



# Kane County

## KC Finance and Budget Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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

LENERT, Sanchez, Juby, Lewis, Surges, Tepe, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair) and Pierog (County Chair)

**Wednesday, October 29, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**County Board Room**

**1. Call To Order**

Chairman Lenert called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**2. Roll Call**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Leslie Juby Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Vern Tepe Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog
<b>REMOTE</b>	Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Clifford Surges

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Allan, Arroyo\*, Bates, Gripe, Gumz\*, Kiou\*, Linder, Penesis\*, Strathmann\*; Treasurer Lauzen; Auditor Wegman; Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Lasky\*, Peters; SAO staff Frank, Hunt\*, Shepro\*; Sheriff Hain & staff Ware; KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert\*; KCHD CFO Snowden\*; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt\*; Environ. & Water Res. Dir. Wollnik & staff Hinshaw; and members of the press and public.

**3. Remote Attendance Requests**

Chairman Lenert announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. He asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Members Sanchez and Surges attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

(Committee Member Sanchez arrived remotely at 9:01 a.m.)

**4. Approval of Minutes: September 24, 2025 & October 21, 2025**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe

**5. Public Comment**

Steve Leffler, St. Charles, stated that instead of riding his bike today, he carpooled with his contractor to Batavia. Then, walked to the Kane County Government Center. He encouraged everyone to ride their bikes or walk, instead of driving, if possible. He explained that as he was walking down Route 31, he noticed a wide-open space that

could be turned into a bike path, which would assist with safety. Leffler stated that he comes to County Board meetings, regularly. He noted that he follows the numbers and makes sure to read through each agenda packet before each select meeting. As he was reviewing today's Finance Committee meeting agenda packet, he came across Treasurer Lauzen's supplemental contextual information. He stated that this type of material does not pertain to the business of the County. Additionally, this extra material makes it difficult to follow along during the meetings when trying to sift through the extra materials. Leffler requested that Lauzen include material on a leaner basis.

Kane County resident, Denise Theobald, stated she has been coming to these meetings and asking questions, but has not received straight answers. She explained that each month, Treasurer Lauzen gives a report on the cumulative interest earned. She asked Lauzen how much of the cumulative interest was earned and generated off of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Additionally, she inquired on Lauzen's future plans to replace this interest income when ARPA funds are no longer available. Theobald found the proposal to freeze County Board members salaries interesting, while Treasurer Lauzen has requested an increase to his salary for FY2026. She explained that as Lauzen is forecasted to collect less money in the coming years, which is plausible that less staff will be needed. (Committee Ex-Officio Roth arrived in-person at 9:05 a.m). She questioned the need for more staff within the Treasurer's Office. She explained that all departments/offices have been asked to reduce and cut their FY2026 Budget. She questioned what makes the Treasurer's Office the exception. Theobald reminded Lauzen that he works for the people of Kane County, and that it is every constituents' right to voice their questions. She mentioned that she has been invited to Lauzen's office for conversation, but she has denied the invitation. She has denied the invitation because she does not want to be bullied behind closed doors. She stated that questions are meant to be heard at public meetings, so all can hear and that all questions are answered transparently. Theobald reminded the public that the Kane County Board only controls four percent of the residents' property taxes. In which, 71% is mandated and funds public safety. She explained that residents feel that they do not need to raise minimum revenue to keep up with inflation. However, by not seeking additional revenue, the County will need to cut funding to public safety. Theobald voiced her confusion on running a government entity without taking in additional revenue. She stated that taxes have not been raised in over a decade. Therefore, the County needs solutions and income in order to pay the bills.

Kane County resident, Ginger Romano, recalled that a few years back the County Board decided to spend down the reserves. She thanked Treasurer Lauzen for his reward-winning performance on investment strategies for maximum interest earned on behalf of all the taxpayers. She stated that Lauzen is a true servant and steward of the finances of the people. She appreciates the information that is shared by Lauzen that offers insight to the times and is good for reflection for the future.

