



Kane County

County Board

Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

1:00 PM

County Board Room

*****SPECIAL MEETING*****

1. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Kane County Board was held at the Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134 on November 21, 2023. Chairman Pierog called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	Board Member Deborah Allan
	Board Member Mavis Bates
	Board Member Dale Berman
	Board Member Mark Davoust
	Board Member Ron Ford
	Board Member Michelle Gumz
	Board Member Leslie Juby
	Board Member Mo Iqbal
	Board Member Michael Kenyon
	Board Member Chris Kious
	Board Member Michael Linder
	Board Member Bill Lenert
	Board Member Anita Lewis
	Board Member Myrna Molina
	Board Member Bill Roth
	Board Member Jarett Sanchez
	Board Member Monica Silva
	Board Member Cheryl Strathmann
	Board Member Clifford Surges
	Board Member Bill Tarver
	Board Member Vern Tepe
	Board Member Rick Williams
	Board Member David Young
	Chairman Corinne M. Pierog
REMOTE:	Board Member Gary Daugherty

3. REMOTE ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Madam Chair asked if there was any objection to allow board member Daugherty to join the meeting remotely. No objections were voiced.

Also present: Chief Dpty. Clerk Weilandt; Finance Exec. Dir. Hopkinson; KDOT Dir. Schoedel; Public Health Exec. Dir. Isaacson & staff Snowden*; H.R. Exec. Dir. Loblillo; Development Exec. Dir. VanKerkhoff; Treasurer Lauzen; PIO Mann; State's Atty. Mosser & staff Frank, Brady, Ford, Spcl. ASA Shepro; Energy & Environmental Resources Dir. Wollnik; OCR Dir. Berger*; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press & public.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Member Ford led the assembly with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. A change in the agenda followed by Madam Chair proceeding to the proclamations. No objections were voiced.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None**

A change in the agenda followed with the proclamations being discussed next.

- Proclamation Recognizing Contributions of Chief Judge Thomas [TMP-23-1617](#)
Clinton Hull III to Kane County (not attached)

Legislative Committee Chairwoman Molina read a proclamation recognizing Chief Judge Thomas Clinton ("Clint") Hull, II for his contributions to Kane County. Judge Hull extended appreciation and announced Judge Robert Villa will be the in-coming judge.

Madam Chair asked for a motion to approve the proclamation

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Myrna Molina
SECONDER:	Rick Williams

- Proclamation Declaring the First Day of December 2023 Aurora [TMP-23-1614](#)
Alderwoman Scheketa Hart-Burns Day (not attached)

Also recognized by the Board and the City of Aurora was the life and civic contributions of City of Aurora Alderwoman Scheketa Hart-Burns. Member Gumz read the proclamation. Family was present to receive the honor. Member Ford spoke of Schedeta's involvement in the community first before running for Alderwoman.

Madam Chair asked for a motion to approve the proclamation.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Michelle Gumz
SECONDER:	Ron Ford

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items)**

Madam Chair announced a change in the agenda following public comment. At this time she invited the public to comment on agenda items.

Denise Gerlach found the chairwoman's comments at a Finance Committee meeting about the increase in the gas tax being equal to pocket change, insulting to residents. Ms. Gerlach discussed the state of Illinois has the second highest property taxes in the U.S. along with the most number of local governing bodies. The country and these governing bodies were overtaxing the residents of Illinois and Kane County. Citizens were struggling while the salaries of elected officials were increasing. Ms. Gerlach stated the county should focus on better management of its resources where citizens can thrive. She asked the board to reconsider raising taxes so that the residents can survive.

Debbie Kanorowski shared information from her recent attendance at an economic forum at a Michigan college where the economists found that raises taxes during inflation is misguided. She reported the overall increasing costs of goods and services and credit cards are being used more. Residents are having to decide where to cut their own budget, especially those on fixed incomes. Residents are leaving the state. She asked the board to cut its budget and not approve more government spending. The citizens cannot pay for the board's decisions. She asked the board to not support raising taxes.

Brian Anderson, Sugar Grove, thanked those board members who did not support the motor fuel tax and standing up to the board's missions and goals and its representation of the constituents. He also recalled that the tax freeze has worked for the past 13 years. Raising taxes does not help the small business owner. He recalled the prior budgets that were approved by the board much earlier than now. Mr. Anderson asked that if the board wants to raise taxes, then have a board member place it on a referendum so the citizens can vote.

Larry Bettag, vice president of a mortgage company, explained that raising taxes was killing his business as residents were leaving the state. On the other hand, from February 2020 to May 2023, Mr. Bettag said the chairwoman received large donations, mainly from unions. He proceeded to list them, most of them outside of Kane County. He stated the chairwoman is invested and serving the unions, and herself, and is hoping it will not be noticed by the residents. He stated that every tax levy should be tabled.

