

# Kane County

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

# KC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

PIEROG, Allan, Bates, Berman, Gumz, Juby, Kious, Lewis, Linder, Molina, Sanchez, Strathmann, Surges, Tepe, Williams and ex-officio Roth (County Vice Chair)

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

9:00 AM

**County Board Room** 

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

#### 2. Roll Call

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PRESENT	Chairman Corinne M. Pierog	
	Board Member Deborah Allan	
	Board Member Mavis Bates	
	Board Member Dale Berman	
	Board Member Leslie Juby	
	Board Member Chris Kious	
	Board Member Anita Lewis	
	Board Member Michael Linder	
Board Member Cherryl Strathmann		
	Board Member Clifford Surges	
	Board Member Vern Tepe	
	Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth	
REMOTE	Board Member Myrna Molina	
	Board Member Rick Williams	
ABSENT	Board Member Michelle Gumz	
	Board Member Jarett Sanchez	

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Gripe, Lenert\*, Penesis\*; Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson\*; PIO Mann; SAO staff Frank, Brady\*, Hunt\*; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Lasky\*, Harris, Murphy, Escuro; Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff & staff Miller; Auditor Wegman; KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson & staff Snowden\*; KCSO Chief of Admin. Catich; KCAC Admin. Youngsteadt\*; Environ. & Water Res. Dir. Wollnik & staff Powell; KDOT Dir. Zakosek; and members of the press and public.

# 3. Remote Attendance Requests

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

#### 4. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Pierog asked Committee Member Roth to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

# 5. Approval of Minutes: February 5, 2025

RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

**MOVER:** Chris Kious

#### 6. Public Comment

None.

#### 7. Monthly Financials (K. Hopkinson)

## A. Monthly Finance Reports

(Committee Member Lewis arrived in-person at 9:05 a.m.)

Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson stated the monthly financial reports were on file. She explained that the Finance Department is continuing to close out FY2024. She stated that the County's General Fund - General Account will utilize the budgeted amount of \$11M in Fund Balance. Referencing the financial reports, she spoke on the use of grant money. Hopkinson explained that the Kane County Clerk's Office for FY2024 will use approximately \$400K of the \$2M grant received for the purchase of election equipment. The County Clerk's Office plans to use the remaining balance of \$1.6M in FY2025. Lastly, Hopkinson stated that the County's audit firm will be completing their field work in the next few weeks. The goal is to have the audit report completed by May 31, 2025.

#### B. FY2026 Budget Process Discussion

Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson introduced the FY2026 Budget Process discussion. She stated that this discussion is to provide direction to the County. What goals would the County like to achieve in FY2026 regarding targets for expenses, cost of living increases for non-union employees, et cetera. Hopkinson opened up the floor for discussion.

Chairman Pierog explained that the Executive Committee has the authorization to review and move forward the submitted budget from the Finance Committee. She stated that the Finance Committee meeting will be held on March 26, 2025. She questioned Hopkinson if this allows enough time for Committee feedback. Hopkinson stated that the Finance Department usually begins the budget process at this time of year. She explained that the Sales Tax Referendum is on the April 1, 2025 ballot. The results will impact the FY2026 Budget. She recommended holding off on the budget process until after the results are known. Discussion ensued. The Committee agreed to begin planning for two budget scenarios: one with and one without the proposed sales tax.

Madam Chairman stated that an AD HOC Committee would be established to discuss the budget process. She noted that the County is facing a \$29M deficit at the end of FY2026. Hopkinson explained that in FY2024, the County budgeted to utilize approximately \$11M in Fund Balance to balance the General Fund - General Account.

In FY2025, the County has budgeted to use \$29M in Fund Balance to cover expenses. If this trend continues, the Fund Balance will be depleted by FY2027. Hopkinson spoke on the importance of beginning the budget process and having a clear direction from the County Board. Further discussion ensued.

Committee Member Surges spoke on possible solutions, such as a hiring freeze. Pierog suggested that a hiring freeze resolution be brought forth to the Human Services Committee as a draft for discussion only. Then, the Finance Committee would be able to look at the draft resolution for possible edits. By April, the County will be able to move forward with the budget process.

Committee Member Gripe requested the projected amount of funding that would be brought into the County, if this referendum passes. Committee Member Bates read aloud Committee Member's Williams remote comment: April 1 is only four weeks away. It seems to me that the County should wait until the election is over, rather than creating extra work for staff.

