

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

8:30 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:
<https://bit.ly/3Lynq0o>

Health and Community Services Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Parekh called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Danforth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik,
Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent 1 - Member Ross Cunningham

Other Attendees

In Person:

Paul Frank, Board Member

Michele Esser, Health Department

Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development

Melanie Comer, Planning, Building and Development

Gordon Kiesgen, Public

Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building and Development

Chris Hoff, Health Department

Lisa Kritz, Health Department

Lacey Simpson, County Administrator's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Electronically:

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office

Abby Krakow, Communications

Christine Sher, Stormwater Management

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

Jennifer Brennan, Communications

Brea Barnes, Finance

Angela Cooper, Health Department

Michael Wheeler, Finance

Ashley Watson, County Administrator's Office

Malin Gembra, Planning, Building and Development

Adam Krueger, Finance

Regina Tuczak, 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 Parekh welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his excitement for the agenda.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

8.1 [26-0016](#)

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee minutes from December 2, 2025.

Attachments: [HCS 12.2.25 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Ross Cunningham

Not Present: 1 - Member Knizhnik

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8.2 [25-1601](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$10,768.14 for the completion of Environmental Review Records (ERRs).

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation 2026-01 ERRs 25-1601.pdf](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, explained that this item is to approve an emergency appropriation for the completion of Environmental Review Records (ERRs).

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

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Ross Cunningham

Not Present: 1 - Member Knizhnik

8.3 [25-1599](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from Illinois Department of Human Services and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$4,069 for grant administration and management of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation 2025-12 IL ESG 25-1599.pdf](#)

Member Knizhnik entered the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, explained that this item is to accept the Emergency Solutions Grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services and to approve an emergency appropriation for grant administration and management of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Altenberg, seconded by Member Casbon, 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 Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Ross Cunningham

8.4 [25-1602](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$2,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2026 and accepting funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Healthy Houses Program.

Attachments: [20-303003 GA - Fully Executed HCS Agenda.v2 \(002\).pdf](#)

[Emergency Appropriation 2026-01 DCEO Healthy Houses 25-1602.pdf](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, explained that this item is to approve an emergency appropriation and to accept funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Healthy Houses Program. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Casbon, 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 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Ross Cunningham

8.5 [26-0089](#)

Joint resolution approving the second amendment to the HOME American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan.

Attachments: [HOME-ARP-Allocation-Plan-Amendment-2](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, explained that this item is to approve the second amendment to the HOME American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Ross Cunningham

Recuse: 1 - Member Casbon

8.6 [26-0088](#)

Joint resolution approving the third amendment to the Program Year 2025 (PY25) United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan (AAP).

Attachments: [PY25 AAP_3rd AMENDMENT](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, explained that this item is to approve the third amendment to the Program Year 2025 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan.

Administrator Strezo answered a question from Vice Chair Altenberg regarding the Point-in-Time Count being cancelled this year. Discussion ensued.

Member Danforth raised a Point of Order regarding the timing of the Point-in-Time Count discussion. The consensus of the Committee was to continue this conversation during the Member Remarks and Requests portion of the agenda.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Altenberg, 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 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Ross Cunningham

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

8.7 [26-0112](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Career Planner Training Academy Grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$119,123.05 for the Lake County Workforce Development Department.

Attachments: [Career Planner Training Academy Support Grant](#)

Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development Director, explained that this item is to accept the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Career Planner Training Academy Grant and to authorize an emergency appropriation.

A motion was made by Member Casbon, 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 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Ross Cunningham

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

8.8 [26-0189](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$12,550 for grant fiscal year 2026 accepting additional funding from the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago Pop Affirming Care and Routine HIV Screening Development Grant.

Attachments: [Nov-25 Emergency Appropriation](#)
[Feb-26 Emergency Appropriation](#)

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, Health Department, and Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, explained that this item is to approve an emergency appropriation and accept additional funding from the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago Pop Affirming Care and Routine HIV Screening Development Grant. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Maine, 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 Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Ross Cunningham

8.9 [26-0190](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$40,266 for grant fiscal year 2026 accepting additional funding from the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center Victims of Crime Act grant.

Attachments: [Nov-25 Emergency Appropriation](#)
[Feb-26 Emergency Appropriation](#)

Michele Esser, Director of Behavioral Health, Health Department, and Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, explained that this item is to approve an emergency appropriation and to accept additional finding from the Lake County Children's

Advocacy Center Victims of Crime Act grant. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Casbon, 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 Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Ross Cunningham

8.10 [26-0154](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$75,988 for Fiscal Year 2026 accepting additional funding from the Chicago Department of Public Health Ryan White Part A Grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation Template for FY26 January 2026 CDPH RW A](#)

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, Health Department, and Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, explained that this item is to approve an emergency appropriation and to accept additional funding from the Chicago Department of Public Health Ryan White Part A Grant. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Altenberg, seconded by Member Casbon, 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 Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Ross Cunningham

8.11 [26-0159](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$147,152 for Fiscal Year 2025 accepting additional funding from the AIDS Foundation of Chicago Ryan White Part A Grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation Template for FY25 January 2026 AFC RW A](#)

Lisa Kritz, Director of Prevention, Health Department, and Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, explained that this item is to approve an emergency appropriation and to accept additional funding from the AIDS Foundation of Chicago Ryan White Part A Grant. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Casbon, 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 Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 1 - Member Ross Cunningham

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

8.12 [26-0173](#)

Update regarding status of federal funding in County departments.

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator, provided updates regarding the status of federal funding for various departments and requested direction from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department; Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator; and Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development Director, provided additional updates regarding the status of their federally funded programs. Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was for staff to continue to work on a procedure to help fund projects for departments whose federal funding is uncertain.

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

There were no Member remarks or requests.

12. Adjournment

Chair Parekh declared the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Next Meeting: February 24, 2026

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.