Cathy Flesburg, Huntley, spoke on the proposed Grocery Tax increase. She does not understand why the tax will only affect those in unincorporated Kane County, such as the senior community, Del Webb. She explained that one percent may not seem like a lot to some, but to seniors and low-income residents it will be. She stated that these

residents will take their business two miles down the road to McHenry County, in order to avoid the tax increases. Flesburg spoke on the tax levies. She explained that last year, the County asked for an increase, which was not normally done. However, now the County is asking for an increase for the second year in a row. Flesburg stated that she does not understand why the County's General Fund needs an additional \$37M. She has witnessed a major spending problem since Madam Chairman Pierog took office. She mentioned that the COVID Relief funds and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are no longer being distributed. Therefore, budget cuts have to be made. However, Flesbug has not witnessed this occurring. She stated that a lot of ideas have been heard to solve the budget deficit, but she has not seen cuts being made. However, she has seen multiple increases and movement of funds between accounts. She commended Treasurer Lauzen's ability to bring in interest earned to the County. She voiced her confusion on why the County is increasing the tax levies. She stated that if the County does not make the necessary budget cuts, they will be faced with a larger deficit in FY2027. She explained that the County cannot keep asking for increases and more taxes. Lastly, she stated that some of these tax levies listed on today's agenda are a waste of paper and time.

Brian Anderson, Sugar Grove, stated that there are 12 days until the full County Board meeting on November 10, 2025 to present the FY2026 Budget. Due to the County Board not doing the necessary work for the budget, he stated he will be providing comments on what is to happen moving forward. Anderson noted that the County Board could have a budget deficit of \$35M in FY2026. He stated that the County Board will be faced with all of the same budgetary issues in FY2027, but with shrunken reserves. Anderson spoke on the lack of ridership on PACE buses. He noted that this program costs the County \$20M per year. He requested that a forensic investigation be done on the PACE Program. Anderson spoke on TMP-25-1212. He requested that the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) hold off on the Randall Road at Hopps Road project. He stated that the County does not need to be spending \$1M to have supplies ordered for 24 months. Additionally, he noted that the County will need to spend another \$6M on this project. Lastly, Anderson spoke on the proposed Attrition Program. He requested that the Director of Human Resources present a projected list of names of staff members who are retiring in the next 12 to 18 months. He noted that these staff members can be offered buy-outs. Additionally, he stated that the County needs to look into all non-essential and non-union team members.

## **6. Treasurer's Report (C. Lauzen)**

### **A. Monthly Report**

Treasurer Lauzen stated the monthly report was on file. He thanked the public speakers for their comments at today's meeting. He spoke on the concerns shared about his supplemental contextual economic data. He explained that this information does apply to Kane County in order to predict the future and to receive the County's fair share of state and federal funds. As his time as Chairman of the County Board, he was able to freeze the property tax levy for eight years due to understanding and accurately projecting how much state funding would be received and the amount rewarded by grants. He stated that by utilizing these resources, the County was able to relieve property taxpayers.

Lauzen thanked resident Theobald for her contributions and allowing him to explain himself. He thanked resident Romano for her comments. He stated that one of the things that is most important to him about what he does on behalf of County taxpayers, is that he objectively and accurately measures the cash in the bank.

Referencing page six of the agenda packet, Lauzen spoke on the interest income collected in September 2025. He stated that the interest income earned was \$2.3M, of which \$625K will be divided up and given to the taxing districts. He noted that the \$2.3M of cash on hand is 29% more than the County's whole year projected in interest income in November 2023. He spoke on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. He stated that all the funds are gone. He questioned what the County has to show for the \$200M that was provided through ARPA. Referencing page nine, Lauzen presented the Cumulative Interest Earned Fiscal Years 2021-2025. He stated that the cumulative interest income earned was \$65M. He explained that this is a good amount of money, but it does not do any good when it is spread across various accounts throughout the County. He stated that the County Board needs to hold people accountable for money spent. He explained that spreading the earned interest income across various accounts, does not help the County. He stated that the better approach would be to aggregate the funds. He noted that it should be gathered together to solve the budget problems. Lauzen stated that Chairman Lenert made significant suggestions on how to balance the budget using interest income directly where allowed by state statute. He noted that this is within the interpretation of law and it is the County Board's decision to allocate it. He stated that it would be an error of the County Board to not aggregate the interest income. Lastly, Lauzen insisted that a letter be sent out from the County Board Office to acknowledge the compliance in the budget process of the Treasurer's Office. He explained that he received a letter on non-compliance. Therefore, the public record shows that his office and others were not in compliance, which was false. He requested a compliance letter.

## **7. Auditor's Report (P. Wegman)**

### **A. Monthly Report**

Auditor Wegman stated the monthly report was on file. She explained that the 2026 Accounts Payable Schedule has been completed and distributed to all County departments/offices. Additionally, the Auditor's Office conducted a Personal Expense Voucher (PEV) Audit and has submitted the results within the monthly report. Wegman stated that she does plan to provide this information on a yearly basis for better understanding. From this audit, she explained that the Finance Department recommended an update be done on the PEV form. She noted that her office is working on updating the form.