Chris Lauzen, Aurora citizen, stated he had three revisions to the FY2024 budget: First, the budget proposal broke a long commitment for real equity for wage increases for more than 500 non-union county employees to treat their wage increases the same as union employees, resulting in a short-change of workers' wages. Second, it was a mistake to spread next year's \$12M Dollars in interest income revenue over 150 funds, seeing that \$12M Dollars was more than four times what the maximum cost of living property tax increase would generate, but only if used properly. He explained that if a majority of the funds are concentrated like a water tower, the interest income is protected from evaporation within one year and can, and should be, used instead of

reserves. He pointed out the board passed its own budget policy stating it will pass a budget without using its reserves but it has already broken its commitment. And third, while the board may one day have to raise property taxes by \$2.5M Dollars, this year's budget was not necessary. In summary, Mr. Lauzen explained the board had \$53M Dollars in reserve over its standard three-month requirement. The county has \$14M Dollars of extra interest income revenue from the Treasurer's team this past year, and it has wasted \$3.0M Dollars of spending the taxpayers would not have approved of sitting in the board's seat. Mr. Lauzen stated the board was being misled by misinformation of interest income and cited examples.

Frank Esposito spoke to the budget proposal of \$394,000,000 which was \$50,000,000 increase over last year. He discussed that he reviewed the previous years' taxes and while the rate came down, the value of his townhome increased 14%. In turn, it caused his property taxes to increase by \$900 and he was living on a fixed income.

Michelle Bettag appreciated the public filling up the board room, the lower auditorium and others watching this meeting in the parking lot. She believed the budget was mismanaged, the chairwoman wanted a new government center, etc. She asked the board members to reconsider voting in support of the tax increase and asked to vote no.

Steve Brisowitz (on-line), shared that his tax increase was \$7.60 annually but said the county's pay was low and he believed the employees should be able to support themselves. He saw the public attending this meeting as a group grandstanding to make a political statement.

Jenine Mayer in Elburn spoke to the high costs of food and services in Kane County and its property taxes were the highest. She listed off the high cost of the election equipment, the cost of the county's health care program which cost an extra \$2.0M dollars, and the \$750,000 spent in consultant fees for a new Government Center. She stated the \$50M to \$60M Dollars in reserves sit and should be refunded to the county's taxpayers.

Sue Sanders, St. Charles, a St. Charles precinct committee person, stated no one wants to pay more taxes. She recently learned that the county is only a small portion (4%) of the taxes collected and has not collected taxes for the past several years. She expanded on the other facts she learned about the county, including the fact that the county has the lowest paid employees compared to surrounding counties and training those employees means a cost in training and retention. Raising the taxes appears reasonable since residents live in a beautiful area with parks and services. She urged others to understand the cost benefit ratio of living in such a wonderful community.

Ruth Kismanick appreciated the earlier accolades made to the community but relayed that the high taxes for the schools are what keeps the community's home values up. She loved living in the area and agreed it cost money to live here and would pay the extra money so that the county's employees could live in such a community. Ms. Kismanick thanked the board for what it does and asked the board to support the tax

increase.

B. Motion into Closed Session

After concluding public comment, Madam Chair asked for a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of receiving advice from legal counsel. However, State's Attorney Mosser indicated there was no formal reason to go into closed session and therefore, the meeting remained in open session.

(The board took a five minute recess at 2:32 PM and then reconvened at 2:39 PM.):

7. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Madam Chairman's Comments - None.

A change in the agenda followed. Zoning Petitions moved up.

Madam Chair asked for the roll to be called:

Present: Allan, Bates, Berman, Daugherty*, Davoust, Ford, Gumz, Iqbal, Juby, Kenyon, Kious, Lenert, Lewis, Linder, Molina, Roth, Sanchez, Silva, Strathmann, Surges, Tarver, Tepe, Williams, Young, Chairwoman Pierog

A quorum was established.

D. Zoning Petitions

Madam Chair invited counsel to speak on Petition #4615, wherein Mr. Ben Jacobi, attorney for the petitioner, suggested that his client respond after the public speaks.

Madam Chair invited public comment on Zoning Petition No. 4615.

Mr. Dezirae Deradt, Jr., Burlington, stated the property was across the street from the schools. Regarding the signage of high voltage, he felt the word "Danger" even though state mandated, asked why would county place a solar field across to a grade school and playground.

Mavis Bates, as an Aurora resident, shared the benefits of solar and wind energy for the county, state and the USA. She stated that the EFM emissions are no greater than those of a cell phone, the panels do not produce glare, and the farmland the panels will be located upon is not prime. Also, the solar panels are good for 25 years and can be removed. Per Ms. Bates, Mr. Matson, the owner, can resell the land to anyone afterwards. She reminded the board the site could be a manufacturing company or be used for industrial. Solar panels, on the other hand, left no greenhouse gases and were not toxic.

Mr. Bill Kale, Geneva, shared his support for the petition and commended the board to

consider the facts. He discusses that the propsoal must meet two tests: 1) it must not be harmful and 2) it must be needed. Mr. Kale discussed the positives of renewable energy.

Dale Hartmann, a nearby landowner, asked the board to keep the land as farmland. He was trying to keep his family farms together; otherwise they could go to subdivisions which raise taxes. Mr. Hartmann stated that when the 25 years are up, the site returns to farm land.