# 8. PIO Update (J. Mann)

PIO Mann provided an update on the activities of her office. She stated that community outreach has continued. The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) has been mentioned in ABCNews, Chicago Tribune, and Kane County Chronicle publications regarding the Naloxone free stations at Copley Hospital and Sherman Hospital. Mann noted that the KCHD provided a Behavioral Health 360 presentation, in which a press release was published in the Chicago Tribune, the Elgin Courier, and WBBM News Radio. She stated than an article was published in Kane County Connects celebrating the 50th Employment Anniversary of Hamid Ahmed. Ahmed is the longest serving employee in Kane County. Mann listed other media outreach, such as the Kane County Animal Control vaccine clinics, Kane County Sheriff's Grappler, Kane County Coroner Office's veteran suicide statistics, the Office of Emergency Management's preparedness classes, Fox River summit, and the new comfort dog at the Child Advocacy Center. She spoke on the promotion of the Kane County Emergency Action Plan with the Division of Transportation and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). She stated that she appeared on WRMN to discuss all of the things Kane County is doing. She mentioned that her office will be obtaining an intern in the spring. She spoke on the Red Cross Blood Drive and the County visit of the 4-H students. She mentioned that there is a Women's History Month proclamation on the agenda today. At the County Board meeting, all female countywide officials will be recognized for their service. Mann addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

#### 9. Old Business

None.

#### 10. New Business

Committee Member Bates explained that there were two resolutions passed by the Energy and Environmental Committee that should have been placed on today's meeting agenda, but were not. She requested that these two resolutions be placed on the County Board meeting agenda - off consent. Chairman Pierog conceded.

Committee Member Gripe explained that he has received questions from constituents regarding Kane County's Ethics Committee. Pierog mentioned that she is continuing to work on this matter. Committee Member Surges explained that the Ethics' workload is almost zero. The urgency to have this committee established is important, but the caseload is minuscule. Discussion ensued.

11. Preliminary	County Board	Agenda:
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# ------ CONSENT AGENDA ------

#### **American Rescue Plan**

A. Authorizing the 2024 Reprogramming of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as Reported to the US Department of Treasury in the Amount of \$304,046 (Three Hundred Four Thousand Forty-Six Dollars) from the Kane County Circuit Clerk's Office's Microfilm Archiving ARPA Project to Kane County Building Management Department's Kitchen & Laundry Area Improvements at the Kane County Justice Center ARPA Project

Committee Member Tepe stated that the American Rescue Plan Committee (ARPC) has been in the process of reallocating or reprogramming the monies that are associated with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program to make sure all the funding is expended by the end of 2026. He mentioned that in the future, the Executive Committee will see more resolutions like the following eight. He noted that these resolutions are vetted by the State's Attorney's Office and the funding is well documented. Tepe motioned to move the following nine resolutions forward, Roth seconded.

Committee Member Juby explained that lengthy discussions were had at the ARPC meeting on Resolutions A, B, and C. She motioned to move Resolutions A, B, and C forward and to be placed off consent on the March 11, 2025 County Board agenda, Roth seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote with two members away.

# County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Leslie Juby

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern

Tepe, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

ABSTAIN: Clifford Surges

**AWAY:** Myrna Molina, and Rick Williams

**B.** Authorizing the 2024 Reprogramming of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as Reported to the US Department of Treasury in the Amount of \$120,100.34 (One Hundred Twenty Thousand One Hundred Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents) from the Kane County Circuit Clerk's Office's Microfilm Archiving ARPA Project to Kane County ARPA Program Administrative Cost Projection Project

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Leslie Juby

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern

Tepe, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

**ABSTAIN:** Clifford Surges

**AWAY:** Myrna Molina, and Rick Williams

C. Authorizing the 2024 Reprogramming of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as Reported to the US Department of Treasury in the Amount of \$17,505.66 (Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Five Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents) from the Kane County Circuit Clerk's Office's Microfilm Archiving ARPA Project to Kane County 16th Judicial Circuit Court's Judicial Technology Modernization ARPA Project

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Leslie Juby

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern

Tepe, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

**ABSTAIN:** Clifford Surges

**AWAY:** Myrna Molina, and Rick Williams

D. Authorizing the 2024 Reprogramming of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as Reported to the US Treasury in the Amount of \$20,818.80 (Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Eighty Cents) from the Kane County Environmental & Water Resources Department's Ogden Gardens ARPA Project to the Kane County Environmental & Water Resources Department's Drainage Cost Share Consultant and Capital ARPA Project

