

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

8:30 AM

Conference Room C

Revenue, Records and Legislation Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Talbett called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. Member Nixon arrived at 8:42 am. and Member Paxton arrived at 8:44 a.m.

Present 6 - Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Chair Talbett, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Member Pedersen

Absent 1 - Vice Chair Bassi

Also present:

*Amy McEwan, Sr. Assistant County Administrator
Barry Burton, County Administrator
Luke Stowe, County Clerk's Office
David Buckner, CAO Intern
Steve Mountsier, County Board Member
Mary Otahal, County Board Office*

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Talbett led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes - January 7, 2009

3.1 [09-1146](#) Minutes from January 7, 2009

Attachments: [RRL 01.07.09](#)

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Carey, that the minutes from January 7, 2009 be approved. Motion carried.

Not Present: 2 - Member Paxton and Member Nixon

4. Public Comment

5. Added to Agenda

6. Old Business

7. New Business

County Clerk:

7.1 [08-1013](#) Report of Willard Helander, County Clerk, for the month of November 2008.

Attachments: [Amended County Clerk's Report 11-2008](#)

Ms. McEwan stated that this item was approved last week, but there was an amendment to the report, so Committee is being asked to approve it as amended.

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this report be received and placed on the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Aye: 4 - Chair Talbett, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Member Pedersen

Not Present: 2 - Member Paxton and Member Nixon

7.2 [09-1134](#)

Resolution amending a previous ordinance designating the voting sites assigned to the 481 voting precincts in Lake County townships.

Attachments: [January 2009 - Exhibit A](#)

Luke Stowe explained this Resolution. (Member Nixon entered the meeting at this time)

Mr. Stowe then discussed how early voting is affecting the polling places on election day, stating that so many people voted early or absentee in the last election that it took the burden off of the polling places. Amy McEwan stated that election day runs much smoother now that there are site managers assigned to each polling place. (Member Paxton entered the meeting at this time)

Barry Burton reminded the Committee that early voting comes at a significant cost to the County. The Clerk's office will continue to look at the numbers of early voters and may be able to consolidate more polling places. Mr. Stowe will get a cost estimate of early voting to share with committee.

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Nixon, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the regular agenda. Motion carried.

Aye: 6 - Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Chair Talbett, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Member Pedersen

Legislation:

7.3 [09-1140](#)

Resolution requesting amendments to the 2009 Lake County State Legislative Program.

Attachments: [Amended 2009 State Legislative Program 10-08 red line](#)
[Amended \(2\) 2009 State Legislative Program 1-09](#)
[Amended 2009 State Legislative Program 10-08 red line](#)
[Final 2009 State Legislative Program 1-20-09 LCB 2](#)

Amy McEwan reviewed the three stricken items that were discussed at last week's meeting, stating that they will revisit these items for next year's session. Member Nixon again expressed concern about removing the brownfield property late fee penalty and would like to see that added back into the program for this year. Barry Burton stated that he would like to see all three items on, but stated that if Speaker Madigan is not going to support these items, leaving them on could jeopardize other items. He suggested waiting a year and putting them on again next year.

Ms. McEwan stated that they are working on coming up with a way to charge a fee that will help offset the cost of operating the Sheriff's Marine Patrol. The cost is approximately \$650,000 a year, and we only get reimbursed \$45,000. She is working with the Fox Waterway Agency on this issue, but we are not ready to present a bill at this time.

Regarding the school inspection initiative, Mr. Burton stated that Representative Sid Mathias agreed to sponsor this, and they are working on modifying language for this bill.

A motion was made by Member Paxton, seconded by Member Pedersen, to approve this resolution as amended. Motion carried.

Aye: 5 - Member Paxton, Chair Talbett, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Member Pedersen

Nay: 1 - Member Nixon

7.4 [09-1141](#)

Resolution requesting an amendment to the 2009 Lake County Federal Legislative Program.

Attachments: [Fed Prog FFY 10 - RRL Version 1-09 red line](#)
[Fed Prog FFY 10 - RRL Version 1-09](#)

Amy McEwan explained that the only amendment to the Federal Program is to include a request for \$1.5M in FY 2009 Health and Human Services Appropriations, Health Resources and Services administration funds to cover 5,494 specialty care and diagnostic testing referrals for 1,000 uninsured patients receiving care at HealthReach and the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Centers. This was inadvertently left off of the 2009 Federal Legislative Agenda.

A motion was made by Member Paxton, seconded by Member Pedersen, to approve this resolution as amended. Motion carried.

Aye: 6 - Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Chair Talbett, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Member Pedersen

9. **County Administrator's Report**

Amy McEwan asked Committee Members to encourage our state

legislators to attend the Legislative breakfast if they have an opportunity to speak with them. Mr. Burton explained that the sponsors for each initiative are usually in place prior to the breakfast, and they are working on finalizing the sponsors at this time.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Paxton, seconded by Member Pedersen, to adjourn at 9:20 a.m. Motion carried.

Aye: 6 - Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Chair Talbett, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Member Pedersen

Minutes prepared by Mary Otahal.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Revenue, Records & Legislation Committee