Andy Milka, developer for Petitions #4617 and #4618 asked the board for approval of the three petitions before the board.

Greg Pellequin, Hampshire, stated he was against Petition 4615 due to the location of the solar field, its size, and access. The field is located very close to students and nearby residents. There are safety concerns. He was not against solar, but against its size and location. He pointed out the solar field, with its "danger" and "high voltage" signage should not be closely located to a playground where children play. He noted all it took is one student to jump the fence and the liability that is incurred. Mr. Pellequin does not want the residents' tax funded schools, students, forest preserve, and home values to be used for the next 20 to 40 years as a test site for such facility. He read the county's mission statement and asked the board to not support the petition.

Larry Stachera (phonetic), for Petition #4618, noted that such solar project requests are located west of Route 47, and while not too many people in the Fox Valley travel west of Route 47, he asked the board to look for other locations and keep farmland as farmland in Kane County.

- Petition # 4615 Petitioner: Robert Matson Trust (RPIL Solar 8, [TMP-23-1146](#) LLC)

Development Committee Chair Ford introduced Petition No. 4615. This was a special use request. However, the ZBA recommended denial with a number of stipulations. Some questions were directed to the State's Attorney's Office, wherein ASA Frank tried to explain the new statute pertaining to solar fields as best possible. In summary, he explained the county should comply with the county's own zoning ordinance, which includes making findings on the LaSalle/Sinclair factors, and having evidentiary support for those findings. Under Kane County Code and the County's Code, ASA Frank pointed out that the county's Zoning Board shall report its findings of fact and a recommendation to the full board. In this case, the Zoning Board did not make any findings of fact on the three solar petitions. He communicated the County Board could send the petitions back to the Zoning Board, if they chose. Further clarification followed regarding the improper notice of a public hearing for two additional site plans. Further dialog followed among some board members that the petition should return to the Zoning Board. Williams believed the County Board would have benefited from receiving the findings of fact from the Zoning Board but it received none. Therefore he believed this particular petition should return to the

Zoning Board so it could hold a public hearing and hear the public comments.

Motion by Tepe, second by Bates to return this petition back to the Zoning Board for definitive approval.

Mr. Ben Jacobi, for the petitioner, discussed the vote requirements under a statute, explaining the petitioner would like to receive a vote today. The findings were located in the transcript, which was on the Zoning Board's web site. Mr. Jacobi explained all site plans are preliminary until final engineering and those were the plans submitted to the ZBA. The concessions were responsive to the school's needs and the school did not object. Addressing Illinois Statute 512.20, Mr. Jacobi relayed that it allows the county to adopt such an ordinance but that it be no more stricter than the State's statute. He believed the petitioner met all of the LaSalle/Sinclair factors. In fact, he stated that if the board denies an application for reasons more than what is restricted in State statute, it becomes an inappropriate reason for denial. Mr. Jacobi emphasized that the petition met the state and county's requirements.

The roll was called on sending Petition No. 4615 back to the Zoning Board of Appeals for findings of fact:

Aye: Allan, Davoust, Ford, Lenert, Molina, Roth, Surges, Tarver, Tepe, Williams, Young

Nay: Bates, Berman, Daugherty, Gumz, Iqbal, Juby, Kenyon, Kious, Lewis, Linder, Sanchez, Silva, Strathmann

Motion FAILED. Vote 11-13

Juby walked through the county's seven requirements for meeting the special use and found three basic reasons why the residents did not want the solar field: 1) they had concerns about their safety, comfort and general welfare; 2) they had concerns about improving their own homes if the solar field was allowed because it may diminish or impair their property values; and 3) because this site would take up the only remaining piece of vacant property, the residents who own property near the site would be the ones improving their property, or developing it, and they would no longer wish to improve their property because there is no value to do so. Juby would not support the petition.

Motion by Williams, second by Tepe to accept Member Juby's three (3) findings of fact in support of the record. Discussion followed that Juby's comments were hearsay and not necessarily facts. Bates reviewed the LaSalle/Sinclair factors as applied to the subject petition. However, Williams relayed the board received neighbors' emails, documentation and testimony to the petition and it was creating a record. **Roll call followed on Juby's 3 reasons to deny:**

Aye: Allan, Davoust, Ford, Gumz, Juby, Kenyon, Lenert, Lewis, Linder,

Roth, Silva, Surges, Tarver, Tepe, Williams, Young

Nay: Bates, Berman, Daugherty, Iqbal, Kious, Molina, Strathmann

Abstain: Sanchez

Motion to accept findings passed. Vote 16-7

ASA Frank asked that when the board members vote, to include their findings of fact for their vote, for the record.

Motion by Iqbal, second by Ford to amend Stipulation 11 and to add a new Stipulation 12 to Petition No. 4615, to read as follows:

"11. The proposed special use is approved contingent upon compliance with the Plat of Survey and Site Plan attached to this petition.

