

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

1:00 PM

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

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options):

- (1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower (9th Floor, if necessary), 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.
- (2) Remote attendance through an electronic conferencing application (register via the link on the front page of the agenda).

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Time is reserved near the beginning of the meeting for all Public Comment. At the Chair's discretion, Public Comment for an item(s) on the agenda may be presented during consideration of that specific item. Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance and then (2) Public Comment by individuals attending remotely through an electronic conferencing application. Individuals may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov or delivered to the County Board Office 18. N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois, (10th floor)). Written comments will be circulated to the Members, but not read aloud.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- Meeting: Legislative Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)
- Topic or Agenda Item #: (REQUIRED)
- Name: (REQUIRED)
- Organization/Entity Represented: (REQUIRED) ("Self" if representing self)
- Street Address, City, State: (Optional)
- Phone Number: (Optional)
- Email: May be REQUIRED for remote attendance

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Schlick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent 1 - Member Campos

Members Campos was unable to attend the Committee meeting in person and did not meet the criteria for electronic attendance. Even though he was able to attend via electronic means and participated in Committee discussions, he must be marked as absent.

Other Attendees:

In Person:

Carissa Casbon, Board Member

Eric Rinehart, Lake County State's Attorney

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Justine Gilbert, Communications

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Paul Frank, Board Member

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Electronically:

Chloe Hilles, Chicago Tribune

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group

Esiah Campos, Board Member

Gregory Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Kurt Woolford, Stormwater Management

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group

Patrice Sutton, Finance

ShaTin Gibbs, Finance

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 noted that the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) has postponed voting on their 2024 Legislative Agenda as a courtesy to Lake County, as Chair Wasik wanted to give the Lake County Legislative Committee an opportunity to review the agenda first. Review and discussion regarding the ISACo 2024 Legislative Agenda will take place at the next Legislative Committee meeting.

Chair Wasik remarked that there is consensus among the Lake County delegation regarding the Illinois Route 53 Greenway, however, that item is not likely to come up during the fall veto session.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

MINUTES

8.1 [23-1656](#)

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from October 3, 2023.

Attachments: [LEG 10.3.23 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Campos

REGULAR AGENDA

8.4 [23-1659](#)

Resolution approving the Lake County Fiscal Year 2024 Legislative Agenda.

Attachments: [2024 Legislative Program Draft V9](#)

Chair Wasik moved item number 8.4 before item number 8.2.

Eric Rinehart, States Attorney, gave a brief overview of the issue of potentially increasing penalties for attacks on delivery drivers.

Discussion ensued.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, clarified that the item pertaining to potentially increasing penalties for attacks on delivery drivers is not currently included on the County's draft Fiscal Year 2024 Legislative Agenda so, procedurally, the Committee

would need to amend the Agenda to include it as a sponsorship item.

Discussion continued.

The consensus of the Committee was to table the item pertaining to potentially increasing penalties for attacks on delivery drivers.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, gave a brief overview of the County's draft Fiscal Year 2024 Legislative Agenda.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Campos

8.2 [23-1657](#)

Update and discussion regarding the State of Illinois 2023 Legislative Sessions.

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided a recap of the State of Illinois 2023 legislative sessions and fall veto session.

Discussion ensued.

8.3 [23-1658](#)

Update and discussion regarding Federal Legislative items.

Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC, provided an update regarding federal legislative items, including the budget.

Item 8.4 was moved and placed before item 8.2 on the Regular Agenda.

8.5 [23-1653](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Strategic Advocacy Group LLC, Springfield, Illinois for state level advocacy and legislative consulting services in the annual amount of \$75,000.

Attachments: [Summary Score Matrix-](#)
[Draft - Strategic Advocacy Group State Lobbyist Agreement](#)
[Strategic Vendor Disclosure](#)

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, provided a brief overview regarding the process for acquiring and selecting proposals for state advocacy and legislative consulting services.

A motion was made by Chair Wasik, seconded by Member Knizhnik, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Campos

8.6 [23-1652](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with McGuireWoods Consulting, Richmond, Virginia for federal level advocacy and legislative consulting services in the annual amount of \$96,000.

Attachments: [Summary Score Matrix-Federal](#)
[MWC GB Vendor Disclosure](#)
[Draft Agreement-23124 Federal Lobbyist](#)

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, provided a brief overview regarding the process for acquiring and selecting proposals for federal advocacy and legislative consulting services.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Chair Wasik, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Campos

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's Report.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

10.1 [23-1603](#)

Executive Session to review closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21).

10.1 [23-1604](#)

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Committee action regarding periodic review of closed session minutes.

A motion was made by Member Hunter, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, to accept and follow the State's Attorney's recommended guidelines. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Campos

11. Member Remarks and Requests

Chair Wasik thanked County Administration staff for reviewing the advocacy contracts for

next year.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 5, 2023

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Minutes were approved on December 5, 2023, by the Legislative Committee.