Kane County
County Board
Agenda

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

Monday, November 17, 2025 **9:45 AM** **County Board Room**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **REMOTE ATTENDANCE REQUESTS**
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 22, 2025**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
7. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**
8. **RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND OTHER SCHEDULED MATTERS**
   - **A.** **Ordinance:** 25-445 Amending Section 2-48 of the Kane County Code to Provide for Management of Department Heads by Committees
   - **B.** **Resolution:** 25-449 Appointment to Fill Vacancy on Kane County Board (District 2) (not attached)
   - **C.** **Resolution:** 25-450 Prohibiting the Unauthorized Use of County Parking Lots, Vacant Lots, and Garages for Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities and Authorizing Signage to Ensure Compliance with the Illinois Trust Act and Illinois Accountability Commission Requirements (not attached)
   - **D.** **Resolution:** 25-451 Authorizing Kane County's Vote in the 2025 IMRF Trustee Election
   - **E.** **Resolution:** 25-452 Authorizing the Placement of a Historical Marker and Liberty Tree to Honor Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in Kane County
9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)**
10. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
11. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**
12. **ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025**

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
SS.
COUNTY OF KANE)

ORDINANCE NO. 25-445

AMENDING SECTION 2-48 OF THE KANE COUNTY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR MANAGEMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS BY COMMITTEES

WHEREAS, section 5 1018 of the Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/5 1018) provides that a county board may employ, appoint or contract for the services of such clerical, stenographic and professional personnel for the members of the county board, the committees of the board and the chairman of the board as the board finds necessary or desirable to the conduct of the business of the county; and

WHEREAS, the County of Kane, through the Kane County Board, has created County departments and also the positions of “department heads” which manage County departments; and

WHEREAS, section 2 48(A)(3) of the Kane County Code defines which positions are “department heads” in the Kane County government; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Kane to have the work performance of County department heads evaluated and managed; and

WHEREAS, section 2 48(A) of the Kane County Code establishes and specifies the roles of the standing committees of the Kane County Board; and

WHEREAS, section 2 48(A)(G)(1) of the Kane County Code states that each standing committee shall generally supervise the conduct of County departments under their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Kane County Board desires to define and assign the responsibility of evaluating and managing the performance of department heads in the Kane County government; and

WHEREAS, the Kane County Board believes that the standing committee to which a department primarily reports is best situated to evaluate and manage the performance of a department head; and

WHEREAS, the Kane County Board wishes to retain the sole authority to enact any employment actions with respect to department heads, except as provided for in the Discipline Policy within the Kane County Employee handbook; and

WHEREAS, section 2 52 of the Kane County Code provides that no amendment shall be made to Division 2 (Rules of Order) of Article II (County Board) of Chapter 2 (Administration) of the Kane County Code without the consent of the majority of the total membership of the county board, nor on the day of introduction of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Kane County Board that Kane County Code, Chapter 2 (Administration), Article II (County Board), Division 2 (Rules of Order), Section 2 48 (Standing Committees) is hereby amended to read as reflected in Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Kane County Board that the Kane County Human Resources Management Department, in consultation with the Kane County State's Attorney's Office, shall develop a policy to implement this ordinance for County Board approval.

Passed by the Kane County Board on December 9, 2025.

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John A. Cunningham, MBA, JD, JD	Corinne M. Pierog MA, MBA
Clerk, County Board	Chairman, County Board
Kane County, Illinois	Kane County, Illinois

Vote:

EXHIBIT A

Chapter 2 (Administration), Article II (County Board), Division 2 (Rules of Order), Section 2-48 (Standing Committees) is hereby amended as follows (underline indicated insertion of text; strike through indicates deletion):

G. Miscellaneous: Standing committees shall be further governed by the following provisions:

1. Each standing committee shall examine the reports and accounts of the offices, departments or functions coming under its jurisdiction and shall approve all purchases of said offices or departments, and shall generally supervise the conduct of such offices, departments or functions. Each standing committee shall supervise, evaluate, and direct the performance of County department heads coming under its jurisdiction, subject to policies adopted by the county board.

