

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, September 3, 2024**

**1:00 PM**

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

**<https://bit.ly/3AFHJml>**

**Legislative Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Knizhnik led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 4 - Member Altenberg, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts and Chair Wasik

**Absent** 3 - Member Campos, Member Hunter and Member Schlick

*\*Electronic Attendance: Member Hunter*

*\*Member Hunter 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:*

*Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board Vice Chair*

*Paul Frank, Board Member*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office*

*Bob Glueckert, Chief County Assessment Officer*

*Justine Gilbert, Communications*

*Kevin Quinn, Communications*

*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

*Electronically:*

*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

*Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office*

*Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office*

*Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office*

*Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office*

*Melissa Gallagher, Finance*

*Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group*

*Tammy Chatman, Communications*

*Gregory Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC*

*Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group*

*Elizabeth Holt, Public*

*Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office*

*Michael Wheeler, Finance*

*ShaTin Gibbs, Finance*

*Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office*

*Demar Harris, Workforce Development  
Abby Krakow, Communications  
Christine Sher, Finance  
Brea Barnes, 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 Committee will review submissions for Lake County's Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative Agenda at today's meeting.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)**

**\*MINUTES\***

**8.1 [24-0974](#)**

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from June 4, 2024.

**Attachments:** [LEG 6.4.24 Final Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Knizhnik, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Member Altenberg, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts and Chair Wasik

**Absent:** 3 - Member Campos, Member Hunter and Member Schlick

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**8.2 [24-1168](#)**

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 thus far, including an update regarding the Mass Transit Bill (HB 1342). Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided additional details regarding the Mass Transit Bill. Discussion ensued.*

**8.3 [24-1169](#)**

Update and discussion regarding Federal Legislative items.

*Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC, provided an update regarding federal legislative items, including Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant funding for the Cedar Lake Road Realignment Project, and the 3.2 million dollars in potential funding for Lake County projects, pending Congressional*

*appropriation bills. Discussion ensued.*

**8.4 [24-1170](#)**

Discussion regarding submissions for the Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative Agenda.

*Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, outlined the process for adding items to the draft Lake County Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative Agenda ("draft Legislative Agenda"). Assistant County Administrator Meyers then introduced Bob Glueckert, Chief County Assessment Officer (CCAO), who explained his proposed submissions for the draft Legislative Agenda, beginning with the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) hearing location. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.*

*CCAO Bob Glueckert then explained another proposed submission regarding the Board of Review alternate candidate limitation change. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.*

*Lastly, CCAO Bob Glueckert explained an additional proposed submission, pertaining to property records requests. Discussion ensued. Member Knizhnik requested that this proposed submission be postponed until the next Legislative Committee meeting. Additional discussion ensued. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that he will add this item to the draft Legislative Agenda for further discussion at next month's Legislative Committee meeting.*

*Assistant County Administrator Meyers introduced Mary Ross Cunningham, Lake County Board Vice Chair, who provided a summary regarding a proposed submission for the draft Legislative Agenda pertaining to permissive authority for county boards throughout the state of Illinois to consider a stipend or salary difference for the Vice-Chair of the Board and the Chairs of the Committees. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to direct staff to conduct additional research.*

*Assistant County Administrator Meyers provided a summary regarding a proposed submission for the draft Legislative Agenda pertaining to permissive authority for counties to purchase green fleet vehicles directly from car dealers in instances of lack of inventory through other purchasing options. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.*

*Assistant County Administrator Meyers provided a summary regarding an additional proposed submission pertaining to Waukegan coal ash pond removal support. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.*

*Assistant County Administrator Meyers provided a summary regarding another proposed submission pertaining to support/sponsorship of Ethan's Law adoption. Discussion ensued. Further discussion ensued with Mike Grady and Derek Blaida, Strategic*

*Advocacy Group, regarding other Lake County legislative priorities. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding the support/sponsorship of Ethan's Law adoption to the draft Legislative Agenda for further discussion at next month's Legislative Committee meeting.*

*Member Knizhnik left the meeting at 2:39 p.m.*

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

**10. Executive Session**

*The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

**11. Member Remarks and Requests**

*Member Altenberg asked Mike Grady and Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, for an update regarding funding for the Route 53 Greenway. Discussion ensued.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.*

**Next Meeting: October 1, 2024**

*Minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.*

*Minutes were approved on October 1, 2024, by the Legislative Committee.*