



# Kane County County Board Meeting Minutes

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

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**Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

**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 October 8, 2024.

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 10:23 AM.

## 2. ROLL CALL

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

## 3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Madam Chair asked that members Allan, Daugherty, Linder, Surges and Tepe be allowed to join the meeting remotely. No objections voiced.

Also present: Chief Dpty. Clerk Weilandt; Finance Exec. Dir. Hopkinson\*; I.T. & Bldgs. Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Files, Peters; KDOT staff Rickert; Public Health Exec. Dir. Isaacson; Auditor P. Wegman; Treasurer Lauzen, Develop. Exec. Dir. Vankerkhoff; State's Atty. Mosser & ASAs Frank, Brady, Vargas\*, CIO Hunt; Spcl. ASA Shepro; Sheriff Hain\*; Animal Control Admin. Youngsteadt\*; OCR Dir. Berger\*; members of the press & public.

#### 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

Board Member Gumz led the assembly with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. Member Lewis said the invocation.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 10, 2024 & September 25, 2024

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Chris Kious

#### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Madam Chair invited the public to speak.

Ellen Nottke, discussed that meeting quorums have been an issue and unless a member is gravely ill, there should be no reason for a board member to attend remotely. The COVID pandemic is over and the State of Emergency has ended. Ms. Nottke relayed that many of the meetings go on endlessly, continuing a meeting for lack of a quorum was a waste of time for all, and if the Committee of the Whole cannot reach a quorum for an entire year, the meeting should be discontinued.

Mark Adamian\*, Elburn resident, asked the board to revisit the county's ordinance as it pertains to hunting; especially when hunters are shooting next to his property while he walks his dog. Upon seeing migrants at gathering of people at the Court House (Circuit Clerk) on Randall Road, he suggested that those coming across the border provide DNA samples to police to build a database to look up criminals in the future. Also, the government should provide voter I.D.s and mandate voters show them prior to voting.

Jenine Mehr, asked how the board could have gotten to the spending it has -- in the general fund -- over the last 10 years. From 2020 to 2024, there was an 88% increase in spending and for 2021 to 2025 an expected 78% increase during the tenure of the chairwoman. She questioned why some board members did not speak up about this. She stated the (county's) population has decreased, people are overtaxed and have relocated, and what is Plan B if the April referendum does not pass.

Kim Sever spoke to the increase in taxes, the fact that the county was in a recession, and the board was not representing its residents. She asked the board to find ways to cut the budget and stop the increases.

Chris Lauzen, Treasurer, walked through a quick 2025 budget take-away slide presentation, summarizing that the general fund spending has doubled in 4 to 5 years. He discussed that discrepancies existed in the numbers being presented, the board

was breaking it rules, and not telling the truth about equity in pay. Union wages increases by 22% and 9.2% for non-union. And no Plan B existed.

Brian Anderson, Sugar Grove, reminded the board about the future, with the focus at the committee level to focus on how items will affect the county's budget. It was unacceptable to see an increase of \$65M in the General Fund. He hopes the new board focuses on this point, which may also result in pay freezes, cutting programs, or cutting workers. The county's population was decreasing and no additional services were needed.

Dorothy Johnson Lynn, Aurora, thanked the board for the community she lives in: its schools, community and park district. The environment has been healthy and strong and it costs money. She reminded the board that when it all comes together well, there are taxes that are required to pay currently (invest) so that future generations will have access to the same services and community she has had.

Michelle Bettag, reminded the board of the continued tax increases, high credit card usage, and bankruptcies, all at historical levels. Yet, in Kane County spending was out of control. She voiced that unions owned Kane County. Candidates were backed by unions outside of Kane County. County residents were struggling financially while the board was making promises to construct buildings on the backs of Kane County citizens.