RESOLUTION / ORDINANCE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ADDENDUM

Title

Amending Section 2-48 of the Kane County Code to Provide for Management of Department Heads by Committees

Committee Flow:
Human Services Committee, Executive Committee, County Board

Contact:
Jamie Lobrillo, 630.208.3836

Budget Information:

Was this item budgeted? N/A	Appropriation Amount: $N/A
If not budgeted, explain funding source: N/A	
Was this item passed through the appropriate committee? Yes	

Summary:

Ordinance authorizes each standing committee to supervise, evaluate, and direct the performance of County department heads coming under its jurisdiction, subject to policies adopted by the county board.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
SS.
COUNTY OF KANE)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-449

APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY ON KANE COUNTY BOARD (DISTRICT 2) (NOT ATTACHED)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
SS.
COUNTY OF KANE)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-450

PROHIBITING THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF COUNTY PARKING LOTS, VACANT LOTS, AND GARAGES FOR CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES AND AUTHORIZING SIGNAGE TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ILLINOIS TRUST ACT AND ILLINOIS ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS (NOT ATTACHED)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
SS.
COUNTY OF KANE)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-451

AUTHORIZING KANE COUNTY'S VOTE IN THE 2025 IMRF TRUSTEE ELECTION

WHEREAS, section 7-174 of the Illinois Pension Code provides for an eight-member Board of Trustees of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, four of whom are to be elected by the IMRF participating units of government; and

WHEREAS, section 7-175 of the Pension Code provides rules for the election of the IMRF Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of each participating unit of government shall have one vote in any election in which an Executive Trustee is to be elected; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Board of Kane County exercise its right to vote in the 2025 IMRF Executive Trustee election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kane County Board gives its vote in the 2025 IMRF Executive Trustee election for a three-year term to Peter J. Stefan.

Passed by the Kane County Board on November 17, 2025.

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John A. Cunningham, MBA, JD, JD	Corinne M. Pierog MA, MBA
Clerk, County Board	Chairman, County Board
Kane County, Illinois	Kane County, Illinois

Vote:

RESOLUTION / ORDINANCE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ADDENDUM

Title

Authorizing Kane County's Vote in the 2025 IMRF Trustee Election

Committee Flow:
Executive Committee, County Board

Contact:
Jamie Lobrillo, 630.208.3836

Budget Information:

Was this item budgeted? N/A	Appropriation Amount: $N/A
If not budgeted, explain funding source: N/A	
Was this item passed through the appropriate committee? No	

Summary:

This resolution authorizes Kane County's vote for Peter J. Stefan in the 2025 IMRF Trustee Election.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
SS.
COUNTY OF KANE)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-452

AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A HISTORICAL MARKER AND LIBERTY TREE TO HONOR REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS BURIED IN KANE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Elias Kent Kane Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) seeks to recognize and honor the Revolutionary War patriots who later settled in Kane County and whose graves remain within its borders, to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States of America in 2026. This includes:

- William Bennett (1758-1846), Private from Pennsylvania, buried in God's Little Acre, Campton Hills;
- John Finley (1760-1846), Private from New Hampshire, died in St. Charles (exact burial location unknown);
- John Gowdy (1759-1854), Private from Connecticut, buried in East Batavia Cemetery, Batavia;
- Abner Powers (1760-1825), Corporal from Massachusetts, buried in Lily Lake Cemetery, Lily Lake;
- Frederick Vaughn (1766-1845), Private from Connecticut, buried in Spring Lake Cemetery, Aurora; and

WHEREAS, the Elias Kent Kane Chapter, NSDAR, proposes the planting of a Liberty Tree, a historic symbol of freedom and unity during the Revolutionary era, alongside a historical marker to provide a visible and lasting tribute to the values of liberty, independence, and civic duty; and

WHEREAS, the proposed site for the marker and Liberty Tree is the historic Kane County Courthouse, located at 100 S. Third Street, Geneva, Illinois, providing public visibility and historical significance while complementing existing commemorative features on the courthouse grounds; and

WHEREAS, the historical marker is proposed to include the wording: "Revolutionary War Soldiers & Patriots of Kane County, Illinois" and will measure approximately 15"w x 19"h, while the Liberty Tree will be an American Elm, grown from seed since Spring 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Elias Kent Kane Chapter, NSDAR, will cover the cost of the marker and tree, and Kane County is respectfully asked to provide site preparation and cement work necessary for the installation; and