"12. The design, construction, maintenance and decommissioning of the proposed Commercial Solar Energy Facility shall be in accordance with the standards and conditions imposed in the County zoning ordinance adopted and consistent with the State of Illinois Counties Code, and the conditions imposed under State and federal statutes and regulations."

The roll was called on the above amendment:

Aye: Allan, Bates, Berman, Daugherty, Davoust, Ford, Gumz, Iqbal, Kenyon, Kious, Lenert, Molina, Roth, Strathmann, Surges, Tepe, Williams

Nay: Juby, Lewis, Linder, Sanchez, Silva, Tarver, Young

Amendment passed. Vote 16-7

(Sanchez leaves 3:45 pm)

(Board Consensus was received to suspend Roberts Rules to discuss the findings of fact for the special use requirements pertaining to the solar panel petitions, specifically.)

The roll was called on Petition No. 4615 which included the above amendments -- (Juby's 3 findings and Iqbal's 2 stipulations). Board members provided their reasons as to why they approved or denied the petition:

Vote:

Allan - Yes. The special use conditions have been met, and petitioner has a right to make a decision about his own property. In this case, the environmental issues, which are a concern, will be improved by virtue of this project. She asked that the most recent plat be included as part of the petition because it makes concessions to the school district and to the residents, which are necessary.

Bates - Yes. Special use Condition A - There is no proof that public health would be impacted, nor the public safety, morals, comfort or general welfare of the residents of Kane County. All other conditions have met compliance.

Berman - Yes. He has not seen any facts that show that the petitioner has not met the six Special Use standards.

Daugherty - Yes. All six special use conditions have been met.

Davoust - No. After listening to much information today, Mr. Davoust stated he is ill-prepared to know the facts from the fiction. Also, there is a newer version of the site plan which was presented but has not been available to the Zoning Board and should be. The petition should return to the Zoning Board.

Ford - No. The petition does not meet Special Use Standard A because he believes there are some morals, safety, and comfort issues because of the location and how the site will look aesthetically next to the playground. He believed the petition should be returned to the Zoning Board and follow the proper procedure. He believed the petition met the remaining stipulations.

Gumz - No. The petition does not meet Special Use Standards A, B, C. Under Standard A, the residents who live in the area have expressed their concerns for safety, morals, comfort and general welfare and she agrees with them. Under Standard B, the enjoyment of their property was identified as an issue. Under Standard C, the area is not normal and she objects to that.

Iqbal - Yes. The applicant has met all requirements of the statutes; all factors are met when all of the 12 stipulations are met.

Juby - No. Under A, the residents do believe their safety, comfort, and general welfare will be diminished by the project. Under B, the residents believe the special use will be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity. Under C, the residents believe the establishment will impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding properties because the properties outside the solar field have already been owned by the residents and they will not improve their own properties because they do not feel comfortable with what was not there when they first purchased the home. Under D, E, and F, Juby stated she was unsure.

Kenyon - No. He does not support due to the concern of safety and the injurious and enjoyment of the other property owners.

Kious - Yes. Special use Condition A - There is no proof that public health would be impacted, nor the public safety, morals, comfort or general welfare of the residents of Kane County. Standards B, C, D, E, and F have met compliance.

Lenert - No. He does not support due to Conditions B and C. For Conditions A,

D, E, and F, he has no opinion on them.

Lewis - No. Conditions A, B, and C are not met. She is unsure about Conditions D, E, and F.

Linder - No. Under A, many residents have sent emails expressing concern for their health, safety and general welfare of the neighborhood. They are not comfortable. Under B -- injurious to the enjoyment of other property -- Mr. Linder notes the discussion about how far the site is from the school property line, but up until now, the school has had freedom to development up to the property line. However, due to the high-voltage and danger signs, the school will have to communicate to students to not play near the fence and therefore is injurious to their property. Under C, if a resident feels the solar field is diminishing their property value, they are not going to put good money, after bad, to improve their property.

Molina - Yes. The petitioner has met all six criteria and state statute.

Roth - No. Under Standard A, there are safety concerns; Standard B - injurious to the enjoyment of the other properties, and Standard C - the project will impede the normal and orderly development improvements of surrounding properties. He is fine with Standards D, E, and F.

(The Board allows Sanchez to vote remotely.)

Sanchez - Abstains due to possible litigation.

Silva - No. The project does not meet Standard A because she has not been provided with studies directly engaging or referencing children's and their developing bodies' exposure to high voltage and high power.

Strathmann - Yes. The petitioner has met all six criteria.

Surges - No. He agrees with the statements of fellow board members Juby, Linder, and Silva. He is not educated enough on the matter and not willing to gamble on Special Use Standard A with children sitting in a school next door. The request is changing the arrangement the residents purchased and what their expectations were. He is supporting staff's recommendation to not support.

Tarver - No. He agrees with Surges's comments above. His reasons were A, B, and C specifically for public health and safety, and concern for injury to the community.

Tepe - No. Agrees with Juby's comments for A, B, and C. He would like to reference a comment made by Mr. Pellequin relating to the first child to be injured. Tepe does not want that liability.

