



# Kane County

## KC Judicial/Public Safety Committee

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

### Meeting Minutes

MOLINA, Lenert, Gumz, Linder, Roth, Tepe, Williams & ex-officio Pierog (County Chair)

**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**County Board Room**

**1. Call To Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Board Member Myrna Molina Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Michael Linder Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Rick Williams
<b>REMOTE</b>	Board Member Michelle Gumz
<b>ABSENT</b>	Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Bates\*, Juby, Kenyon, Kious\*, Strathmann\*; OEM Dir. Buziecki; State's Attorney Mosser & staff Frank\*, Shepro; Public Defender Conant; Chief Judge Hull; Judge Villa; Court Admin. O'Brien & staff Mathis; Court Srvs. Exec. Dir. Aust; Circuit Clk Barreiro; Sheriff Hain\* & Commander Wolf; KaneComm Dir. Guthrie; ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock & staff Lasky\*, Green, Kash, Smith; 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: October 12, 2023**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth

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

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

OEM Dir. Buziecki stated the monthly report was on file. He stated that in October 2023, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) had it's second biggest month of the fiscal year with volunteer hours for a total of 1,253. He noted that 33% of the volunteer service calls are with the Kane County Sheriff's Office and 67% are with outside public safety agencies. So far this year, OEM has had 10,445 volunteer hours. He commended the volunteers for their work and dedication. Buziecki stated OEM is trying to increase their exposure on their FaceBook page for Kane County Emergency Management, and to share photos and be more transparent to the public. He shared that OEM has a job opening for a an Open Planner position. They currently have three interviews scheduled for Monday. He hopes to have the position filled. Buziecki spoke on the volunteer interviews that he has conducted to learn more about the agency, volunteers and operations. Lastly, this Sunday, November 19, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., OEM is having a Coat Drive at the Sheriff's Office benefiting Maddie's Mitten March not-for-profit. Buziecki invited the County Board to come tour their headquarters and/or vehicle garage.

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

State's Attorney Mosser stated the monthly report was on file. She explained that her office is preparing for the end of the year. At the end of the year, attorneys close out multiple files. They also provide their yearly statistics to show the Committee how hard the attorneys have worked. Mosser spoke on the abundance of trials that have been occurring over the last three months.

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

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

**B. Authorizing FY24 Public Defender's Office Budget Adjustment**

Public Defender Conant explained she would need to amend the financials list in this resolution. She stated that the FICA amount needs to be changed to \$38,081 and IMRF Contributions changed to \$22,799.

Conant explained that this resolution is a budget amendment for FY24. Within in this resolution, it stated that the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) will be allotted approximately \$1.5M in merit increases. The Public Defender's Office (PDO) only received about \$156K from the equity adjustments. She spoke on the disparity of amounts between the two. The goal has been to have the two offices be comparable with salary ranges. In FY24, State's Attorney Mosser plans to increase the starting salary for attorneys. The PDO will not be able to match that salary with the money allotted. Conant spoke on the same credentials that both Public Defenders and Assistant State's Attorneys need to acquire in order to work in their positions. Due to this, they should be paid similarly. Conant addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

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

**11. Judiciary & Courts (Hull/O'Brien)**

Chief Judge Hull introduced the new Chief Judge, Robert Villa. Hull directed Court Admin. O'Brien to speak on the following resolution before providing his report.

Hull stated that this meeting would be his last. He reflected on the last four years in the Chief Judge role. He commended the Judicial/Public Safety (JPS) Committee and all judiciary partners for their work and support for the 16th Judicial Court. He reviewed the numerous construction projects and their purposes that the Board has supported over the last four years. Hull spoke on the fair and equitable treatment of County employees. He thanked the Committee for their support. Lastly, he personally thanked the Committee and staff. He receives the most satisfaction from the relationships he has developed. Hull will be continuing his work at addressing abuse, neglect, and delinquency issues within the County.

Committee Chairman Molina expressed the Committee's gratitude for Chief Judge Hull. She announced that at the upcoming County Board meeting, the Board will be recognizing him and the work that he has accomplished. Additional Committee Members shared their views pertaining to Chief Judge Hull. Discussion ensued.

**A. Authorizing the Creation of a Special Fund for the Kane County Public Defender's Illinois Supreme Court Allocation**

Court Admin. O'Brien provided additional information on this resolution. Chief Judge Hull and Public Defender Conant addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

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<b>TO:</b>	KC Finance and Budget Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Lenert
<b>AYE:</b>	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Corinne M. Pierog

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

Court Srvs. Exec. Dir. Aust stated the monthly report was on file. She stated that the turnover rate within her office has decreased, but it does continue. Within the monthly report, it shows that her department has continued with training, which has been taking up an abundance of time with her staff. Aust spoke on the need for staff to be educated appropriately, especially when dealing with state laws and court orders.