**7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/REMARKS**

Madam Chair encouraged the community to vote but also asked that board members keep calm and listen to each other.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA/OMNIBUS VOTE**

The Chairwoman asked if anyone would like to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Madam Chair removed Resolution Nos. 24-378 and 24-400 and 24-379 (already off Consent). Juby removed Nos. 24-405 and 24-412. Iqbal removed Nos. 24-397 and 24-403, and Kious removed No. 24-390. The chairwoman proceeded to ask for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Resolution Nos. 24-378, 24-390, 24-397, 24-400, 24-403, 24-405, 24-412.

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

Approving and Authorizing Grant Agreements for Behavioral Health System Improvement Projects for the Kane County Health Department [24-387](#)

Authorizing Additional Funds for the Building Management Department Using the Omnia Joint Purchasing Agreement with Amazon Services, LLC, Online Marketplace [24-388](#)

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Authorizing a Contract for Kane County's Adult Justice Center's Domestic Hot Water Project with 1 Source Mechanical, Inc. (BID# 24-052-TS)	<a href="#"><u>24-389</u></a>
Authorizing Additional Funds for Engineering and Design for HVAC Systems with Kluber at the Adult Justice Center (RFQ# 23-058)	<a href="#"><u>24-391</u></a>
Authorizing a Contract with Valdes Architecture and Engineering for Engineering and Design for HVAC Systems at Kane County Facilities (RFQ# 23-058)	<a href="#"><u>24-392</u></a>
Authorizing an Agreement with Wight and Company for the Renovation of the Public Defender's Office Project	<a href="#"><u>24-393</u></a>
Authorizing Purchase of Technology Solutions to Optimize Integrated Communications (Equipment, Products, or Services) from Zetron, Inc. for the Information Technologies Department	<a href="#"><u>24-394</u></a>
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)	<a href="#"><u>24-395</u></a>
Authorizing a Contract Extension for the Mill Creek SSA Holiday Lights & Decor Services with It's a Wonderful Light (BID# 22-029)	<a href="#"><u>24-396</u></a>
Proclaiming Operation Green Light for Veterans in Kane County, Illinois	<a href="#"><u>DOC-2024-47</u></a>
Authorizing Grand Victoria Riverboat Funding for External Projects for FY2024	<a href="#"><u>24-398</u></a>
Approving August 2024 Claims Paid	<a href="#"><u>24-399</u></a>
Authorizing the County to Contract with Humana Inc. to Provide the 2025 Healthcare Continuation Coverage for Medicare Eligible Retired and Disabled Employees and Surviving Spouses	<a href="#"><u>24-401</u></a>
Approving the Kane County Per Diem Meal Rates for Calendar Year 2025	<a href="#"><u>24-402</u></a>
Authorizing IMRF Benefit Protection Leave	<a href="#"><u>24-404</u></a>
Approving Transfer and Payment in Accordance to the Agreed Order for Case No. 13 L 134	<a href="#"><u>24-406</u></a>
Authorizing Subaward Agreement with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to Perform Recycling Education and Outreach in Kane County	<a href="#"><u>24-407</u></a>