WHEREAS, the Elias Kent Kane Chapter, NSDAR, believes this initiative will provide educational value, foster community engagement, and honor the legacy of Kane County's earliest patriots.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kane County Board that:

1. The Kane County Board approves the placement of a historical marker and Liberty Tree at the historic Kane County Courthouse in Geneva, Illinois, to honor Revolutionary War patriots associated with Kane County.
2. Kane County shall provide the necessary site preparation and cement work for the installation of the Liberty Tree and marker.
3. The placement of the marker and tree shall be coordinated with County staff to ensure proper installation, maintenance, and public accessibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Elias Kent Kane Chapter, NSDAR, and the relevant County departments to facilitate planning and implementation of the project.

Passed by the Kane County Board on November 17, 2025.

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Clerk, County Board	Chairman, County Board
Kane County, Illinois	Kane County, Illinois

Vote:

RESOLUTION / ORDINANCE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ADDENDUM

Title

Authorizing the Placement of a Historical Marker and Liberty Tree to Honor Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in Kane County

Committee Flow:
Administration Committee, Executive Committee, County Board

Contact:
Christine Harmon, Daughters of the American Revolution 630-707-7709

Budget Information:

Was this item budgeted? No	Appropriation Amount: $0
If not budgeted, explain funding source: N/A	
Was this item passed through the appropriate committee? Yes	

Summary:

A Proposal to Honor the Revolutionary War Patriots who died in Kane County, Illinois with a Historical Marker and Liberty Tree in celebration of “America 250!”

Rooted in Liberty: A Proposal to Honor the Revolutionary War Patriots who died in Kane County, Illinois with a Historical Marker and Liberty Tree in celebration of America 250!

PRESENTED TO:

Kane County Veterans Assistance Commission and the Kane County Board

PROPOSAL BY:

Elias Kent Kane Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR)

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Daughters of the American Revolution

Elias Kent Kane Chapter

St. Charles, Illinois

OCTOBER 2025

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AMERICA 250!

Daughters of the American Revolution

Purpose

This proposal seeks approval to place a historical marker and plant a Liberty Tree in Kane County, Illinois, to honor the Revolutionary War patriots who died and are buried within our county's borders. This initiative will serve as a lasting tribute to their sacrifice and a visible reminder of the values they fought to secure—liberty, independence, and civic duty.

Background

Though Kane County was not yet established during the American Revolution, it is home to the final resting places of many patriots who later settled here as veterans of the war. These individuals carried the spirit of independence westward, helping to shape the early communities of Illinois. Their graves—often modest and tucked away in rural cemeteries—deserve broader recognition and reverence.

The Liberty Tree was a powerful symbol during the Revolutionary era—a gathering place where colonists protested British rule and rallied for freedom. Planting a Liberty Tree today, alongside a historical marker, connects our modern community to that legacy and offers a living tribute to remembrance and patriotism. The tree which we have grown from seed since the spring of 2025 is an American Elm. The American Elm is a species of elm native to eastern North America. The trees can live for several hundred years and are a very hardy species that can withstand low winter temperatures

Justification

- **Historical Significance:** The marker will educate the public about Kane County's connection to the Revolutionary War and the patriots who helped secure our nation's independence.

- **Symbolic Legacy:** The Liberty Tree will serve as a living monument, echoing the original trees that stood as beacons of resistance and unity during the Revolution.

- **Educational Value:** The site can be used for DAR programs, school field trips, and community events that promote historical awareness and civic pride.

- **Community Engagement:** This initiative aligns with the DAR's mission of historic preservation, education, and patriotism, and invites collaboration with local governments, historical societies, and veterans' organizations.

Liberty Tree

Revolutionary Patriots of Kane County

- **William Bennett (1758–1846)** – Private from Pennsylvania; came to Illinois in 1836 and is buried in God's Little Acre, Campton Hills.
- **John Finley (1760–1846)** – Private from New Hampshire; died in St. Charles (exact burial location unknown).
- **John Gowdy (1759–1854)** – Private from Connecticut; buried in East Batavia Cemetery, Batavia.
- **Abner Powers (1760–1825)** – Corporal from Massachusetts; buried in Lily Lake Cemetery, Lily Lake.
- **Frederick Vaughn (1766–1845)** – Private from Connecticut; buried in Spring Lake Cemetery, Aurora.

