10. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)**

Eileen McNamee, Development Coordinator of Pads of Elgin, Inc. addressed the Committee. Ms. McNamee advised the Committee that Northern Kane County was still experiencing citizens down and out recovering from COVID. She reported many families were still homeless. This fact had doubled the amounts of families with children requiring housing. PADS currently had no space available. McNamee commended her staff for using other measures to house 65 percent of these homeless families. She reported PADS active efforts looking for additional housing and the need for additional ARPA funds. McNamee thanked the committee and reported PADS of Elgin, Inc would continue to strive to get all Kane County's residents housed.

**11. Adjournment**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Kenyon                |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Bill Lenert                   |

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Caryn Minor  
ARPA Program Coordinator