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Authorization to Enter into Annual Kane County Health Department Grant Agreements	<a href="#"><u>24-408</u></a>
Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with Lighthouse Recovery, Inc. to Expand Medication Assisted Recovery Services and Appropriation of Funds	<a href="#"><u>24-409</u></a>
Authorizing Transfer of Transportation Capital Fund #540 into Transportation Sales Tax Fund #305	<a href="#"><u>24-410</u></a>
Authorizing a Contract with Tech Applications & Consulting, LLC for the 3DEP LIDAR Project (BID# 24-053-KK)	<a href="#"><u>24-411</u></a>
Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the County of Kane and the Kane County Economic Development Corporation for Funding of Economic Development Purposes	<a href="#"><u>24-413</u></a>
Authorizing a Radio Tower Agreement with the Village of Maple Park	<a href="#"><u>24-414</u></a>
Authorizing a Supplemental Services Agreement Between Kane County and the Village of Wayne for the Police Records Management	<a href="#"><u>24-415</u></a>
Authorizing a Supplemental Services Agreement Between Kane County and the Village of Hampshire for the Police Records Management	<a href="#"><u>24-416</u></a>
Authorizing a Supplemental Services Agreement Between Kane County and the Village of Maple Park for the Police Records Management	<a href="#"><u>24-417</u></a>
Authorizing a Supplemental Services Agreement Between Kane County and the Village of Pingree Grove for the Police Records Management	<a href="#"><u>24-418</u></a>
Authorizing a Supplemental Services Agreement Between Kane County and the Village of Campton Hills for the Police Records Management	<a href="#"><u>24-419</u></a>
Authorizing a Proclamation for Probation and Pretrial Supervision Week	<a href="#"><u>24-420</u></a>
Authorizing Agreement Between Kane County Health Department and Association for Individual Development (AID) for Naloxone Vending Machines	<a href="#"><u>24-421</u></a>
Approving Purchase of Six (6) 2025 Tandem Axle Truck Cab and Chassis for the Kane County Division of Transportation	<a href="#"><u>24-422</u></a>
Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants	<a href="#"><u>24-423</u></a>

Approving an Agreement with Iteris, Inc. of Santa Ana, California for Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) Services, Kane County Section No. 24-00365-09-EG [24-424](#)

Approving an Agreement with Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC of Chicago, Illinois for Network Operations Management Engineering Services, Kane County Section No. 24-00365-05-EG [24-425](#)

Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Aurora for Orchard Road Fence Replacement [24-426](#)

Approving an Amendment to the Agreement with BLA, Inc. of Itasca, Illinois for On-Call Design Engineering Services, Kane County Section No. 21-00537-00-ES [24-427](#)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Davoust
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle Gumz
<b>AYE:</b>	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Ron Ford

-----**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**-----

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Madam Chair entertained a motion to go into closed session to discuss 1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, and 2) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. The board moved into closed session at 11:04 AM.

<b>MOVER:</b>	Mo Iqbal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Roth

- A. The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees
- B. Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body

**10. OPEN SESSION**

The board returned to open session at 1:38 PM.

Due to the lack of an in-person quorum, the chairwoman called the meeting recessed at 1:42 PM.

**11. ZONING PETITIONS**

**12. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS**

OFF CONSENT ITEMS:

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| Authorizing Fiscal Year 2025 Non-Union Cost-of-Living Wage Increase   | <a href="#"><u>24-378</u></a> |
| Authorizing a Contract for Building Management Flooring Services with Mazarini, Inc. (BID# 24-042-TK)   | <a href="#"><u>24-390</u></a> |
| Approving a Change Order with Confluence Climate Consultants, LLC.  | <a href="#"><u>24-397</u></a> |
| Authorizing a Merit Increase Pool for Kane County Departments   | <a href="#"><u>24-400</u></a> |
| Authorizing the Creation of a Position of Fatality Review Manager for the Kane County Health Department   | <a href="#"><u>24-403</u></a> |
| Authorizing Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-Gac) Purchasing Cooperative Agreement   | <a href="#"><u>24-405</u></a> |
| Adopting a Kane County Economic Development Strategic Plan  | <a href="#"><u>24-412</u></a> |
| <b>A.</b> Amending Resolution 24-305 Authorizing the Use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Revenue Loss Recoupment Funds to Fund the Transitional Housing Program for the Kane County Sheriff's Office to Correct Amount Authorized and Add Budget Table | <a href="#"><u>24-382</u></a> |
| <b>B.</b> Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Appropriations and Budget  | <a href="#"><u>24-379</u></a> |
| <b>C.</b> Approving the Purchase of Real Estate Located at 2170 Point Boulevard, Elgin, Illinois 60123  | <a href="#"><u>24-428</u></a> |
| <b>D.</b> Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Other Corresponding Documents to Acquire Real Estate in Aurora, Illinois   | <a href="#"><u>24-429</u></a> |

**13. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**14. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**15. ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024**