Proposed Location

We respectfully recommend the historic Kane County Courthouse, located at 100 S. Third Street in Geneva, as the preferred site for the placement of the commemorative marker and tree. This location offers both public visibility and historical significance, ensuring that the installation will be properly maintained and appreciated by residents and visitors alike.

Importantly, the courthouse grounds are also home to the Kane County Soldiers and Sailors Memorial, which honors county residents who served in all wars—though notably, it does not include the Revolutionary War. This distinction underscores the relevance and necessity of our proposed marker, which would specifically recognize the contributions of Revolutionary War patriots.

While our preference is to place the marker and tree together to create a unified commemorative site, we remain open to alternative arrangements should space or logistical constraints require flexibility. Our goal is to ensure the installation is both respectful and accessible, contributing meaningfully to the community's historical landscape.

Historic Kane County Courthouse

Timeline & Budget

We propose placing the marker and planting the Liberty Tree in the summer or fall of 2026 to celebrate the 250th birthday of our great nation. The Elias Kent Kane Chapter, NSDAR, will be responsible for the cost of the historical marker and tree. We respectfully ask if the county would be willing to cover the cost of cement work and site preparation for the tree planting.

Plaque Specifications

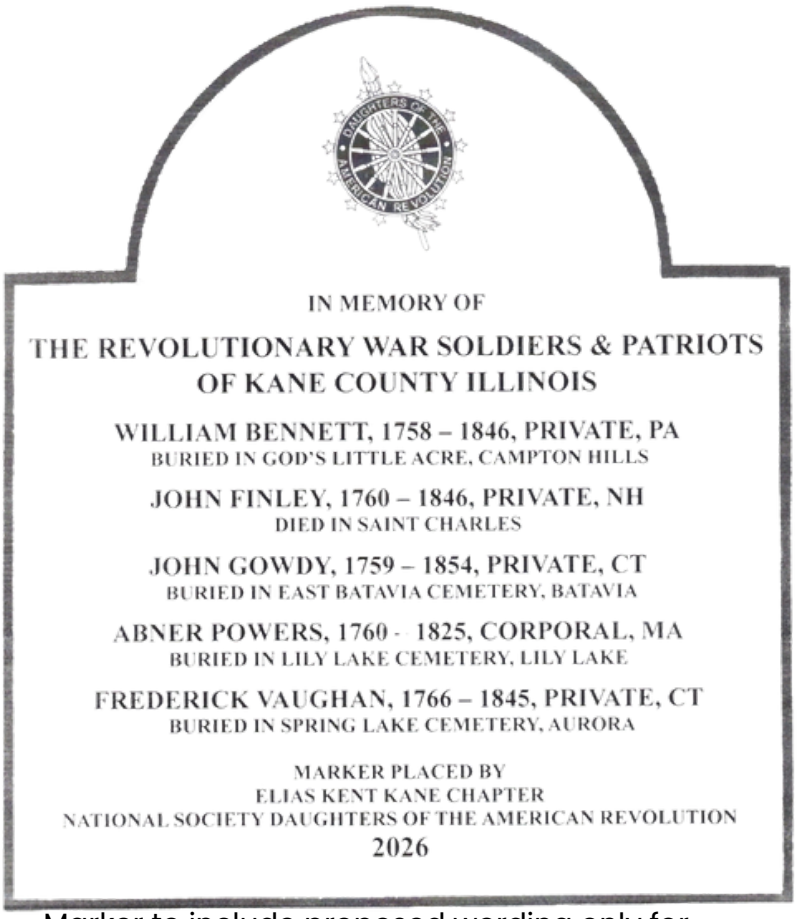
Bronze plaque post and cap format
Single line border
Times New Roman font
DAR insignia top center in arch
Plain textured background
Black or brown painted background
Gloss finish
Post and cap