**B. Approving the Kane County Per Diem Meal Rates for Calendar Year 2026**

Auditor Wegman introduced this resolution. She explained that last year the County adjusted the their per diem process. The County now utilizes the General Services Administration (GSA) website to calculate the appropriate reimbursement amount for meals. Wegman addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

**C. Approving September 2025 Claims Paid**

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

**8. Finance Director's Report (K. Hopkinson)**

**A. Monthly Finance Reports**

(Madam Chairman Pierog arrived in-person at 9:34 a.m.)

Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson stated the monthly financial reports were on file. She presented the County's General Fund - General Account Key Indicators. She stated that the Charges for Services revenue is higher than expected due to the fees that are collected by the Recorder's Office and the County Clerk's Office. She mentioned that Fine revenue is down. The main difference is due to back taxes and interest. Hopkinson stated that Grant revenue is lower than expected. This was due to a grant not being received. However, the County did have an office that received grant revenue that was not budgeted for. Hopkinson stated that Interest revenue to date has been posted in the County's General Ledger though July. She explained that the revenue to date that is deposited into the County's General Fund - General Account is below what was expected at this

time of the year. This is due to the cash balance in the General Fund - General Account was lower than expected earlier in the year. Hopkinson explained that the County allocates interest across all funds based on the cash balance of said fund. She stated that Licenses and Permits revenue is below expected, due to the building and inspection revenue being below what was expected. She mentioned that Other Taxes revenue is higher than expected. She noted that Other Taxes include sales taxes and the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) sale taxes. Hopkinson stated that Property Tax revenue is as expected. She mentioned that Reimbursement revenue is higher than expected, due to additional reimbursement revenue in the County's Court Services and Judiciary. On the expense side, Hopkinson stated that Commodities are higher than expected, due to the Sheriff's food line item being \$1M over budget. She mentioned that the Contractual Services expenditure is lower than expected at this time. She explained that Contractual Services payments lagged, due to vendors being delayed in sending over their invoices. Also, the Information Technologies Department's (ITD) Contractual Services are below budget, in both the department and countywide. This is due to several projects that were budgeted being delayed. Hopkinson addressed the Personnel Services expense. She explained that several departments/offices are below expected on salaries and wages. Hopkinson addressed the County's reserve amount that will be utilized in balancing the budget. She stated that the County budgeted to use \$27M in reserves. The County is currently at \$13.7M. Hopkinson stated that this number will increase due to the property tax revenue already being collected for the year. In regards to the expenses and revenues, she explained that the revenue total is about 2% higher than expected, while expenses are running about 5% under budget. Hopkinson expects that the fund balance utilization will increase as more bills come in. She presented the Tax Revenue Key Indicators. She stated that the Sales Tax revenue and the RTA Sales Tax revenue are running the same, but have increased from last year. The Local Use Tax revenue is a \$1M lower than last year, due to a change in state law. Lastly, Hopkinson stated that the County's Income Tax revenue and the Personal Property Replacement Tax are lower compared to last year, but higher than what was expected.

## **9. New Business**

### **A. Adopting a Tax Levy for the General Fund**

Committee Member Surges voiced his confusion on what this tax levy means. He requested answers on what committee members are voting for when it comes to approving a levy versus the proposed budget. Chairman Lenert explained that these tax levies are to show the public each individual amount from the County's budget that is being allocated to each fund.

Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson explained that the budget document is a legal document that shows expected revenues and expenses. It is the legal appropriation that the County Board adopts, which is required by law. She stated that the law also requires a separate levy for each fund. She explained that each one of the levies is turned into a legal document that the County Clerk's Office

requires to prepare for the tax extension. Hopkinson addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, and Vern Tepe
<b>NAY:</b>	Clifford Surges

**B.** Adopting a Tax Levy for the Insurance Liability Fund

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Clifford Surges
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

**C.** Adopting a Tax Levy for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

**D. Adopting a Tax Levy for the Social Security Fund**

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

**E. Adopting a Tax Levy for the County Highway Fund**

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

**F. Adopting a Tax Levy for the County Bridge Fund**

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- G. Adopting a Tax Levy for the County Highway Matching Fund  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- H. Adopting a Tax Levy for the Kane County Health Fund  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Clifford Surges
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- I. Adopting a Tax Levy for the Veterans' Commission Fund  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- J. Adopting a Tax Levy for the Shirewood Farm Special Service Area  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- K. Adopting a Tax Levy for the Mill Creek Special Service Area  
County Board Member Allan requested that the commissioner, in which these special areas fall under, move the resolution forward. Chairman Lenert stated members outside of the Committee could not motion a resolution. Discussion ensued.

