



Kane County KC Judicial/Public Safety Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

MOLINA, Lenert, Gripe, Gumz, Linder, Tepe, Williams, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair)
and Pierog (County Chair)

Thursday, December 11, 2025

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

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

2. Roll Call

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| PRESENT | Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Jon Gripe Board Member Michael Linder Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth |
| REMOTE | Board Member Michelle Gumz |
| ABSENT | Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog |

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Juby*, Kious*, Penesis*; KaneComm Dir. Guthrie; OEM Dir. Buziecki; Sheriff Hain & staff Johnson; Coroner Silva; Chief Judge Villa & staff O'Brien, Mathis; State's Attorney Mosser & staff Brady, Hunt*; Public Defender Conant; Court Services Exec. Dir. Aust & staff Davis; Circuit Clk. Barreiro; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Chairman Molina announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. She asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Member Gumz attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: November 13, 2025

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

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Monthly Financial Reports**A. Monthly Finance Reports**

Chairman Molina stated the monthly financial reports were on file. No additional report was made.

7. Merit Commission

None.

8. KaneComm (M. Guthrie)**A. Monthly Report**

KaneComm Dir. Guthrie stated the monthly report was on file. She reported that there are two telecommunicators in training and one applicant that has passed all phases of the hiring process. She stated that the calls for service increased due to the winter weather. She thanked Building Management staff for their assistance in snow removal over the Thanksgiving weekend to allow KaneComm staff to enter the campus. Guthrie addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

9. Emergency Management (S. Buziecki)**A. Monthly Report**

OEM Dir. Buziecki stated the monthly report was on file. He stated that the Office of Emergency Management's (OEM) 50th Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for January 2026. He reminded the Committee members to RSVP. He reported that the new mass notification system for the County is live, and an announcement to County staff and the public will be made within the next few weeks. He stated that OEM has been working to complete their Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) by April 2026. He explained that as staff was utilizing the Emergency Purchasing Order, it was found that anything under \$10K, could be authorized by a director. Purchases over \$30K could be authorized by the County Board chairman. However, there is no clear emergency purchase authority for purchases from \$10K to \$30K. Buziecki stated that he will work with the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) to come up with updated language to the Emergency Purchase Ordinance. He noted that this change would cover the emergency purchases that are made during non business hours, or during an emergency event, where quotes cannot be done. He stated that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Review Council will have their final meeting today, December 11, 2025. He noted that the draft report for this meeting was leaked. He explained that at this meeting discussions will be had about FEMA funding and how the country will move forward. He believes the discussion that will be had will affect Kane County is the availability of disaster assistance funding. He explained that the federal government is seeking to raise the emergency funding threshold, which will cause the County to be responsible for covering all expenses due to a major disaster. The current threshold for Kane County Public Assistance is \$2.3M in uninsured damages. The federal

government is hoping to quadruple this amount. Buziecki stated that the County may need to consider a disaster fund to help cover any future disasters.

B. Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Kane County Emergency Services & Disaster Agency (now the Kane County Office of Emergency Management)

OEM Dir. Buziecki introduced this proclamation. He stated that this proclamation is to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). He recalled that the office was created by resolution at the January 13, 1976 Kane County Board meeting. At the next County Board meeting being held on January 13, 2026, he will share statistics and more information on the history of OEM. He invited all County Board members, volunteers, and staff to come celebrate this milestone at the January 16, 2026 Banquet Dinner.

KC Executive Committee

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| RESULT: | MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| TO: | KC Executive Committee |
| MOVER: | Jon Gripe |
| SECONDER: | Michael Linder |
| AYE: | Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, and Michael Linder |
| ABSENT: | Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Corinne M. Pierog |

10. Sheriff/Adult Corrections (R. Hain)

A. Monthly Report

Sheriff Hain stated the monthly reports were on file. He asked for help on the passed resolution regarding the Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and their activity on government grounds. He explained that this resolution has put himself and his staff in a hard place on answering the public's questions as to why the Sheriff's Office is unable to do anything. He stated that he cannot interfere with federal agents. He asked the Committee when they are contacted by constituents about the Kane County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) not doing anything about ICE activities, to tell them that they cannot interfere. He respects the political stance on the passed resolution, but would like the Committee to understand that this has put deputies in a hard spot who are trying to do a job that keeps the community safe. He reviewed the steps taken by the KCSO to help mitigate the ICE issues, such as contacting local supervisors and discussing how ICE agents should behave around the Sheriff's Office and the Kane County Courthouse. He stated that these agents are human and are being put into situations that they do not want to be in. He asked the Committee members when they receive complaints about ICE activities to tell their constituents that all the KCSO can do is negotiate. Hain addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