Williams - No. The request does not meet Special Use Standards A through F for the following reasons: the nearby properties are farm, residential and institutional with two schools and this facility would be in the middle of those properties. It is not a compatible use. The county's zoning ordinance is structured for these to be in farm areas. Children will be playing in the school playground during school hours, and off, and may be monitored, and may not. If a child enters the site, a member of the school district does not have the legal authority to go onto the site to locate the child. The fire district will have to be contacted. One child's safety is not going to be risked. The solar panels will be sited in an elevation above many of the residences and there are concerns about glare. Testimony provided by one real estate broker states home values will not be impacted negatively, while another broker states home values will be impacted negatively. Williams does not believe anyone in the public assembly here believes the project will increase the property values of the homes. Williams, being a real estate lawyer for many years, believes the project will negatively impact the home values. While he understands the owner's (Mr. Matson) position, he did not believe it left Mr. Matson without a viable economic use to his property because he can farm the land and also have it developed for housing. Williams does not believe the board denying the request will, in the long run, be injurious to Mr. Matson but he apologized for his position. There are more appropriate sites nearby. Regarding the evidence, a rare hawk is in the area which may or may not be affected by the project. He read in the emails that the project will require the Burlington School District to amend its emergency egress plan for its schools, which has not been discussed. Lastly, he did have concerns about how the fire department will enter into the site with the children present.

Young - No. Under Standard A, it will endanger the public health. Under Standard B, it will impair property values.

RESULT:	FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Ron Ford
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Myrna Molina, and Cherryl Strathmann
NAY:	Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
ABSTAIN:	Jarett Sanchez

- Petition # 4617 Petitioner: Dale Hartmann, et ux (ILSolar05, LLC) [TMP-23-1419](#)

Development Committee Chair Ford motioned to approve Petition No. 4616 as presented with the 12 stipulations listed from the Zoning Board.

Second by Kenyon.

Motion to amend by Board member Iqbal, second by Ford to add the following two stipulations as Nos. 13 and 14:

"13. The proposed special use is approved contingent upon compliance with the Plat of Survey attached to the said petition.

"14. The design, construction, maintenance and decommissioning of the proposed Commercial Solar Energy Facility shall be in accordance with the standards and conditions imposed in the County's zoning ordinance adopted consistent with the State of Illinois Counties Code, and the conditions imposed under State and federal statutes and regulations."

Roll call on the amendment followed:

Aye: Allan, Bates, Berman, Daugherty, Davoust, Ford, Gumz, Iqbal, Kenyon, Kiou, Lenert, Molina, Roth, Sanchez, Silva, Strathmann, Surges, Tepe, Williams

Nay: Juby, Lewis, Linder, Tarver, Young

The amendment passed. Vote: 19-5

Board member Young reminded the board on how it voted for Petition No. 4615 reminding the board of the dangers mentioned. He proceeded to discuss the research done on solar panels, stating he would not support the petition. Others pointed out there was no nearby development except for farmland, it was a good use for the property, and the owner could still save his farmstead. Williams mentioned the discussion that took place at the Development Committee meeting on this petition, and said one of the neighbors requested additional screening. The owner agreed.

The roll was called on Petition No. 4617, with the above amendment. Board members provided their reasons as to why they approved or denied the petition:

Vote:

Allan - Yes. All the conditions were met as required by the Counties Ordinance and met the State and federal requirements.

Bates - Abstain. She has not researched the location to see if it meets the six conditions and said the board was not told to do so.

Berman - Yes. He has no facts to support his thoughts that it meets all criteria.

Daugherty - Yes. No one has voiced anything against meeting the criteria.

Davoust - Yes. It complies with the required criteria and he has no fears about

the location of this site versus the previous petition.

Ford - Yes. To his best of his knowledge this petition comes closer to meeting the county's criteria.

Gumz - Yes. Agreed all of the criteria were met.

Iqbal - Yes. The applicant has met all of the six criteria and also includes the 12 stipulations to meet the statute.

Juby - Yes. The LaSalle/Sinclair factors have been met.

Kenyon - Yes. The applicant's petition meets all of the six criteria.

Kious - Yes. Because he was on the Development Committee, he was able to review the conditions and all were met.

Lenert - Yes. All of the LaSalle/Sinclair factors were met.

Lewis - Yes. All criteria were met and she visited the site.

Linder - Yes. There were no questions raised at the Development Committee meeting on this matter. It complied with all criteria.

Molina - Yes. The petitioner has met the criteria as stated in the County's ordinance as well as the criteria in the Illinois State statute and the Zoning Board approved with the stipulations, as discussed.

Roth - Yes. He attended the Development Committee meeting not as a member. The petitioner met all of the criteria.

Sanchez - Yes. Had no reason to vote against the petition, based on the criteria.

Silva - Yes. The criteria have been met and she bases her decision on the testimony of two board members who state the site is not in close proximity to a school.

Strathmann - Yes. She agreed with Molina's comments.

Surges - Yes. He agreed with Molina's comments.

Tarver - Yes. While he has not seen the property, he states he trusts the work done in the committee and agrees with the criteria.

