

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

8:30 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at  
<https://bit.ly/49KQZSh>

**Health and Community Services Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Hewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

*Others Attendees*

*In Person:*

*Sandy Hart, Board Chair*

*Paul Frank, Board Member*

*Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications*

*Dominic Strezo, Community Development*

*Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development*

*Jennifer Everett, Workforce Development*

*Demar Harris, Workforce Development*

*Antonio Garcia, Workforce Development*

*Brenda O'Connell, Community Development*

*Bob Morella, Public*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office*

*Justine Gilbert, Communications*

*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

*Electronically:*

*Linda Pedersen, Board Member*

*Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office*

*Tammy Chatman, Communications*

*Mark Pfister, Health Department*

*Demar Harris, Workforce Development*

*Sam Johnson, Health Department*

*Nick Principali, Finance*

*Liz Nelson, County Administrator's Office*

*Courtney Cymerman, Health Department*

*Kevin Quinn, Communications*

*Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office*

*Melissa Gallagher, Finance*

*Brea Barnes, Finance*

*Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald*

*Michael Wheeler, Finance*

*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

**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**

*There were no remarks from the Chair.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.2)**

**\*MINUTES\***

**8.1 [24-0497](#)**

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee minutes from April 2, 2024.

**Attachments:** [HCS 4.2.24 Final Minutes](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

**\*HEALTH DEPARTMENT\***

**8.2 [24-0520](#)**

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Human Services grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$7,316 for the Supported Residential grant.

**Attachments:** [Supported Residential EA \\$7316](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, 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:** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**\*WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT\***

**8.3 24-0516**

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Rapid Response Grant Modification and approving an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$144,537.

**Attachments:** [WDD Rapid Response Dislocated Worker Grant Modification](#)  
[Resolution 24-0516 CFY'24 Rapid Response Grant Modification GL May 2](#)

*Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development Director, provided an overview of the Rapid Response Grant modification, which will serve an additional 16 dislocated workers. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, 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:** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

**8.4 24-0517**

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Workforce Development Grant to increase the competitiveness of Illinois' businesses and provide opportunities to Illinois' workers and job seekers and approving an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$240,200.

**Attachments:** [WDD Services to Low or Moderate Income Individuals Grant](#)  
[Resolution 24-0517 CFY'24 Workforce Grant Service to Low Income Indivi](#)

*Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development Director, provided an overview of the new Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Workforce Development grant, which will provide technology, translation devices and online occupational training for English-language learner for immigrants, migrants, and refugees. Discussion ensued.*

**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:** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

**8.5 24-0329**

Joint resolution authorizing the Workforce Development Department to enter into Summer Youth Worksite Agreements with public, private, governmental or nonprofit organizations to host youth onsite as part of the Lake County Summer Youth Work Experience Program.

**Attachments:** [SYEP Worksite Agreement 2024](#)  
[Resolution 24-0329 SYEP Worksites May 2024](#)

*Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development Director, provided an overview of the Summer Youth Work Experience Program. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.**

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

**\*COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT\***

**8.6 [24-0498](#)**

Community Development Annual Update.

**Attachments:** [HCS Annual Update 2024](#)

*Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator, presented the Community Development annual update, which included funding partners, resources and homelessness in Lake County. Dominic Strezo, Senior Grant Administrator, Community Development, presented on affordable housing. Discussion ensued.*

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator, informed the Committee that new funding has become available through Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for Lake County and the City of Waukegan to apply for shelter construction. Lake County will be partnering with PADS to apply for two new sites.*

**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 9:58 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: May 7, 2024**

*Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.*