

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, July 25, 2023**

**8:30 AM**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at  
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**Health and Community Services 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.
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**RECORDING:** Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Live public comment will be available for those attending in-person and through an electronic conferencing application (register via the link on the front page of the agenda). In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. Public Comment may 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](mailto: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: Health and Community Service 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 Parekh called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chair Parekh led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth,  
Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

*\* Electronic Attendance: Vice Chair Altenberg*

*Member Knizhnik joined the meeting at 8:36 a.m.*

*Other Attendees:*

*In-Person:*

*Abby Krakow, Communications*

*Andrea Moore, Public*

*Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office*

*Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications*

*Donna Jo Maki, Sheriff's Office*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office*

*Jennifer Banek, Coroner's Office*

*Joy Gossman, Public Defender's Office*

*Kevin Quinn, Communications*

*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

*Mark Pfister, Health Department*

*Patrice Sutton, Finance*

*Renetrice Pierre, Public*

*Steve Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office*

*Tierra Lemon, State's Attorney's Office*

*Electronic Attendance:*

*Brenda O'Connell, Planning, Building, and Development*

*Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building, and Development*

*Jessica Vealitzek, Board Member*

*Justine Gilbert, Communications*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Michael Wheeler, Finance*

*Paul Frank, Board Member*

*Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office*

*Sam Johnson, Health Department*

*Steven Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office*

*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

*Todd Schroeder, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

**4. Addenda to the Agenda**

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

**5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)**

*There were no comments from the public.*

**6. Chair's Remarks**

*There were no remarks from the Chair.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1)**

**\*HEALTH DEPARTMENT\***

**8.1 23-1020**

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Public Health grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant.

**Attachments:** [Emergency Appropriation - PHEP](#)

**A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.**

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Knizhnik

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**\*HEALTH DEPARTMENT\***

**8.2 23-1019**

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Natural Resources grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$42,387 for the Fish and Wildlife grant.

**Attachments:** [Emergency Appropriation - Fish and Wildlife](#)

*Mark Pfister, Executive Director, Health Department, provided an overview of the Illinois Department of Public Health grant.*

**A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.**

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Knizhnik

**8.3 [23-1061](#)**

Presentation and discussion on use of opioid settlement funds.

**Attachments:**    [Opioid Project Plan Draft](#)  
                              [Opioid Presentation](#)

*Member Knizhnik joined the meeting at 8:36 a.m.*

*Cassandra Hiller, Assistant County Administrator, Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, and Jennifer Banek, Coroner, provided an overview presentation regarding potential uses of the Opioid Settlement Funds. Mark Pfister, Executive Director, Health Department and Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, provided an overview of an Opioid Program Coordinator position. Discussion ensued. The Committee requested additional information and postponed having a resolution of creating a position for the coordinator to September.*

*Public comment was made by:*  
*Andrea Moore*  
*Reitric Pierre*  
*Tierra Lemon*

**9. County Administrator's Report**

**9.1 [23-1060](#)**

Update on the Safe Gun Storage New Program Request submitted on behalf of HCS Committee.

*Cassandra Hiller, Assistant County Administrator, Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, and Mark Pfister, Executive Director, Health Department, provided an update on the Safe Gun Storage new program request. Discussion ensued.*

*Public Comment was made by:*  
*Andrea Moore*

**10. Executive Session**

*The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

**11. Members' Remarks**

*Member Cunningham stated at the NACo conference in Austin, she went on a tour and saw many homeless people and stated Lake County was lucky to have a great homeless program.*

*Vice Chair Altenberg stated she is grateful that the safe storage program is moving forward.*

*Chair Parekh stated he went to a couple of sessions on affordable housing at the NACo conference and would like to share the information with Community Development.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Parekh adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: August 1, 2023**

*Minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.*

*Minutes were approved on August 29, 2023 by the Health and Community Services Committee.*