

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

8:30 AM

JOINT BUDGET HEARINGS

Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:  
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**Public Works and Transportation Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chair Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair  
Maine, Member Roberts and Member Wasik

*Other Attendees*

*In Person:*

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair  
Marah Altenberg, Board Member  
Sara Knizhnik, Board Member  
Adam Schlick, Board Member  
Anthony Vega, County Clerk  
Mary Crain, Division of Transportation  
Micah Thornton, Finance  
Kevin Kerrigan, Division of Transportation  
Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation  
Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation  
Kevin Carrier, Division of Transportation  
Austin McFarlane, Public Works  
Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction Services  
James Klimt, Finance  
Kurt Woolford, Stormwater Management  
Krista Barkley Braun, Planning, Building and Development  
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office  
RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office  
Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office  
Mike Wheeler, Finance  
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office  
Lacey Simpson, County Administrator's Office  
Nick Principali, Finance  
Vernesha Lawrence, Finance  
Bailey Wyatt, Communications  
Kevin Quinn, Communications  
Gina Tuczak, Finance*

*Electronically:*

*Christine Sher, Stormwater Management  
Yvette Albarran, Purchasing*

*Terri Kath, Enterprise Information Technology*  
*Lisa Wolf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*  
*Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office*  
*Natalie Carreno, Division of Transportation*  
*Michael Dobrow, Public*  
*Frechessca Foster, Public*  
*Tamara Coleman, Public*  
*KyMari Young, Public*  
*Errol Lagman, Finance*  
*Crystal Vo, Public*  
*Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office*  
*Mike Jeschke, Finance*  
*Chris Blanding, Enterprise Information Technology*  
*Abby Krakow, Communications*  
*Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Lillian Valencia, Public*  
*Andre Scott, Public*  
*Alex Carr, Communications*  
*Ruby Bahena, Finance*  
*JazMine' Evans, Finance*  
*Brea Barnes, Finance*  
*Carrie Dickson, Division of Transportation*  
*Makiya Turman, Public*  
*Krista Kennedy, Finance*  
*Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office*  
*Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*  
*Cynthia Pruim Haran, County Clerk's Office*  
*Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Adam Krueger, Finance*  
*Matt Finstein, Purchasing*  
*Nicole Rogers, Finance*  
*Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office*  
*Emily White, Public Works*  
*Nancy Rojas, Finance*  
*Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office*  
*Stacey Krzywanos, Division of Transportation*  
*Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building and Development*  
*Kristal Adams, Human Resources*  
*Erika Osinski, Human Resources*

**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**

*Chair Clark welcomed everyone and reminded Board Members to speak directly into their microphones.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**\*FINANCE\***

**8.F1 [25-1214](#)**

Presentation and consideration of proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget (see complete recommended budget attached).

**Attachments:** [FY26 Recommended Budget](#)

*Mike Wheeler, Budget Manager, provided a presentation regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Discussion ensued.*

**\*PUBLIC WORKS\***

**8.P1 [25-1259](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Public Works.

*Items 8.P1 through 8.P4 were discussed and voted on together.*

*Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for Public Works, Public Works Capital, Special Service Area Number 13 (SSA #13) – Tax Exempt 2007A, and Special Service Area Number 16 (SSA #16) – Lake Michigan Water.*

*Austin McFarlane, Public Works Director, and Micah Thornton, Finance Operations Manager, Finance, provided an overview of the budget for Public Works, Public Works Capital, Special Service Area Number 13 (SSA #13) – Tax Exempt 2007A, and Special Service Area Number 16 (SSA #16) – Lake Michigan Water. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Hunter, that committee action items 8.P1 through 8.P4 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Maine, Member Roberts and Member Wasik

**8.P2 [25-1260](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Public Works Capital.

*Items 8.P1 through 8.P4 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.P1.*

**A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Hunter, that committee action items 8.P1 through 8.P4 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Maine, Member Roberts and Member Wasik

**8.P3 [25-1261](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Special Service Area Number 13 (SSA #13) - Tax Exempt 2007A.

*Items 8.P1 through 8.P4 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.P1.*

**A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Hunter, that committee action items 8.P1 through 8.P4 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Maine, Member Roberts and Member Wasik

**8.P4 [25-1262](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Special Service Area Number 16 (SSA #16) - Lake Michigan Water.

*Items 8.P1 through 8.P4 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.P1.*

**A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Hunter, that committee action items 8.P1 through 8.P4 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Maine, Member Roberts and Member Wasik

**\*DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION\***

**8.P5 [25-1253](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Division of Transportation.

*Items 8.P5 through 8.P10 were discussed and voted on together.*

*Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Division of Transportation, the County Bridge Tax, Matching Tax, County Motor Fuel Tax, County Option Motor Fuel Tax, and the ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation and Public Safety.*

*Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation (DOT) Director, and Mary Crain, Director of Administration and Finance, DOT, provided an overview of the budget for the Division of Transportation, the County Bridge Tax, Matching Tax, County Motor Fuel Tax, County*

*Option Motor Fuel Tax, and the ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation and Public Safety.  
Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Casbon, that committee action items 8.P5 through 8.P10 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Maine, Member Roberts and Member Wasik

**8.P6 [25-1254](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the County Bridge Tax.

*Items 8.P5 through 8.P10 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.P5.*

**A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Casbon, that committee action items 8.P5 through 8.P10 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Maine, Member Roberts and Member Wasik

**8.P7 [25-1255](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Matching Tax.

*Items 8.P5 through 8.P10 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.P5.*

**A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Casbon, that committee action items 8.P5 through 8.P10 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Maine, Member Roberts and Member Wasik

**8.P8 [25-1256](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the County Motor Fuel Tax.

*Items 8.P5 through 8.P10 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.P5.*

**A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Casbon, that committee action items 8.P5 through 8.P10 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair  
Maine, Member Roberts and Member Wasik

**8.P9 [25-1257](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the County Option Motor Fuel Tax.

*Items 8.P5 through 8.P10 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.P5.*

**A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Casbon, that committee action items 8.P5 through 8.P10 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair  
Maine, Member Roberts and Member Wasik

**8.P1 [25-1258](#)**

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Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for RTA ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation & Public Safety.

*Items 8.P5 through 8.P10 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.P5.*

**A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Casbon, that committee action items 8.P5 through 8.P10 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair  
Maine, Member Roberts and Member Wasik

**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 Members remarks or requests.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Clark declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: October 29, 2025**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.*