

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

1:00 PM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:

<https://bit.ly/3YN32LU>

Legislative Committee

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Frank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 5 - Vice Chair Campos, Member Frank, Member Hunter, Member Vealitzek and Chair Wasik

Absent 2 - Member Roberts and Member Schlick

Other Attendees*In Person:*

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Marah Altenberg, Board Member

Sara Knizhnik, Board Member

Eric Rinehart, Lake County State's Attorney

Dr. Anthony Douglas II, RIFL Act Coalition

Jim McGrath, RIFL Act Coalition

Tierra Lemon, State's Attorney's Office

Steve Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office

Bob Glueckert, Chief County Assessment Officer

Melanie Uleg, Public

Sarah Grover, Public

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:

Jennifer Clark, Board Member

Scott Binkley, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group

Clayton Cox, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group

Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Ashbey Beasley, Public

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation

Abby Krakow, Communications

Jennifer Brennan, Communications

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

*Brea Barnes, Finance
Christine Sher, Stormwater Management
Regina Tucak, Finance*

4. Addenda to the Agenda

Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, noted that Members Roberts and Schlick will be absent for today's meeting.

5. Public Comment

Public comment was made by:

Dr. Anthony Douglas II

Jim McGrath

Tierra Lemon

Eric Rinehart

Ashbey Beasley

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wasik noted that the 2026 Legislative Breakfast was successful and thanked the Lake County Municipal League for their partnership. Chair Wasik also thanked Representative Brad Schneider, Senator Adriane Johnson, Representative Dan Didech, Representative Rita Mayfield, Representative Laura Faver Dias, Representative Martin McLaughlin, Sandy Hart, County Board Chair, and Jessica Vealitzek, President of the Lake County Forest Preserves and Lake County Board Member, for their attendance at the Breakfast. Lastly, Chair Wasik thanked Lake County staff for their support at the event.

Chair Wasik noted that the Lake County 2026 Legislative Agenda was also presented to those who were unable to attend the Breakfast, including Senator Julie Morrison, Senator Mary Edly-Allen, and Representative Joyce Mason.

Chair Wasik also announced that some Lake County Board Members and staff will be attending the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference in a few weeks.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

MINUTES

8.1 [25-1512](#)

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from November 4, 2025.

Attachments: [LEG 11.4.25 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Campos, Member Frank, Member Hunter, Member Vealitzek and Chair Wasik

Absent: 2 - Member Roberts and Member Schlick

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 26-0121

Update and discussion regarding the State of Illinois 2026 Legislative Sessions.

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided a summary of the State of Illinois 2026 legislative session thus far. Topics included: SB 2941 (Amendments to Regional Transportation Authority Act) and legislation pertaining to vexatious Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. Discussion ensued. Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, assisted in answering questions from the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding SB 2279/HB 3320 (Illinois Responsibility in Firearm Legislation or "RIFL" Act). Dr. Anthony Douglas II, RIFL Act Coalition, assisted in answering questions from the Committee. The following Members were in support of the RIFL Act: Vice Chair Campos, Member Frank, Member Vealitzek, and Chair Wasik. The following Member was not in support: Member Hunter. Members Roberts and Schlick were absent. Therefore, the consensus of the majority of the Committee was to add the RIFL Act to the 2026 Lake County Legislative Agenda as an item to support.

8.3 26-0122

Update and discussion regarding Federal Legislative items.

Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, introduced Clayton Cox and Scott Binkley, McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC, who provided a summary of the Federal 2026 legislative session thus far. Topics included: the most recent federal government shutdown and Community Project Funding for Lake County projects. Discussion ensued.

8.4 26-0137

Discussion and presentation related to filed State and Federal Bills.

Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, noted that discussion regarding bills of interest to the County occurred during items 8.2 and 8.3.

8.5 26-0178

Discussion regarding a proposed National Association of Counties (NACo) interim policy resolution.

Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, explained that the National Association of Counties (NACo) annually solicits policy resolutions from membership counties to be included in their American County Platform. Deputy County Administrator Meyers noted that Jennifer Clark, Lake County Technology Committee Chair and Vice Chair of the NACo Technology and Telecommunications Committee, added her name to a NACo interim policy resolution, to be considered at the upcoming NACo Legislative Committee, regarding preserving state and local authority to set policies related to Artificial Intelligence (AI). Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support submitting the aforementioned interim policy resolution to NACo.

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 Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2026

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Minutes were approved on March 3, 2026, by the Legislative Committee.