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern

Tepe, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

**ABSTAIN:** Clifford Surges

**AWAY:** Myrna Molina, and Rick Williams

E. Authorizing the 2024 Reprogramming of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as Reported to the US Department of Treasury in the Amount of \$5,600 (Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars) from the Kane County Environmental & Water Resources Department's Stream Gauging Network ARPA Project to the Kane County Environmental & Water Resources Department's Drainage Cost Share Consultant and Capital ARPA Project

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern

Tepe, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

**ABSTAIN:** Clifford Surges

**AWAY:** Myrna Molina, and Rick Williams

F. Authorizing the 2024 Reprogramming of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as Reported to the US Department of Treasury from the Kane County Environmental & Water Resources Water Quality Sampling ARPA Project in the Amount of \$58 (Fifty-Eight Dollars) to the Kane County Environmental & Water Resources Drainage Cost Share Consultant and Capital ARPA Project

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern

Tepe, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

**ABSTAIN:** Clifford Surges

**AWAY:** Myrna Molina, and Rick Williams

G. Authorizing the 2024 Reprogramming of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as Reported to the US Department of Treasury from the Kane County Environmental & Water Resources Department's Water Conservation Education ARPA Project in the Amount of \$27 (Twenty-Seven Dollars) to the Kane County Environmental & Water Resources Department's Drainage Cost Share Consultant and Capital ARPA Project

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board WOVER: Vern Tepe SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern

Tepe, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

**ABSTAIN:** Clifford Surges

**AWAY:** Myrna Molina, and Rick Williams

H. Authorizing the 2024 Reprogramming of ARPA Lost Revenue Recoupment Funds as Reported to the US Department of Treasury in the Amount of \$9,800 (Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) from the Kane County 16th Judicial Circuit Court Services' Probation Victim Services & Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists Projects to the Kane County Building Management Department's Exterior Envelope Pipe Chase Improvement at the Kane County Jail ARPA Project

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern

Tepe, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

**ABSTAIN:** Clifford Surges

**AWAY:** Myrna Molina, and Rick Williams

I. Approving Amendment to Behavioral Health System Improvement Grant Agreement(s) with Kids Above All

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern

Tepe, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

ABSTAIN: Clifford Surges

**AWAY:** Myrna Molina, and Rick Williams

#### Administration

A. Authorizing a Contract Extension for Architect, Engineer, and Construction Manager Services Contract(s) with Wight & Company, Healy Bender, Patton & Been, Inc., and Helmuth, Obata & Kassabuam, Inc. (HOK) (RFQ# 42-020)

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford

Surges, Vern Tepe, and Bill Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

**AWAY:** Myrna Molina, and Rick Williams

**B.** Authorizing Execution of a Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and Other Documents Necessary to Participate in a Purchasing Cooperative with AT&T, and Authorizing the Purchase of Telecommunications Services Under Said Agreement by Kane County

ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock explained that ITD CIO Lasky has been working on this Intergovernmental Agreement with AT&T. He explained that the issue is

that the contract for telecommunications and AT&T is a state contract, in which the state is working on negotiations and renewing. He stated that AT&T is the sole provider of the circuits the County uses. The County is looking to renew them. This resolution represents a short extension while the state is completing their renewals. ASA Frank stated that this matter is a legal issue. He explained that the County piggybacks the state contract. This extension will allow the state to renew their bid. Once the state renews the bid, the County will continue to piggyback the state's contract.

ITD CIO Lasky stated that this resolution is for an one-year extension. The state's extension ends June 11, 2025, but the County is entering into an agreement before that extension ends. Chairman Pierog requested that this information be added to the executive summary for clarification. Discussion ensued.

#### County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

C. Authorizing Contract Extension for Low Voltage Data Cabling and Structured Network Cable Engineering Services with Blade Electric & Technologies County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**D.** Approving the Purchase of Seven Replacement Vehicles for the Kane County Sheriff's Office

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock introduced new Director of Building Management Department, Kevin Harris. Harris provided a brief professional and personal background.

## **Agriculture**

A. Proclamation Declaring Kane County's Support for National Agriculture Day
 County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Leslie Juby

SECONDER: Rick Williams

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

#### Executive

A. Proclamation for National Women's History Month 2025 in Kane County

Committee Member Roth motioned to move agenda items A through E forward, Linder seconded. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**TO:** County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Michael Linder

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

**B.** Proclamation Declaring March 11, 2025 4-H Government Day in Kane County County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

C. Authorizing Execution of Cooperative Agreement with the National Children's Alliance and the Receipt of Funding for the Kane Child Advocacy Center, Kane County State's Attorney's Office

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Michael Linder

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

**D.** Authorizing the FY25 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant for the Kane County State's Attorney's Office

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**TO:** County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Michael Linder

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**E.** Authorizing Purchase of Six Vehicles for the Kane County State's Attorney's Office (BID# 25-004-TS)

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**TO:** County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

F. Approving Intergovernmental Agreements Between the County of Kane and (1) Batavia Park District, (2) Fox Valley Park District, (3) Village of Carpentersville, (4) Village of East Dundee, and (5) Village of South Elgin for Fabulous Fox! Water Trail Infrastructure Project

Committee Member Roth motioned to move this resolution forward, Linder seconded.

