

# **Lake County Illinois**

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex  
18 N. County Street  
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



## **Minutes Report**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2009**

**8:30 AM**

**Conference Room C**

**Revenue, Records and Legislation Committee**

1. **Call to Order**

*Chair Bassi called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Member Taylor arrived at 8:45 a.m. and Member Paxton arrived at 8:48 a.m.*

*Also present:*

*Amy McEwan, Sr. Assistant County Administrator*

*Barry Burton, County Administrator*

*Gary Gordon, Finance & Administrative Services*

*Suzi Schmidt, County Board Chairman*

*Marty Paulson, Chief County Assessment Officer*

*Robert Skidmore, Treasurer*

*Keith DeVoer, County Administrator's Office*

*Jim Newton, News Sun*

*Barbara Allen, County Board Office*

**Present** 5 - Chair Bassi, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Vice Chair Pedersen

**Absent** 2 - Member Paxton and Member Taylor

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chair Bassi led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

3. **Approval of Minutes**

4. **Public Comment**

5. **Added to Agenda**

6. **Old Business**

**09-1822**

Minutes from July 8, 2009

**Attachments:** [RRL 07.08.09](#)

**The minutes from July 8, 2009 were approved.**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

7. **New Business**

7.1 **09-1829**

Report of Robert Skidmore, Treasurer, for the month of June, 2009, as attached, and asks that it be accepted and placed on file.

**Attachments:** [TreasCashInvestment June09.XLS](#)

*Robert Skidmore, Lake County Treasurer, presented a report for June, 2009.*

*Mr. Skidmore has been receiving a large number of phone calls regarding residents inability to pay the second installment tax which is due September 3, 2009.*

*Residents are requesting help to set up payment plans. Mr. Skidmore is trying to work with them by allowing payments to be made, some as frequent as weekly thus*

*paying as much as possible before the tax sale in December.*

*Mr. Skidmore informed the committee that the Senior Defferral Program has 341 participants this year. The problem is this State funded program is not paying. The State paid all counties except Lake and Dupage. The statue does not give a solution if these are not paid. Mr. Skidmore is working closely with the State on this issue and some funds are coming in a small amount at a time. This was set up as a self-funding program and the State is behind by \$1.2M.*

**This report was received and placed on the consent agenda**

**Present** 7 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

**7.2 09-1855**

Resolution declaring that the number of appeals annually filed with the Board of Review creates an emergency situation causing the need for an expanded Board of Review; and authorizing the Chairman of the Board to appoint additional qualified members to the Board of Review.

- **This is an annual practice.**
- The resolution recognizes that the three members of the Board of Review need additional assistance to complete the 2009 tax year hearings.
- There are eighteen eligible individuals who have passed the Board of Review qualifying exam or have served regularly as alternate members.
- The Chairman is authorized to appoint alternate members.

*Marty Paulson, Chief County Assessment Officer, presented this resolution stating that less than 50% of those who take the Board of Review exam pass it.*

**A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Pedersen, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

**7.3 09-1857**

State Legislative Agenda Strategy for 2010. (Discussion only)

*The committee discussed a plan to approach 2010 Legislative Agenda Strategy.*

*Kip Kolkmeier recommended using a 3- tiered system.*

*The top tier would have the three most significant issues to Lake County and those issues will be attacked with full force and determination, cover all necessary tasks and take the lead. The second tier would have a few more issues that are also significant issues and we will assist and support those issues, work with coalitions, but not cover every single task and not take the lead. The third tier would cover important issues that we want it known that we support the issue but not expend a lot of energies on it. The tiers are fluid and issues can move along the tiers as sponsors step up and support becomes apparent.*

**Present** 7 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

**8. Executive Session**

9. **County Administrator's Report**

*Member Carey gave the committee an update on the activities of the ad-hoc Board of Review Committee.*

10. **Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Member Paxton, seconded by Member Carey, to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. The motion passed.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Carey, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

*Minutes prepared by Barbara Allen.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Chairman*

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*Vice-Chairman*

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*Revenue, Records and Legislation Committee*