State's Attorney Mosser explained that the Illinois Trust Act minimized what local law enforcement could do regarding the assistance with federal immigration enforcement. She stated that the Act states that local law enforcement cannot interfere in any way with federal immigration enforcement, unless, there is a criminal warrant that has been presented to the local law enforcement agency. Otherwise, they cannot assist in any way with civil immigration enforcement. Mosser explained that if an individual that is being apprehended by ICE breaks a state law, then local law enforcement can assist. She stated that House Bill (HB) 1312 that has recently passed into law regulating different areas, such as hospitals, schools, daycares, and courthouses. The Bill stated that federal law enforcement cannot enforce civil immigration enforcement within a thousand feet of these locations. Mosser explained that if a subject is being detained by ICE outside of the Kane County courthouse, the KCSO cannot do anything to interfere. Due to the way the Bill was written, the only enforcement that can be done is for an individual to sue the federal immigration officials in civil court. This means that the individual affected by ICE could file a civil lawsuit against those ICE officials. Mosser explained that when an emergency call is placed due to ICE activities, the Sheriff's Office should not be responding. If they do respond, the Sheriff's Office could put themselves in more harm's way due to civil litigation. Mosser stated that there is nothing that the state and local law enforcement agencies can do, despite the passage of this new law. She spoke on the resolution passed by the Kane County Board. She explained that this resolution is a reporting mechanism to the County Board and there is nothing the KCSO can do about it.

Hain explained that three to four times a week, ICE is at the Judicial Center Campus. About twice a week, there are ICE foot pursuits in the parking lot and fights in the front lobby. This is where the Sheriff's Office can intervene due to the breaking of state law. Hain explained that Kane County Sheriff deputies are well trained and are aware of their surroundings. He stated that he does not want one of these deputies to be in plain clothing assisting with apprehension of a subject. This would cause confusion on who is the bad guy versus the good guy. Further discussion ensued.

11. Coroner (M. Silva)

A. Monthly Report

Coroner Silva stated the monthly report was on file. She reported that there was a total of 297 cases in November 2025. She stated that the Coroner's Office is in the middle of their site inspection for reaccreditation with the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners. She provided a breakdown of the deaths that have occurred in the individual municipalities. She stated that there was one homicide, two motor vehicle deaths, and two suicides in Aurora. There was one suicide in Maple Park and one in St. Charles. Additionally, there was one suspected overdose in Aurora, one in Carpentersville, one in Montgomery, and one in South Elgin.

12. Judiciary & Courts (Villa/O'Brien)

No report was provided. Court Admin. O'Brien addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

13. State's Attorney (J. Mosser)**A. Monthly Report**

State's Attorney Mosser stated the monthly report was on file. She reported that her office is very busy and this workload will continue to increase due to the uptick in crime around the holidays, such as retail theft, driving while intoxicated, and domestic violence cases. This will cause a large burden on KaneComm, local law enforcement, the State's Attorney's Office (SAO), and the Public Defender's Office. Mosser explained that the SAO has continued to seek out programming that will help individuals break these cycles of addiction issues and mental health issues. She stated that the SAO will be seeking additional funding for their Human Trafficking Division. She reported that there have been significant investigations underway with the hopes of making arrests in the new year. Mosser noted that the County continues to see a rise in child pornography cases. She stated that the majority of the State's Attorney's press releases relate to the arrests of those in possession, manufacturing, and distribution of child pornography. Mosser wished everyone a happy, safe, and crime-free holiday season. Lastly, she reported that the SAO is under budget and is continuing to be fiscally responsible.

14. Public Defender (R. Conant)**A. Monthly Report**

Public Def. Conant stated the monthly report was on file. No additional report was made.

15. Court Services Administration (L. Aust)**A. Monthly Report**

Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust stated the following monthly reports were on file. She thanked the Committee for their contributions to those with children that are currently undergoing treatment through the specialty courts. She stated that all 50 children received a present. She stated that many children go without during the holiday season as their parents receive treatment.

