



# Kane County

## KC Public Service Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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

SANCHEZ, Young, Gripe, Gumz, Lewis, Surges, Tepe, ex-officios Roth (County Vice Chair)  
and Pierog (County Chair)

**Thursday, April 17, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**County Board Room**

#### 2025 Committee Goals

- Continue presenting all Public Service reports from each department
- Continue receiving Committee member's feedback

#### 1. Call To Order

Chairman Sanchez called today's meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

#### 2. Roll Call

<b>PRESENT</b>	Board Member Jarett Sanchez Board Member Jon Gripe Board Member Michelle Gumz Board Member Anita Lewis Board Member Clifford Surges Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Bill Roth
<b>ABSENT</b>	Board Member David Young Board Member Vern Tepe Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. members Bates\*, Juby, Kious\*, Molina\*, Penesis\*, Strathmann\*; Treasurer Lauzen; SOA Armstrong; ROE Chief of Exec. Services Jeff Aranowski; VAC Supt. Zimmerman; Co. Clerk staff Pollock; Auditor Wegman; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

#### 3. Remote Attendance Requests

There were no remote attendance requests for today's meeting.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes: March 20, 2025

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michelle Gumz

#### 5. Public Comment

None.

**6. Finance****A. Monthly Report**

The monthly report is on file. No additional report was made.

**7. Recorder****A. Monthly Report**

The monthly report is on file. No additional report was made.

**8. Treasurer / Collector****A. Monthly Report**

Treasurer Lauzen stated his monthly report was on file. He stated that the tax collection process has begun. He stated that Supervisor of Assessments (SOA) Armstrong has orchestrated the assessment work through sixteen township assessors. The County Clerk's Office has certified extensions on tax levys for each township parcel. Much discussion ensued.

**9. Supervisor of Assessments****A. Monthly Report**

Supervisor of Assessments (SOA) Armstrong stated that the monthly report is on file. He stated that on February 26, 2025, the Kane County Assessment Office began its work for the 2025 taxable year by certifying equalization factors to Kane County's sixteen Township Assessors. He anticipates the first townships to certify their assessments will be in the next few weeks. The statutory deadline for assessment rolls to be certified is June 16. Armstrong continued his report by presenting information about the assessment process. He reviewed the duties of the Supervisor of Assessments Office, and the state statute. In 2024, there were 13,805 deeds processed, with 4% of those having issues. He provided several examples of incomplete, incorrect, and illegible legal property descriptions. The next step in the assessment process is to compare the grantor interest to prior owners, enter the new taxpayer mailing address, and review and process the Transfer Declaration. Armstrong addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion took place.

**10. Regional Office of Education**

Regional Office of Education (ROE) Chief of Exec. Services Jeff Aranowski reminded the Committee that the 49th Educator of the Year Award Ceremony Banquet is Friday, May 2, 2025 at the Q Center in St. Charles. Several educators will be recognized for their excellence. There are 46 nominees from nine public school districts in Kane County.

**11. Veteran's Assistance Commission****A. Monthly Report**

Veteran's Assistance Commission (VAC) Supt. Zimmerman stated that the monthly report is on file. He stated that there was \$2.7M in new benefits, and over 250 benefit applications submitted so far for the fiscal year. He announced that Friday, April 25, 2025, there will be a Senior Veterans Fair held at Elgin Community College. On Friday, May 2, the Veteran's Resource Fair will be held at the Batavia Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. (VFW). Zimmerman highlighted that there were over 250 veterans who attended this event last year, with 50 veteran resources in attendance. Zimmerman addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

**12. County Clerk****A. Monthly Report**

County Clerk staff Pollock stated the monthly report is on file. He stated that a \$7K grant was received from the State Board of Elections for election judge reimbursements. The property value in Kane County increased by 12% from last year. Pollock highlighted that for the first three months of 2025, there have been over 2,500 passport applications received. Early voting and vote-by-mail has increased to 60% since 2020.

**13. Other Business**

None.

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

None.

**15. Reports Placed On File**

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

**16. Adjournment**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jon Gripe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Clifford Surges

This meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Rachel Santora  
Recording Secretary