**B. JJC Housing Report**

Court Srvs. Exec. Dir. Aust stated the monthly Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) Housing Report was on file. She explained that the JJC is holding more youth from the region, which has brought in an additional \$200K over the FY23 budget. By the end of the fiscal year, Aust anticipates that a surplus of \$300K will be put into the County's General Fund. She stated that her department's revenue mostly comes from the State, which is about three months behind schedule. Due to this, she anticipates the revenue for salary reimbursement to be over what was expected.

Aust informed the Committee that an out-of-county citizen has filed a lawsuit over residency requirements for registered sex offenders. She stated that she has joined this lawsuit in her capacity as the head of probation. Her department is tasked with enforcing the terms of probation, such as residency. The lawsuit is arguing that the clause states that only one registered sexual offender can live in an apartment complex at a time. Aust explained that the Illinois Attorney General is handling this matter and that there will be no impact on Kane County. She stated that she will continue to follow this lawsuit.

**C. Notification of Renewal of Sex Offender Treatment Services**

Court Srvs. Exec. Dir. Aust provided additional information on this resolution.

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

**13. Circuit Clerk (T. Barreiro)****A. Monthly Reports**

Circuit Clk. Barreiro stated the monthly report was on file. She thanked Chief Judge Hull for his work and support. She reviewed the September collection statistics. She noted that this is not the same revenue collection rate as the past. She provided the monthly case statistics. Barreiro spoke on the FY24 Budget. When looking over the Circuit Clerk's Office's budget, she noticed that the small amount of funding she had put aside for pay wage increases was removed. Barreiro spoke on the importance of Deputy Clerks within the judiciary. She reviewed the meeting she had with Fin. Exec. Dir. Hopkinson on the budget. She informed the Committee that she would bring forth a resolution for a budget adjustment due to the inadequate funding. Barreiro explained that her office is currently in negotiations with the Union. However, there will be no money in the budget to cover the anticipated raises. Barreiro explained that she has tried to work within the means of the County, but she has to do what is best for the employees of the Clerk's Office. She wanted the Committee to understand the importance of Deputy Clerks and the need for adequate pay. Barreiro addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

**14. Coroner (R. Russell)****A. Monthly Report**

Chairman Molina stated the monthly Coroner's Report was on file. No additional report was made.

**15. Sheriff/Adult Corrections (R. Hain)****A. Monthly Report**

Commander Wolf stated the monthly Sheriff's Report was on file. No additional report was made.

**B. Authorizing the Kane County Sheriff's Office Purchase of a Handheld X-Ray Imaging System**

Commander Wolf stated that this resolution needs to be amended to include Bid Number 23-025 in the third Whereas clause.

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

**C. Authorizing a Grant Agreement with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the Award of the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant to the Kane County Sheriff's Office**

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	KC Finance and Budget Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Lenert
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Roth
<b>AYE:</b>	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
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- D. Approving and Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Aurora and the City of Elgin for the Execution of the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award

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<b>TO:</b>	KC Finance and Budget Committee
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Linder
<b>AYE:</b>	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Corinne M. Pierog

- E. Authorizing the Kane County Sheriff's Office to Implement a Standard Security Protocol to Enhance and Maintain Safety Measures for the Kane County Government Center

Chairman Molina directed KaneComm Dir. Guthrie to present her monthly report before an Executive Session is held to discuss this resolution.

After the Executive Session, the Committee provided consensus that this resolution be held until next month's Committee meeting for further discussion.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>HELD OVER</b>
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**16. KaneComm (M. Guthrie)**

**A. Monthly Report**

KaneComm Dir. Guthrie stated the monthly report was on file. She highlighted the completed construction for KaneComm employees providing more office space, break/quiet room, and employee lockers. She shared before and after photos of these projects. She thanked Building Mgmt. Project Mgr. Smith and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for their help and support during construction. Guthrie addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Guthrie welcomed the Committee to tour the new space. She spoke additional space needs within her office.



**B. Authorizing Salary Increase for the Kane County Emergency Communications Director of Communications**

Chairman Molina stated that this resolution would be voted on after an Executive Session was held.

**KC Finance and Budget Committee**

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

**17. Old Business**

None.

**18. Place Written Reports on File**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth

**19. Executive Session (If Needed)**

The Judicial/Public Safety Committee entered into Executive Session at 9:55 a.m. to discuss security, the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and dismissal of specific employees on a motion made by Roth, seconded by Gumz. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle Gumz
<b>AYE:</b>	Myrna Molina, Bill Lenert, Michelle Gumz, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Corinne M. Pierog

The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:08 a.m. on a motion made by Roth, seconded by Linder. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

None.

**21. Adjournment**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Linder

This meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Savannah Valdez  
Recording Secretary