

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, February 9, 2024

8:30 AM

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

Committee of the Whole

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 attendance through an electronic conferencing application (register via the link on the front page of the agenda).

RECORDING: Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Time is reserved near the beginning of the meeting for all Public Comment. At the Chair's discretion, Public Comment for an item(s) on the agenda may be presented during consideration of that specific item. Public Comment will 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 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: Committee of the Whole (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 Hart called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Hewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 13 - Member Campos, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Absent 6 - Member Altenberg, Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hunter, Member Roberts and Member Schlick

** Electronic Attendance: Member Campos, Member Frank, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine, Member Parekh, and Member Wasik*

Member Wasik joined the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

Member Pedersen joined the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

Member Knizhnik joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Member Frank joined the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

** No physical quorum. Committee will not take action on any agenda items.*

Other Attendees:

In Person:

Bethany Williams, Lake County Partners

Brenda O'Connell, Community Development

Domino Strezo, Community Development

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building, and Development

Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office

Kevin Considine, Lake County Partners

Krista Braun, Planning, Building and Development

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Melissa Gallagher, Finance

Michael Dobrow, Illinois Realtors

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Tammy Chatman, Communications

Valerie Kretchmer, Kretchmer Associates

Electronically:

Abby Krakow, Communications

Bill Sparer, Public

Brea Barnes, Finance

Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction Services

Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court

Demar Harris, Workforce Development

Douglas Ower, Public

Edward Gallagher, Pace Bus
Elyse Danckers, Public
Em Zee, Public
James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office
Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office
Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development
Joy Gossman, Public Defender
Kathleen Rhey, Enterprise Information Technology
Mary Crain, Division of Transportation
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office
Michael Wheeler, Finance
Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald
Patricia Bahnick, Public
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office
ShaTin Gibbs, Finance
Stacy Davis-Wynn, Purchasing
Steve Jepson, LCU
Sue Kalman, Public
Taylor Gendel, Planning, Building, and Development
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

Public comment was provided by Michael Dobrow during item 8.2.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Hart stated there are several Members attending the NACo conference and were unable to attend today's COW meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

MINUTES

8.1 [24-0058](#)

Committee action approving the Committee of the Whole minutes from September 8, 2023.

Attachments: [COW 9.8.23 Final Minutes](#)

** No physical quorum. Committee did not take action.*

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 [24-0063](#)

Lake County Partners Housing Study Presentation.

Attachments: [Lake County Partners County Presentation 2.9.24](#)
 [Lake County Partners Housing Analysis Final Report](#)

Bethany Williams, Lake County Partners, provided an overview of the Housing Study and introduced Valerie Kretchmer, Kretchmer Associates, who presented on the housing analysis for Lake County. Discussion ensued.

Kevin Considine, President/Chief Executive Officer, provided an overview of how the new companies and housing in Kenosha has affected Lake County. Discussion ensued.

Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator, presented on Lake County's housing action plans. Discussion ensued.

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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 remarks or requests from Members.

12. Adjournment

Chair Hart declared the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Next Meeting: March 8, 2024

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.