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DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR MEETINGS OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD & COMMITTEES TO BE HELD BY
AUDIO OR VIDEO CONFERENCE

To: Lake County Board Members
Board Secretary
County Administrator

1. The Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns because of a disaster as defined in Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and all of Lake County is covered by the disaster area. In light of such disaster declaration, and in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2), I hereby determine that:

(a) In-person meetings of the Lake County Board (the “Board”) and all of the Board’s committees, including special committees, ad hoc committees and subcommittees (the “Committees”), or meetings of the Board and its Committees conducted under the otherwise applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Act, may occur, however remote attendance is permissible as provided in the Governor’s Declaration, and

(b) The current disaster declaration issued by the Governor, provides that for purposes of section 120/7(e)(4), in-person attendance by members of the public is permissible. Attendance is limited to the number of persons that are practicable in keeping with social distancing requirements of the meeting location.

2. Therefore, in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2) during the pendency of the Governor’s current declaration of disaster:

(a) Meetings of the Board and all of its Committees will be conducted by audio or video conference.

(b) Any Board Members or members of the public may be present at the physical meeting location and will be able to participate in public comment and hear all discussion, testimony, and votes of the members of the public body. Individuals who are fully vaccinated may attend without wearing a face covering. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated are recommended/encouraged to wear a face covering and practice social distancing.

(c) In accordance with Section VI.E.1 of the County Board Rules of Order and Operational Procedures, the County Board Chair will allow executive session participation by video means.

(d) A physical quorum of the members of the Board and all of its Committees is not required at the physical meeting location except for purposes as described in 2(c); however, when a physical quorum is not required, at least one member of the Board or its Committees, the Board’s legal counsel, or the County Administrator or a designee, shall be present at the physical meeting location.

Dated as of the 2nd of July 2021.

Sandra Hart, Chair
Lake County Board