Tepe - Yes. He believes all six conditions have been met.

Williams - Yes. He believes the EMF issue and its impact on public health warrants further investigation, but not much liberty exists in this case to deny for that reason.

Young - No. Under A criteria, he feels the field will endanger the public health.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Michael Kenyon
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
NAY:	David Young
ABSTAIN:	Dale Berman

- Petition # 4618 Petitioner: John Hatch, et ux (KaneSolar3, LLC) [TMP-23-1424](#)
(Surges steps away.)

**Development Committee Chair Ford motioned to approve Petition No. 4618 as presented with the 12 stipulations listed from the Zoning Board.
Second by Linder.**

Motion to amend by Board member Iqbal, second by Ford to add the following two stipulations as Nos. 13 and 14:

"13. The proposed special use is approved contingent upon compliance with the Plat of Survey attached to the said petition.

"14. The design, construction, maintenance and decommissioning of the proposed Commercial Solar Energy Facility shall be in accordance with the standards and conditions imposed in the County's zoning ordinance adopted consistent with the State of Illinois Counties Code, and the conditions imposed under State and federal statutes and regulations."

Roll call on the amendment followed:

Aye: Allan, Bates, Berman, Daugherty, Davoust, Ford, Gumz, Iqbal, Kenyon, Kious, Lenert, Molina, Roth, Sanchez, Silva, Strathmann, Surges, Tepe, Williams

Nay: Juby, Lewis, Linder, Tarver, Young

The amendment passed. Vote: 19-5

Lenert, noting the proposal was sited in his district and he has received only a couple of concerns from his constituents, would vote positively. Young reminded the board that the panels should be recycled but he was not sure if it would take place. Because of that concern he would not support the proposal. He shared his research on the waste solar panels generate and the board was not aware of what type of solar panels were being installed, nor the long term effects due to the EMF.

The roll was called on Petition No. 4618 including the above amendment. Board members provided their reasons as to why they approved or denied the petition:

Vote:

Allan - Yes. All the special use conditions were met, as well as the stipulations imposed by staff and the Zoning Board. She appreciated the petitioner taking consideration for the environmental aspects of his property, using the solar panels effectively, and avoiding any water issues.

Bates - Yes. She believes the health, safety, morals, comfort and general welfare of the public will not be threatened. There is no EMF radiation that will come from the panels and the panels will be producing green energy to help future generations.

Berman - Yes. He has not seen any facts that disprove the passing of Petition 6518.

Daugherty - Yes. He has not seen any trumped up, made-up fears.

Davoust - Yes. The request meets all criteria. The request appears to be properly vetted.

Ford - Yes. The property is rural and a subdivision sits approximately one-quarter or more away.

Gumz - Yes. Agreed all of the criteria were met.

Iqbal - Yes. The applicant has met all of the requirements of the statute.

Juby - Yes. The LaSalle/Sinclair factors have been met.

Kenyon - Yes. The applicant's petition meets all of the six criteria.

Kious - Yes. The petition satisfies all the conditions.

Lenert - Yes. All of the LaSalle/Sinclair factors were met.

Lewis - Yes. While she appreciated the concern of how the solar panels will be disposed after 25 years, she believes it should continue to be brought up so that time arrives, there is a solution. However, the six criteria have been met.

Linder - Yes. There were no questions raised at the Development Committee meeting on this matter. It complied with all criteria.

Molina - Yes. The petitioner has met the criteria as stated by the County Board and has met the criteria as listed in the State statute and the Zoning Board, which approved the stipulations that have been approved by this board.

Roth - Yes. The petitioner met all of the criteria, a through f.

Sanchez - Yes. Had no reason to believe the petitioner has not met the conditions, as outlined.

Silva - Yes. There is sufficient evidence that all requirements have been met.

Strathmann - Yes. All conditions have been met.

Surges - Yes. He agreed with Molina's comments.

Tarver - Yes. There is no reason to believe the petitioner has not met all of the criteria.

Tepe - Yes. He believes all six criteria have been met.

Williams - Yes. The petitioner has met the criteria as set forth by law, and he would echo his comments from the previous petition, i.e., further investigation needs to be done as to the long-term effects of EMF and recycling of panels.

Young - No. Under A criteria, he feels the field will endanger the public health.

Per ASA Frank, he and the State's Attorney are working with the ZBA to make the findings of fact process more seamless.

(The board took a five minute recess at 4:45 pm and reconvened at 4:58 pm)

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
MOVER:	Ron Ford
SECONDER:	Michael Linder

AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
NAY:	David Young

C. Resolutions/Ordinances

(The board took a short break and reconvened.)

Madam Chair asked for a roll call to establish a quorum:

Present: Allan*, Bates, Berman, Daugherty*, Davoust, Ford, Gumz, Iqbal, Juby, Kenyojn, Kious, Lenert, Lewis, Linder, Molina, Roth, Sanchez*, Silva, Strathmann, Surges, Tarver, Tepe, Williams, Young, Chairwoman Pierog

Madam Chair shared some slides presenting 1) how the tax levy for the county is broken out, 2) a sample property tax bill, and 3) the various taxing districts within the county.