Committee Member Kious motioned to amend this resolution by removing and replacing the Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with the Village of South Elgin and the Batavia Park District with the revised versions, Roth seconded.

Dev. Dir. VanKerkhoff stated that the IGA drafted by the State's Attorney's Office are concurrently being reviewed by the communities and their attorneys. He explained that the Village of South Elgin and Batavia Park District utilized the same attorney. This attorney wanted the suggested revisions be made to the IGAs before the County Board's vote. VanKerkhoff stated that this resolution authorizes Madam Chairman Pierog to sign the IGAs with the communities once they have adopted them. This will allow the County to move ahead with the contractor who is constructing the new launch sites. VanKerkhoff addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

Roth motioned to move this resolution forward as amended, Bates seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**TO:** County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

#### Finance

# **A.** Approving January 2025 Claims Paid

Committee Member Berman motioned to move the following four resolutions forward, Allan seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

## County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Dale Berman

SECONDER: Deborah Allan

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**B.** Approving a FY25 Budget Adjustment to the Development and Community Services Department for the Implementation of a United States National Park Service Historic Revitalization Grant Program

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Dale Berman

SECONDER: Deborah Allan

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

**C.** Authorizing an Agreement with Tyler Technologies for Computer-Aided Dispatch CAD2CAD Custom Export Interface

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Dale Berman

SECONDER: Deborah Allan

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**D.** Repealing Section 2-196(a) of the Kane County Code and Replacing it with a New Section 2-196(a) (Depositories for Funds of County Treasurer/Collector)

ASA Frank stated that this ordinance will move forward to the County Board meeting and be placed off consent due to this being the first reading of the ordinance.

## County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

#### Jobs

**A.** Amending Section 2-48 of the Kane County Code (Standing Committees) to Revise Language Related to the Jobs Committee

ASA Frank explained that ordinances requiring a second reading should be placed off consent on the County Board agenda. He mentioned that it would be helpful for the State's Attorney's Office to review these ordinances beforehand to establish if a first and seconded reading is needed. This will allow for the appropriate staff to be informed.

Committee Member Juby motioned to move this resolution to the off consent portion of the County Board meeting agenda, Roth seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Committee Member Lewis introduced this ordinance and provided additional information on this ordinance.

#### County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**TO:** County Board

MOVER: Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Deborah Allan

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

**B.** Authorizing a Second Contract Renewal with JEG 360, LLC, for Consulting Services as an Economic Advisor for Kane County

Committee Member Bates motioned to move the following two resolutions forward, Linder seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **County Board**

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Mavis Bates

SECONDER: Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

C. Approving a Contract Extension with Hey and Associates Engineering Company for the Completion of the Fabulous Fox! Water Trail Infrastructure Project

Chairman Pierog stated that the County should have canoes and kayaks available to those interested in exploring the Fox River. Discussion ensued.

# **County Board**

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Mavis Bates

SECONDER: Michael Linder

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

#### **Public Health**

**A.** Authorizing Agreement with Winnebago County for Medical Services

Committee Member Strathmann commended the Kane County Health Department on being voted as one of the top healthcare companies to work for in Kane County by Readers' Choice.

KCHD Exec. Dir. Isaacson introduced this resolution. He provided additional information. Isaacson addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

#### County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**TO:** County Board

MOVER: Cherryl Strathmann

**SECONDER:** Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

#### **Transportation**

**A.** Approving a \$40,073.00 Contract for the Purchase of OPW Petro Vend 200 Fuel Management System for the Kane County Division of Transportation

Committee Member Tepe motioned to move the following 11 resolutions forward, Bates seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

**B.** Approving an Amendment to the Funding Agreement Between the County of Kane and Pace for the Ride in Kane Program

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**C.** Adopting Revised Kane County Division of Transportation Permit Regulations and Access Control Regulations

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl

Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

**D.** Approving an Agreement of Understanding with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Construction and Maintenance