B. JJC Housing Report**C. Informing the County Board of Adult Drug Rehabilitation Court Contracts**

Court Svcs. Exec. Dir. Aust introduced this resolution. She stated that there was a scrivener's error within the Request for Proposal (RFP) that states 2024, but should be changed to 2025. She explained that this resolution is to inform the County Board of the court contracts for adult drug rehabilitation services. She noted that the probation fees pay for these services.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

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| RESULT: | MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE |
| TO: | KC Finance and Budget Committee |
| MOVER: | Bill Lenert |
| SECONDER: | Jon Gripe |
| AYE: | Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, and Michael Linder |
| ABSENT: | Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Corinne M. Pierog |

D. Authorizing Contract for Medical Services for the Juvenile Justice Center

JJC Supt. Davis introduced this resolution for the medical services contract for the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC). He explained that an amendment would need to be made to the NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED clause of this resolution. He explained that the clause should read as follows: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kane County Board that Madam Chair be authorized to sign the attached four (4) year contract with Advanced Correctional Healthcare to provide medical services at the Juvenile Justice Center at a monthly cost of forty-two thousand, one hundred and ninety-four dollars (\$42,194) in the first year of the contract. The contract commences on February 1, 2026, and runs through January 31, 2030 and includes a mutual option for one (1) year extension." Additionally, the contract for these services will need to be included.

Committee Member Linder motioned to amend the NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED clause and to include the provided contract to this resolution, Gumz seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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E. Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for Juvenile Detention Services

JJC Supt. Davis explained that the following six resolutions pertain to an intergovernmental agreement with various counties that would raise the per diem cost of minor detainees at the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center to \$225.00 per day.

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| AYE: | Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, and Michael Linder |
| ABSENT: | Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Corinne M. Pierog |

F. Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lawrence County for Juvenile Detention Services

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| TO: | KC Finance and Budget Committee |
| MOVER: | Michael Linder |
| SECONDER: | Bill Lenert |
| AYE: | Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, and Michael Linder |
| ABSENT: | Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Corinne M. Pierog |

G. Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Richland County for Juvenile Detention Services

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| MOVER: | Michael Linder |
| SECONDER: | Bill Lenert |
| AYE: | Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, and Michael Linder |
| ABSENT: | Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Corinne M. Pierog |

H. Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Franklin County for Juvenile Detention Services

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| MOVER: | Michael Linder |
| SECONDER: | Jon Gripe |
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| ABSENT: | Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Corinne M. Pierog |

I. Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Crawford County for Juvenile Detention Services

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| MOVER: | Michael Linder |
| SECONDER: | Jon Gripe |
| AYE: | Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, and Michael Linder |
| ABSENT: | Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Corinne M. Pierog |

- J. Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with White County for Juvenile Detention Services
 JJC Supt. Davis and Court Services Exec. Dir. Aust addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

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| MOVER: | Michael Linder |
| SECONDER: | Jon Gripe |
| AYE: | Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, and Michael Linder |
| ABSENT: | Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Corinne M. Pierog |

16. Circuit Clerk (T. Barreiro)

- A. Monthly Report

Circuit Clk. Barreiro stated the monthly report was on file. She reported that the projection for case filings will increase by six percent, due to the uptick in crime around the holidays. She stated that her office has four open deputy clerk positions and is currently in the hiring process to fill them. She explained that a deputy clerk was moved into a supervisor position, due to a retirement. She mentioned that the Circuit Clerk's Office has a young workforce and does not expect any more retirements in the near future.

- B. Authorizing Budget Adjustment to Balance Child Support Fund FY2025

Circuit Clk. Barreiro introduced this resolution. She explained that this resolution would authorize the transfer of funds from General Printing to Salaries and Wages to balance the Child Support Fund for FY2025. Barreiro addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

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17. Old Business

A. 2026 Committee Goals

Chairman Molina introduced the 2026 Committee Goals discussion. She asked for suggestions from the Committee.

Committee Member Gumz suggested that one goal should be to check on any legislation affecting the County, such as unfunded mandates. She finds this to be important to stay on top of all legislation that affects judicial and public safety. She requested that this Committee team up with the Legislation Committee to keep up with all of the legislative changes.

Committee Member Gripe suggested that the Committee review all unfunded mandates and how it will affect each judicial and public safety department, in order to provide assistance when needed. Secondly, he requested that the Committee look at emerging trends locally and nationally that impact the judicial and public safety partners to further provide assistance.

Molina asked Gumz and Gripe to work with the judicial and public safety partners to come up with a list of three to four Committee goals for 2026. Much discussion ensued. Molina stated that any suggested goals should be emailed to her and it will be reviewed next month.

18. New Business

None.

19. Place Written Reports on File

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| RESULT: | APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE |
| MOVER: | Michael Linder |
| SECONDER: | Bill Lenert |

20. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

Chairman Molina thanked all of the judiciary partners and first responders that will be working during the holiday season.

21. Adjournment

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| RESULT: | APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE |
| MOVER: | Michael Linder |
| SECONDER: | Bill Lenert |

This meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM.

Savannah Zgobica
Sr. Recording Secretary