Example: Bronze Plaque with Post Cap Mount

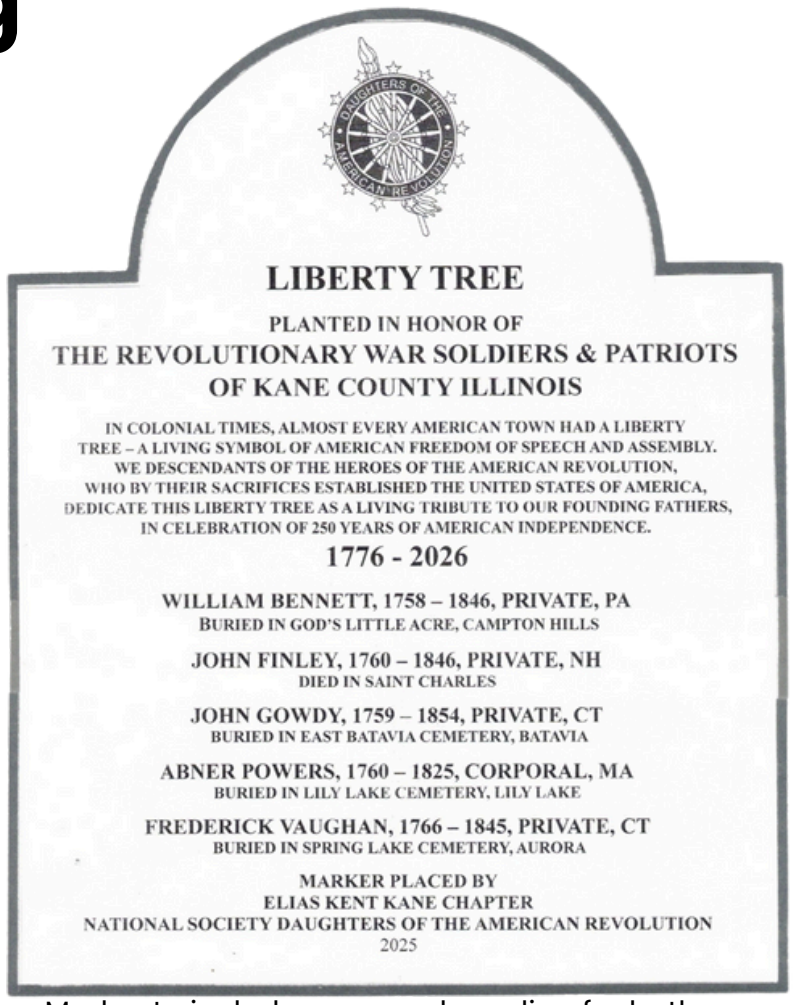
Background colors & plain textured background

Gloss Finish

Mock-Ups & Sizing



Marker to include proposed wording only for Revolutionary War Soldiers & Patriots of Kane County, Illinois
Size: 15"w x 18"h



Marker to include proposed wording for both Liberty Tree & Revolutionary War Soldiers & Patriots of Kane County, Illinois
Size: 15"w x 19"h

American Elm Tree

Current photo of our seedling

The elm tree, belonging to the botanical family Ulmaceae, is a large deciduous tree native to the Chicago area and broader regions of Illinois and North America. Known for its vase-shaped form and fast to moderate growth rate, the elm thrives in full sun with at least six hours of direct light daily. It is well-suited to Northern Illinois, including hardiness zones 3 through 9, and prefers moist, well-drained soil. Notably drought-tolerant, it also withstands alkaline and clay soils, dry sites, and road salt. While its flowers are inconspicuous and not noted for fragrance, the elm offers seasonal interest from early fall through late winter. With its impressive stature—reaching over 40 feet in height—it serves as a resilient and visually striking addition to the landscape, making it an excellent candidate for commemorative plantings such as a Liberty Tree.

Conclusion

By placing a historical marker and planting a Liberty Tree, Kane County will honor its Revolutionary War patriots with dignity and permanence. This tribute will not only preserve their memory but also inspire future generations to reflect on the enduring values of freedom and service.

We respectfully request support and approval for this initiative and welcome the opportunity to collaborate on its planning and dedication.

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Thank You!

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