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

E. Approving an \$850,000.00 Agreement with BLA, Inc. of Itasca, Illinois for On-Call Design Engineering Services, Kane County Section No. 24-00578-00-ES

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

**F.** Approving Amendment No. 2 to the Phase II Engineering Services Agreement with BLA, Inc. of Itasca, Illinois for Kirk Road over Union Pacific Railroad, Kane County Section No. 12-00192-04-BR

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

G. Approving a \$299,406.00 Agreement for Phase I/II Design Engineering Services with Gonzalez Companies, LLC of Downers Grove, Illinois for HSIP Systemic Safety Improvements on Rural Curves, Kane County Section No. 24-00577-00-SP

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

H. Approving a Contract for Construction with Geneva Construction Co. of Aurora, Illinois for 2025 Batavia Township Maintenance Project, Section No. 25-02000-01-GM

County Board

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Mayis Bates

**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

I. Approving a Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for 2025 Dundee Township Maintenance Project, Section No. 25-07000-01-GM

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

J. Approving a Contract for Construction with Curran Contracting Company of Crystal Lake, Illinois for 2025 Elgin Township Maintenance Project, Section No. 25-08000-01-GM

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board WOVER: Vern Tepe SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

K. Approving a Contract for Construction with Curran Contracting Company of Crystal Lake, Illinois for 2025 Hampshire Township Maintenance Project, Section No. 25-10000-01-GM

**County Board** 

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: County Board

MOVER: Vern Tepe

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Leslie Juby, Chris

Kious, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and Bill

Roth

**ABSENT:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

# -----END OF CONSENT AGENDA ------

#### 12. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

# 13. Committee Reports

#### A. Madam Chairman's Comments

Chairman Pierog explained that she will be traveling to Springfield on March 18, 2025 through March 19, 2025 for Legislative Day with the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo). While in Springfield, she would like to advocate to allow counties, except for Cook County, to rent county land and/or buildings for the public good. Also, she stated there is a potential law being considered that would allow counties to remove townships. Pierog explained that she will be attending an informational program on this that will explain more. She invited all those that are interested in this four-hour session to attend at no cost. She noted that all knowledge learned will be shared at the full County Board meeting in April. Discussion ensued.

Pierog explained that the County should be sensitive to the possible reduction in federal grants. She stated that she will advise Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson so that she is aware of this. She asked that if any departments/offices hear of reductions, to let her know as soon as possible.

Committee Member Surges stated that he recently had a conversation about advocating for a County Administrator. It was rumored that the Kane County Board Chairman was in Springfield advocating for this. However, this legislation came from Illinois State Representative, Suzanne Ness. This legislation has suggested that counties of a certain size be required to obtain a County Administrator. Surges stated

that he told Ness that counties should not be handed unfunded mandates from Springfield and that once Springfield can present a balanced budget, then they can approach the counties with this. He questioned Ness on any possible gripes, challenges, and/or complaints that she has received that the Kane County Board is doing wrong or failing that suggests we need an administrator. He mentioned that this is specific to Kane County due to it being one of the few that do not have a County Administrator. He spoke on the Kane County Boards process on discussing and approving items. Surges requested that other Board Members voice their opinion on this to Representative Ness about this topic. Discussion ensued.

# B. Legislative Update

No Legislative Update was provided.

#### C. All Other Committees

Committee Member Lewis stated that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has cut funding. Due to this, the Illinois Department of Agriculture has cut the Local Food Purchase Assist Program (LFPA). Local food panties will no longer be provided produce beginning in March 2025. Lewis explained that Illinois has the LFPA and the Resilient Food System Infrastructure Program that works with local farmers through grants. The farmers bring food to the local food pantries. Lewis explained that since Roots' funding was cut off, they will no longer be able to provide fresh produce to the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry. Discussion ensued on the future impacts to farmers and food production.

Committee Member Surges explained that the Human Services Committee is working on a Travel Reimbursement Policy for County Board Members. He mentioned that the first discussion on this will be held at next week's Human Services Committee meeting. In this policy, there is a \$300 threshold. If any member has input on the threshold amount to reach out to HRM Exec. Dir. Lobrillo. Secondly, the Human Services Committee is working on employment options, in relation to the passing of the referendum. He mentioned that drafts will be completed and presented to the County Board. Surges questioned the possibility of developing an AD HOC Committee to help address certain issues relating to Human Services. Discussion ensued.

# 14. Adjournment

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

MOVER: Bill Roth

**SECONDER:** Cherryl Strathmann

This meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Savannah Zgobica Sr. Recording Secretary