

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Thursday, October 31, 2024**

**1:00 PM**

**Special Meeting**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:**

**<https://bit.ly/4fafHP4>**

**Legislative Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Wasik called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Hunter led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik,  
Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

*\*Electronic Attendance: Member Knizhnik*

**Other Attendees*****In Person:***

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Kevin Quinn, Communications*

*Abby Krakow, Communications*

*Tammy Chatman, Communications*

*RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office*

*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

***Electronically:***

*Paul Frank, Board Member*

*Linda Pedersen, Board Member*

*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

*Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC*

*Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office*

*Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office*

*Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group*

*Michele Slav, Planning, Building, and Development*

*Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office*

*Ed Gallagher, PACE*

**4. Addenda to the Agenda**

*There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.*

**5. Public Comment**

*There were no comments from the public.*

**6. Chair's Remarks**

*Chair Wasik congratulated Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, on his recent promotion.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

## 8. New Business

### **CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)**

#### **\*MINUTES\***

#### 8.1 [24-1473](#)

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from October 1, 2024.

**Attachments:** [LEG 10.1.24 Final Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Campos, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### 8.2 [24-1505](#)

Update and discussion regarding the State of Illinois 2024 Legislative Sessions.

*Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided a summary of the State of Illinois 2024 legislative session. Mr. Grady also noted that he spoke to a representative at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) regarding the status of the Route 53 Greenway Study. Discussion ensued.*

#### 8.3 [24-1506](#)

Update and discussion regarding Federal Legislative items.

*Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC, provided an update regarding federal legislative items. Discussion ensued.*

#### 8.4 [24-1507](#)

Resolution approving the Lake County Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative Agenda.

**Attachments:** [2025 Legislative Program V12](#)

*Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, gave an overview of each initiative listed in the proposed Lake County Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative Agenda. Discussion ensued.*

*A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Altenberg, to amend numbers 2, 3, and 5 listed under the Firearm Regulation Initiative to Support, within the proposed Lake County Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative Agenda to read as follows: "2) Mandates firearm safe storage, including that firearms be stored safely in vehicles; 3) Reforms the FOID Card process and requires submission of fingerprints for a FOID Card; and 5) Provides funding for gun violence prevention initiatives, including, but not limited to, community violence intervention programs."*

*Discussion ensued regarding the motion to amend.*

*Member Knizhnik withdrew her motion to amend.*

*Discussion ensued regarding the motion to approve the proposed Lake County Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative Agenda.*

**A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Hunter, that this resolution be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, thanked Mike Grady and Derek Blaida (Strategic Advocacy Group), and Greg Bales (McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC), for their support and hard work in developing the 2025 Legislative Agenda.*

**10. Executive Session**

*The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

**11. Member Remarks and Requests**

*Vice Chair Roberts noted that this is the last meeting of the Legislative Committee until 2025 and thanked the Committee for their hard work.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.*

**Next Meeting: TBD**

*Minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.*

*Minutes were approved on February 4, 2025, by the Legislative Committee.*