

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, September 18, 2020

8:30 AM

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F&A Special Committee on COVID-19 Recovery

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the August 21, 2020, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the attached Written Determination of the Lake County Board Chair, this meeting will be held via audio and video conference.

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- * Subject Title: F&A Special Committee on COVID-19 Recovery
- * Name
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- * Organization/agency/etc. represented. (If representing yourself, put "Self")
- * Topic or Agenda Item Number followed by Public Comment.

Public in attendance on the 10th Floor of the Administrative Tower at 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois may provide Public Comment. Public may also leave a message with the County Board Office at 847-377-2300.

0 [20-0824](#)

Determination of need for meetings of the Lake County Board and Committees to be

held by audio or video conference.

Attachments: [Determination - Chair Hart - Rev 081320.pdf](#)

1. Call to Order

Chair Frank called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present 5 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Clark and Member Pedersen

Others present:

Marah Altenberg, County Board

Dick Barr, County Board

Lynn Buccieri, County Board Office

Melissa Carnes, Health Department

Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board

Michael Danforth, County Board

Dan Eder, Emergency Management Agency

Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office

Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Bob Glueckert, County Assessor's Office

Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction Services

John Light, Human Resources

Donna Jo Maki, County Administrator's Office

Judy Martini, County Board

Jefferson McMillan-Wilhoit, Health Department

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Brenda O'Connell, Community Development

Mike Rummel, County Board

Abby Scalf, County Board Office

Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development

Julie Simpson, County Board

Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administrative Services

Arin Thrower, Communications

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

John Wasik, County Board

Terry Wilke, County Board

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Frank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Addenda to the Agenda

Jim Hawkins, Deputy County Administrator, noted the amended agenda that was sent a couple of days ago.

4. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

5. Chair's Remarks

Chair Frank extended his sympathies to the residents of California who are struggling with wildfires throughout the state.

Chair Frank reported on conversations he has had with several board members regarding changes in the CARES Act spending program. Since the end of May, the Treasury Department has modified its guidelines on the use of federal funding multiple times. Lake County's decision to create a program that supports small businesses in Lake County has been very successful.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

7. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 7.1)

Approval of Minutes

7.1 [20-1244](#)

Minutes from July 10, 2020.

Attachments: [F&A COVID 19 7.10.20 Minutes - Final.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Clark, that Consent Agenda item 7.1 be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Clark and Member Pedersen

REGULAR AGENDA

7.2 [20-1241](#)

Presentation: Update on Execution of CARES Act Funding Plan.

Jim Hawkins, Deputy County Administrator, provided an update the on the execution of CARES Act Funding Plan. He reviewed the County's authorized spending categories and funding allocations. He provided a summary of funding that has been disbursed for the Small Business Grant Program, Municipal and Taxing Body reimbursements, and rental and utility assistance. He discussed for the County to exercise due diligence in ensuring that each application for funding meets federal guidelines.

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development, reviewed the status of the Rental and Utility Assistance, noting that the County hasn't seen a great need for rental assistance as there are other programs offering rental assistance services. Discussion ensued regarding the number of rental assistance programs available, the County and its partners' outreach efforts, whether the rental and utility assistance funding could be used to

house the homeless population and/or whether landlords could apply for direct rental payment. Member Barr requested that a portion of the funding be earmarked to help the Asociacion Comunitaria Latina (ACL) of Lake County train and educate people in retail, industrial, and restaurants on the virus. Jefferson McMillan-Wilhoit, Health Department, identified challenges that the organization would have in spending all of its funds within the given timeframe.

Deputy County Administrator Hawkins discussed food assistance and the County's Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) stockpile. Discussion continued.

An update on the Execution of CARES Act Funding Plan was presented.

7.3 [20-1242](#)

Discussion and Direction on Reallocation of CARES Act funds.

Attachments: [Proposed CARES Act Allocation\(09-15-20\).pdf](#)
[Proposed Taxing Body Allocation\(09-15-20\)V2.pdf](#)

Abby Scalf, County Board Office, provided two written public comments from Elizabeth Holleb, representing the City of Lake Forest, and Ghida Neukrich, representing the City of Highland Park, seeking additional information regarding the reimbursement allocations of various taxing bodies and requesting that allocations be fairly distributed.

Jim Hawkins, Deputy County Administrator, discussed the direction on reallocation of CARES Act funds. He requested guidance on the reallocation of CARES Act funds within the previously approved categories and direction regarding the end of year plan to consolidate and expend funds. A portion of funding for resident support and assistance, business and economic assistance, PPE Stockpile and distribution, and the contingency/reserve categories will be reallocated to the municipal and local essential services, public health support and assistance, and county-wide essential services categories. Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the committee was to update the information based on today's discussion for consideration by the Financial and Administrative Committee.

7.4 [20-1243](#)

Guidance and Direction to Staff.

Jim Hawkins, Deputy County Administrator, provided the current guidance and direction to staff.

Staff was given guidance and direction related to CARES Act funds.

8. **Executive Session**

The committee did not enter into Executive Session.

9. Public Comment

There were no additional public comments.

10. County Administrator's Report

Gary Gibson, County Administrator, thanked the team for their efforts and the work they have done.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no remarks from members.

12. Adjournment

Chair Frank declared the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Next Meeting: To Be Determined

Minutes prepared by Lynn Buccieri and Blanca Vela-Schneider.

Respectfully submitted,

F&A Special Committee on COVID-19 Recovery, Chair