Lenert asked to discuss Ordinance 23-474 at the end of the resolutions; no objections were voiced. Board consensus was received to move Ordinance 23-474 to the end of the meeting.

(Robert's Rules of Order return.)

Adopting a Tax Levy for the Insurance Liability Fund

[23-475](#)

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michelle Gumz
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

Adopting a Tax Levy for the General Fund (AS AMENDED)

[23-476](#)

Motion by Lenert, second by Davoust to amend and include language that reflects more transparency to the taxpayers of Kane County, explaining where the money was derived. A healthy discussion followed and also whether there

was another option if this levy did not pass. Special ASA Shepro read the first amendment to Ordinance 23-276.

However, more discussion was lead by Member Molina to revise the dollar amount of the Thirty-Five Million etc. to an amount of \$33,259,441.00, which would remove the tax levy increase from this general fund and, therefore, not increase property taxes. However, Finance Dir. Hopkinson stated that figure would not include new construction. Molina recommended that dialog be held on how to include the new construction, since that was what the board requested for the past four weeks, i.e., to not include property tax increases and to include new construction in the levy.

Motion by Williams, second by Lenert to revise the first amendment to incorporate Molina's recommendation. The complete amendment to read as follows:

"Adopting a Tax Levy for the General Fund

"WHEREAS, the exact increase in rate setting EAV will not be available until after the deadline for the County to establish the property tax levy; and

"WHEREAS, it is permitted for the property tax levy rate to be adjusted downward at the time the levy is extended.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of the County of Kane, State of Illinois, at this adjourned session of the November meeting of said County Board, held at the Government Center in Geneva, Kane County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1: There is hereby levied upon all taxable property within the County of Kane, the sum of:

**THIRTY-THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND
NINE
HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE DOLLARS (\$33,831,971)**

Section 2: The amount so levied represents an increase of \$572,530.00 Dollars from the previous years' levy in the general fund. The overall increase in the amount levied upon all taxable property includes new construction of \$644,021.00 minus \$71,491.00 applied to the Veterans' Assistance Fund, which leaves a difference of \$572,530.00 Dollars.

Member Williams confirmed the board that voting on this amendment was to capture new growth and it would not be a tax increase to Kane County residents. However, Lewis pointed out the budget would not be balanced and funds in the amount of \$1,874,979.00 would have to be found to balance the budget. For the record, if the amendment passed, Molina stated the burden of the property taxes would not be placed on the residents. Instead, the county's reserves, as an option, could be available to balance the budget.

The roll was called on the above revised amendment:

Aye: Berman, Daugherty*, Davoust, Ford, Iqbal, Kenyon, Lenert, Molina, Roth, Sanchez*, Silva, Surges, Williams, Young
Nay: Bates, Gumz, Juby, Kious, Lewis, Linder, Strathmann, Tarver, Tepe
Away: Allan

Motion passed. Vote: 14-9

The roll was called on Ordinance No. 23-476, as amended:

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Linder
AYE:	Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Rick Williams, and David Young
NAY:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Linder, Anita Lewis, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, and Vern Tepe

Adopting a Tax Levy for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

[**23-477**](#)

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Michael Linder
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

Adopting a Tax Levy for the Social Security Fund

[**23-478**](#)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**MOVER:** Mavis Bates**SECONDER:** Bill Roth

Adopting a Tax Levy for the County Highway Fund

[23-479](#)**RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE****MOVER:** Mark Davoust**SECONDER:** Bill Lenert

Adopting a Tax Levy for the County Bridge Fund

[23-480](#)**RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE****MOVER:** Michelle Gumz**SECONDER:** Chris Kious

AYE: Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

AWAY: Deborah Allan

Adopting a Tax Levy for the County Highway Matching Fund

[23-481](#)**RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE****MOVER:** Mark Davoust**SECONDER:** Ron Ford

AYE: Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

AWAY: Deborah Allan

Adopting a Tax Levy for the Kane County Health Fund

[23-482](#)**RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE****MOVER:** Cherryl Strathmann

SECONDER:	Mavis Bates
AYE:	Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
AWAY:	Deborah Allan

(Young leaves.)

Adopting a Tax Levy for the Veterans' Commission Fund

[23-483](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Monica Silva
SECONDER:	Ron Ford
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and Rick Williams
AWAY:	David Young

(Young returns.)

