



KANE COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015

County Board Room

Minutes

4:00 PM

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Lauzen called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Deborah Allan	Board Member	Late	4:12 PM
Margaret Auger	Board Member	Absent	
Theresa Barreiro	Board Member	Present	
Cristina Castro	Board Member	Absent	
Mark Davoust	Board Member	Present	
Ron Ford	Board Member	Present	
Drew Frasz	Board Member	Present	
Rebecca Gillam	Board Member	Absent	
Joseph Haimann	Board Member	Present	
John Hoscheit	Board Member	Present	
Don Ishmael	Board Member	Present	
Michael Kenyon	Board Member	Absent	
Kurt R. Kojzarek	Board Member	Absent	
Bill Lenert	Board Member	Present	
Philip Lewis	Board Member	Present	
John Martin	Board Member	Present	
Myrna Molina	Board Member	Present	
Brian Pollock	Board Member	Present	
Douglas Scheflow	Board Member	Present	
Monica Silva	Board Member	Late	4:07 PM
Thomas Smith	Board Member	Present	
Susan Starrett	Board Member	Late	4:15 PM
Maria Vazquez	Board Member	Late	4:03 PM
Barbara Wojnicki	Board Member	Present	
Christopher J Lauzen	Chairman	Present	

Also present: Chief Judge Brawka, Judge Kostleny & Judge Downs & staff Naughton, Aust, Jeffko, Thompson; Co. Bd. Attorney Kinnally; Kane County Foreclosure Mediation staff Malone & Guzman; Exec. Dir. of Human Resources McCraven; ITD Exec. Fahnestock & staff Peters, Tedder; Co. Bd. staff Nagel; and members of the press and public.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Judge Brawka. A moment of silence was observed for the passing of former county board member Lee Barrett.

4. Approval of Minutes: March 24, 2015

RESULT:	APPROVED WITH VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ron Ford, Board Member
SECONDER:	Joseph Haimann, Board Member
AYES:	Theresa Barreiro, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Joseph Haimann, John Hoscheit, Don Ishmael, Bill Lenert, Philip Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Brian Pollock, Douglas Scheflow, Thomas Smith, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Deborah Allan, Margaret Auger, Cristina Castro, Rebecca Gillam, Michael Kenyon, Kurt R. Kojzarek, Monica Silva, Susan Starrett, Maria Vazquez

----- CONSENT AGENDA -----

5. Presentations/Discussion**A. Drug Court Rehabilitation Update (Judge Marmarie Kostelny & Staff)**

Referencing a PowerPoint presentation Judge Kostelny provided an update on the current Kane County Drug Rehabilitation Court program highlighting its effectiveness, progress and successes. The reduction of recidivism is paramount. Of those who entered the Kane County Drug Court program as of April 13, 2015, 48% were heroin addicts and 19% were cocaine addicts. In 2014, the program was awarded a grant of \$1.2 million for a 3-year period. All board members were invited to attend drug court graduation May 6, 2015, at Geneva High School.

B. Foreclosure Mediation Update (Chief Judge Brawka & Staff)

Referencing a PowerPoint presentation Kane County Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program Coordinator Kevin Malone and Paralegal Faviola Guzman provided highlights of the first year program results in direct response to the foreclosure crisis in Kane County. The program was launched through a grant from the Attorney General's Office. The goals are judicial efficiency, increased access to justice and provide homeowners and lenders an opportunity to work out the foreclosure to benefit homeowners, lenders and taxpayers of Kane County. The program helps by providing space where the lender and borrower can meet, by providing resources for borrowers to work with lenders (HUD), and by arranging the mediation session. Generally, the majority of foreclosures are occurring in the more western parts of the county. Data is constantly monitored and evaluated. Target populations are being served and bilingual documents are available in both English and Spanish. Translation services are also available to include; Polish, Laotian, sign language and others. Income rates being served include the \$20,000 - \$74,000 salary range, primarily the middle class. Low income populations are also being served. The overall satisfaction with the outcome of the program is 70%.

C. Composition of Kane County Resolution to Support Reform in Springfield

Chairman Lauzen explained this is considered to be a workshop to put together agreed upon items that will be presented to Springfield in a positive manner and this is the hallmark of the legislative committee to arrive at a solution that is not divisive. Chairman Lauzen showed a series of slides and initial discussion by committee was held on each.

6. Public Comment

The following members of the public provided suggestions for the Kane County Resolution:

1. Scott Roscoe - Aurora
2. Rick DeLamp - Countryside
3. Dirk Enger - Winfield
4. Mary Shesgreen - Elgin
5. Benito Rivera - Aurora
6. Pam Turriff - St. Charles
7. Jolene Lindgren - Elgin
8. Diane Chapman - Geneva

The following members of the public spoke in opposition of the Kane County Resolution:

1. Jan Bradley - Batavia
2. Marcia Little - Elburn
3. Ed Hansen - Elgin
4. Julie Strasser - Batavia
5. Michael Williams - Aurora

7. Adjournment

RESULT:	ADJOURNED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Joseph Haimann, Board Member
SECONDER:	Deborah Allan, Board Member
AYES:	Deborah Allan, Theresa Barreiro, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Joseph Haimann, John Hoscheit, Don Ishmael, Bill Lenert, Philip Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Brian Pollock, Douglas Scheflow, Monica Silva, Thomas Smith, Susan Starrett, Maria Vazquez, Barbara Wojnicki
ABSENT:	Margaret Auger, Cristina Castro, Rebecca Gillam, Michael Kenyon, Kurt R. Kojzarek

This meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Mary Bredlau
Recording Secretary