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe
<b>AWAY:</b>	Jarett Sanchez

- L. Adopting a Tax Levy for the Wildwood West Special Billing Area  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Clifford Surges
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- M. Adopting a Tax Levy for the Plank Road Estates Special Billing Area  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Clifford Surges
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- N. Adopting a Tax Levy for the Exposition View Special Billing Area  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- O. Adopting a Tax Levy for the Tamara Dittman Special Billing Area  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- P. Adopting a Tax Levy for the Church Molitor Special Service Area  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- Q. Adopting a Tax Levy for the 45W185 Plank Road Special Service Area  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- R. Adopting a Tax Levy for the Boyer Road Special Service Area  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- S. Adopting a Tax Levy for the Crane Road Estates Special Billing Area  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- T. Authorizing a Budget Adjustment for Public Defender’s FY2026 Budget

Chairman Lenert explained that the following three resolutions were brought forward by the Public Defender's Office, Court Services, and the Judiciary for budget adjustments to the FY2026 Budget. He requested that these resolutions be held over until the next Finance Committee meeting.

Committee Member Tepe motioned to hold this resolution over until the next Finance Committee meeting, Lewis seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>HELD OVER</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Finance and Budget Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- U. Authorizing a Budget Adjustment for Court Services FY2026 Budget

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>HELD OVER</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Finance and Budget Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- V. Authorizing a Budget Adjustment for Judiciary’s FY2026 Budget  
KC Finance and Budget Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>HELD OVER</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Finance and Budget Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- W. Authorizing EyeMed Vision Care as Kane County’s Vision Insurance Plan Provider for 2026  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Clifford Surges
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- X. Authorizing Approval of Ortho/Oblique Imagery  
Committee Member Juby explained that the clarity of the ortho/oblique imagery can show crack sealing on pavement. She believes that this will be a valuable tool for the County to have.  
KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- Y. Authorizing Funding and Purchase of a Rapid DNA Instrument and Database Capability for the Kane County Forensics Lab and Related Budget Adjustment

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- Z. Authorizing Receipt of the Child Protection Data Courts Grant

Madam Chairman Pierog stated that child protection is one of the primary things that is done in Kane County. She voiced her delight on having this opportunity to highlight this. She stated that if the County does not protect children, then what kind of government are they.

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

- AA. Accepting the ComEd Powering Safe Communities Program Grant

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

**AB.** Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding Between Kane County and the Conservation Foundation for the ‘New Trees for New Homeowners’ Nicor Charitable Giving Grant

County Board Member Gripe inquired on the details of the grant pertaining to what kind of trees can be planted and who will monitor them. He explained that he sees multiple streets that have the same tree planted. He voiced his concern on the possibility of all of these same trees getting sick. Environ. Mgmt. Sustainability Mgr. Hinshaw explained that the Conservation Foundation will be responsible in choosing which trees to plant. So far, there are eight native trees and four native bushes and shrubs. Hinshaw stated that a list will be provided.

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Leslie Juby
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

**AC.** Authorizing Execution of Collective Bargaining Agreement for Kane County Division of Transportation

KC Executive Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Executive Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anita Lewis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>AYE:</b>	Bill Lenert, Leslie Juby, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Clifford Surges, and Vern Tepe

**10. Old Business**

None.

**11. Reports Placed On File**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anita Lewis

**12. Committee Chairman's Comments**

Chairman Lenert stated that the FY2026 Budget is expected to be passed at the County Board meeting scheduled for November 10, 2025. He mentioned that there may be amendments to the budget after it is approved. He voiced his confidence that the County is in the position that they will need to use very little or no reserves to balance the FY2026 Budget. If the County does need to utilize reserves, it is expected to be \$2M to \$3M. Lenert thanked all Department Heads for their compliance. He stated that the Elected Officials have been great to work with. However, there are three elected officials that are not in compliance, but this is being resolved. Lenert thanked the elected officials for their considerations and cooperation.

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

None.

**14. Adjournment**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Vern Tepe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leslie Juby

This meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM.

Savannah Zgobica  
Sr. Recording Secretary