Adopting a Tax Levy for Mill Creek Special Service Area

[23-484](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Bill Tarver
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and David Young
NAY:	Rick Williams

Adopting a Tax Levy for the Shirewood Farm Special Service

[23-485](#)

Area

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Clifford Surges

SECONDER: Michael Kenyon

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

Adopting a Tax Levy for the Wildwood West Special Billing Area

[23-486](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Michelle Gumz

SECONDER: Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

Adopting a Tax Levy for the Plank Road Estates Special Billing Area

[23-487](#)

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Dale Berman

SECONDER: Bill Tarver

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

Adopting a Tax Levy for the Exposition View Special Billing Area

[23-488](#)

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Ron Ford

SECONDER: Bill Tarver

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

Adopting a Tax Levy for the Pasadena Drive Special Billing Area

[23-489](#)

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Dale Berman

SECONDER: Bill Tarver

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

Adopting a Tax Levy for the Tamara Dittman Special Billing Area

[23-490](#)

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Dale Berman

SECONDER: Bill Tarver

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

Adopting a Tax Levy for the Church Molitor Special Service Area

[23-491](#)

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Mavis Bates

SECONDER: Monica Silva

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

Adopting a Tax Levy for the 45W185 Plank Road Special Service Area

[23-492](#)

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Michelle Gumz
SECONDER: Chris Kious
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

Adopting a Tax Levy for the Boyer Road Special Service Area

[23-493](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Michelle Gumz
SECONDER: Mavis Bates
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young
REMOTE: Gary Daugherty

Adopting a Tax Levy for the Crane Road Estates Special Billing Area

[23-494](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Mark Davoust
SECONDER: Dale Berman

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

Authorizing Fiscal Year 2024 Non-Union Cost-of-Living Wage Increase

[23-495](#)

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Michelle Gumz
SECONDER: Mavis Bates
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young

E. New Business

None.

F. Old Business

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Appropriations and Budget

[23-474](#)

Madam Chair entertained a motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-474.

ASA Frank clarified that there would have to be an amendment made in order to balance the budget because as it sat, it was unbalanced. A motion was initially made by Lenert to take the \$1,874,979 from interest earned; however, Finance Exec. Dir. Hopkinson suggested to increase fund balance utilization for the General Fund and at a later date, after confirming the ARPA fund balance, make a transfer so it can be balanced.

Motion by Lenert, second by Davoust to amend the budget by increasing the fund balance utilization for the General Fund by \$1,874,979.00 and at a later date, after confirming the ARPA fund balance, transfer the \$1,874,979.00 of ARPA interest earned to the General Fund.

Roll call followed on the amendment:

Aye: Allan, Berman, Daugherty, Davoust, Ford, Iqbal, Kenyon, Kious,

**Lenert, Lewis, Molina, Roth, Sanchez, Silva, Surges, Williams, Young
Nay: Bates, Gumz, Juby, Linder, Strathmann, Tarver, Tepe**

Amendment passed. Vote: 17-7

Roll call followed on Ordinance No. 23-474, as amended:

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Clifford Surges
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Rick Williams, and David Young
NAY:	Mavis Bates, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, and Vern Tepe

Amending County Code Section 2-48: Standing Committees
Regarding Setting Salaries

[23-472](#)

(Gumz leaves 7:03 PM). Molina raised discussion about some of the executive directors not favoring the ordinance change and she did not have time to discuss the matter with them because she thought this ordinance was on the December agenda. She suggested to not vote on the matter today. ASA Frank shared what was discussed last week on this matter, explaining the ordinance could be amended back to the 3% increase and amend it to state that it is provided to the executive directors with the hope to spread the 3% increase equally among their staff. Per ASA Frank, the ordinance was allowing the board to set fiscal and personnel policies upon the executive directors. If the board did not support it, then it could vote it down. Details followed. As for the internal equity study done, ASA Frank recommended voting on it again at a later date. He would confirm same.

A detailed explanation followed from ASA Frank and H.R. Exec. Dir. Loblillo on the effects of the passage of this ordinance. Bates believed it should be up to the directors to determine how much raise their staff receives based upon performance and experience. She preferred to wait. Finance Dir. Hopkinson clarified that the 3% cost of living increase was separate from the equity adjustment and the ordinance that was just passed was a cost of living adjustment with specific delineation between non-elected offices from elected offices. Employees in non-elected offices would receive a 3% cost of living increase. Employees working in an elected official's office would have 3% budgeted and be distributed at the discretion of the elected official. The equity study was completely different. Further details were shared by Loblillo.

The roll was called on Ordinance 23-472:

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**MOVER:** Clifford Surges**SECONDER:** Dale Berman**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young**NAY:** Mavis Bates, and Cherryl Strathmann**AWAY:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

Amending Section 2-47 of the Kane County Code for Purposes
Related to Meeting Agendas and Agenda Materials (As
Amended)

[23-473](#)

Member Tepe made a friendly amendment to Part 3, last line, delete the words "delivered in" and insert the words "delivered to" and where the word states "emailed", revise it to state "electronically sent". ASA Frank noted that the previous amendment made at the last meeting on this matter -- (deleting the words "not less than five days") -- was not reflected in today's agenda packet, but the amendment was made by Member Juby and approved at that time. The board now needed to approve the amended ordinance with Tepe's corrections.

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED**MOVER:** Bill Lenert**SECONDER:** Bill Roth**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Leslie Juby, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Michael Linder, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, and David Young**AWAY:** Michelle Gumz, and Jarett Sanchez

G. Appointments - None

H. Committee Updates - None

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed) - None**

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-Agenda Items) - None**

10. **ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023**

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Michael Kenyon
SECONDER:	Mark Davoust