

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

1:00 PM

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register to virtually attend at
<https://bit.ly/3xW3tqi>**

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 / virtual attendance through registration at the link on the front page of this agenda.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per comment. 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. Individuals attending in-person or remotely may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance 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)).

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- * Meeting: Legislative Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)
- * Name (REQUIRED)
- * Topic or Agenda Item # (REQUIRED)
- * Street Address, City, State (Optional)
- * Phone Number (Optional)
- * Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self")

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Snarski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, Member Hunter, Member Kyle, Member Snarski and Chair Wasik

Absent 1 - Member Sbarra

Others Present:

Andrew Tangen, Veterans Assistance Commission

Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office

Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

Frank D'Andrea, Finance

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Gavin Good, Chicago Tribune

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office

Julie Simpson, Board Member

Justine Gilbert, Communications

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Linda Pedersen, Board Member

Mary Ross Cunningham, Board Vice Chair

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group

Patrice Sutton, Finance

Robin Grooms, County Administrator's Office

Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Stephen Rice, State's Attorney's Office

Tammy Chatman, Communications

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Walter Willis, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County

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 public comments.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wasik noted that today's meeting will include a review of the proposed 2023 Legislative Agenda and discussion regarding potential items to add to the 2023 Legislative Agenda.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.

8. New Business**CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)*****MINUTES*****8.1 [22-1383](#)**

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from September 6, 2022.

Attachments: [LEG 9.6.22 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Casbon, seconded by Member Snarski, that the minutes from September 6, 2022 be approved. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, Member Hunter, Member Kyle, Member Snarski and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Sbarra

REGULAR AGENDA**8.2 [22-1402](#)**

Update and discussion regarding the State of Illinois 2022 Legislative Sessions.

Mike Grady and Derek Blaida, of Strategic Advocacy Group, provided an update on the State of Illinois 2022 legislative sessions.

Discussion ensued.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, invited Andrew Tangen, Superintendent of the Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) to speak. Superintendent Tangen gave an overview of the Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act (HR 4601) and requested that the Committee add the CVSO Act to the County's 2022 and 2023 Legislative Agendas.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to support adding the CVSO Act (HR 4601) to the

County's 2022 and 2023 Legislative Agendas.

8.3 [22-1415](#)

Discussion and possible action regarding additional items of consideration to be included in Lake County's FY2023 Legislative Program.

Attachments: [Superintendent of Public Works Licensure Mandate Removal DRAFT](#)

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, drafted language for the Committee to consider regarding adding the Superintendent of Public Works bill to the 2023 Legislative Agenda.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to support adding the Superintendent of Public Works bill to the 2023 Legislative Agenda. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that he will work with the County's lobbyists to draft the amended language for consideration at the October Board meeting.

8.4 [22-1403](#)

Resolution approving the Lake County Fiscal Year 2023 Legislative Agenda.

Attachments: [2023 Legislative Program - As Amended at Leg on 10.4.22](#)
[2023 Legislative Program - Original 9.30.22](#)

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, provided an overview of the most current draft of the 2023 County Legislative Agenda.

Chair Wasik invited Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development (PB&D) Director, to provide an overview of the benefits of expanding the Zoning Enabling Act.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Hart requested that Waukegan coal plant environmental remediation be added to the 2023 Legislative Agenda.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to draft a new state initiative to support Waukegan coal plant environmental remediation.

A motion was made by Member Hunter, seconded by Member Snarski, to amend the 2023 Legislative Agenda to include support of the Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act, support of the Superintendent of Public Works bill, and support of Waukegan coal plant environmental remediation. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, Member Hunter, Member Kyle, Member Snarski and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Sbarra

A motion was made by Vice Chair Casbon, seconded by Member Snarski, that this resolution be approved as amended and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, Member Kyle, Member Snarski and Chair Wasik

Nay: 1 - Member Hunter

Absent: 1 - Member Sbarra

8.5 [22-1419](#)

Review and discussion regarding the Illinois Association of Counties' (ISACo) County Platform for 2023.

Attachments: [2023 County Platform](#)

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, reviewed the comments received regarding the Illinois Association of Counties' (ISACo's) County Platform for 2023 and asked for further Committee feedback.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to give ISACo feedback on their proposed County Platform for 2023.

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 [22-1387](#)

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

10.1 [22-1388](#)

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Committee Action regarding periodic review of closed session minutes.

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

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, Member Hunter, Member Kyle, Member Snarski and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Sbarra

11. Members' Remarks

Chair Wasik thanked the Committee for their great work.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 1, 2022

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Respectfully submitted,

Legislative Committee Chair