

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

8:30 AM

Conference Room C

Revenue, Records and Legislation Committee

1. **Call to Order**

Vice Chair Carey called the meeting to order 8:32 a.m.

Also present,

*Barry Burton, County Administrator
Ryan Waller, Assistant County Administrator
Michael Wheeler, Finance and Administrative Services
Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services
Marty Paulson, County Assessor
Jennifer Henderson, County Board Office*

Present 5 - Vice Chair Carey, Member Durkin, Member Feldman, Member Hewitt and Member Nixon

Absent 1 - Chair Bassi

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

3.1 **11-0053**

Minutes from January 5, 2011.

A motion was made by Member Feldman, seconded by Member Hewitt, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Carey, Member Durkin, Member Feldman, Member Hewitt and Member Nixon

Not Present: 1 - Chair Bassi

4. **Public Comment**

5. **Added to Agenda**

6. **Old Business**

7. **New Business**

County Clerk

7.1 **11-0019**

Report of Willard R. Helander, County Clerk, for the month of December, 2010.

A motion was made by Member Feldman, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Carey, Member Durkin, Member Feldman, Member Hewitt and Member Nixon

Not Present: 1 - Chair Bassi

7.2 **11-0115**

Report of Willard R. Helander, County Clerk, for the month of January, 2011.

A motion was made by Member Feldman, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Carey, Member Durkin, Member Feldman, Member Hewitt and Member Nixon

Not Present: 1 - Chair Bassi

Recorder of Deeds

7.3 11-0042

Report for Mary Ellen Vanderventer, Recorder of Deeds, for the month of December, 2010.

A motion was made by Member Feldman, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Carey, Member Durkin, Member Feldman, Member Hewitt and Member Nixon

Not Present: 1 - Chair Bassi

7.4 11-0130

Report for Mary Ellen Vanderventer, Recorder of Deeds, for the month of January, 2011.

A motion was made by Member Feldman, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Carey, Member Durkin, Member Feldman, Member Hewitt and Member Nixon

Not Present: 1 - Chair Bassi

Treasurer

7.5 11-0037

Report of Robert Skidmore, Treasurer, for the month of November, 2010.

A motion was made by Member Feldman, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Carey, Member Durkin, Member Feldman, Member Hewitt and Member Nixon

Not Present: 1 - Chair Bassi

7.6 11-0047

Report of Robert Skidmore, Treasurer, for the month of December, 2010.

A motion was made by Member Feldman, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Carey, Member Durkin, Member Feldman, Member Hewitt and Member Nixon

Not Present: 1 - Chair Bassi

7.7 11-0128

Report of Robert Skidmore, Treasurer, for the month of January, 2011.

A motion was made by Member Feldman, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Carey, Member Durkin, Member Feldman, Member Hewitt and Member Nixon

Not Present: 1 - Chair Bassi

7.8 11-0118

Joint resolution designating the herein named banks and other financial institutions as depositories in which the funds and monies in the custody of Robert Skidmore, as County Treasurer and as Ex-Officio County Collector, may be deposited; and request its adoption.

Chair Bassi arrived at 8:34 a.m.

Presented by Amy McEwan, County Administrator's Office.

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Feldman, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Bassi, Vice Chair Carey, Member Durkin, Member Feldman, Member Hewitt and Member Nixon

Legislation

7.9 11-0191

Report on the 2011 Lake County State Legislative Program.

Ms. McEwan provided an update on the State Legislative Program and provided a summary report of the proposed bills that could impact Lake County. The County Administrator's Office is working closely with Kip Kolkmeier and tracking the progress of these bills.

A discussion ensued regarding the following bills:

House Bill 0009 Publication: There are several bills regarding on line publication notices. Lake County is willing to look at all bills and is favorable to a solution that is transparent and gives citizens notice where an ad can be published and posted on the web site.

House Bill 0156 Cell Tower Notice will provide a 30 day notice to the State Senator, Representative and County Board from the affected districts prior to the issuance of a building permit.

House Bill 0213 Local Distributive Fund will define the requirements for timely disbursement of funds from the State to local governments and municipalities. Staff recommends supporting this bill.

House Bill 0216 Interpreter Service Fee will present a fee on each court case to supplement the high cost of specialty interpreter's for cases. Member Hewitt requested the cost of the special interpreter services. Ms. McEwan will provide the actual cost for the services. A discussion ensued. Staff recommends supporting this bill.

House Bill 0248 North Shore Sanitary District is proposing a bill which will require additional citizen effort on every permit. Ryan Waller provided information on collaboration with the North Shore Sanitary District to have Lake County exempt from requirements of this bill. Vic Filippini is collaborating with NSSD on behalf of the municipalities.

House Bill 1141 Local Distributive Fund will define the requirements for timely disbursement of funds from the State to local governments and municipalities. Staff recommends supporting this bill.

House Bill 1293 Foreclosure Sales: Ms. McEwan presented an update and history on the foreclosure sales process. The bill will be called for a committee hearing in Springfield in two weeks. A discussion ensued regarding the parties who opposed this bill and support Lake County's position.

House Bill 1404 County Board Members/other offices states that any Board Member can not serve as an Elected Official in other offices. Mr. Burton has a list of compatible offices.

House Bill 1439 State's Attorney Salary. Staff recommends supporting this bill.

House Bill 1626 Special Use Super Majority Vote. Staff recommends opposition to this bill.

House Bill 1869 Publications: This bill will define the validity of an on line public notice. Marty Paulson provided information on requirements for assessment notifications and postings.

House Bill 2037 Coroner/SLEP states that the Coroner and employees of the office can elect to participate in the SLEP retirement system. Staff recommends opposition to this bill.

House Bill 3407 Nuisance Abatement states that if a property requires repairs or cleaning up, and the owner has not complied, the county can take action to bring the property into compliance and charge the property owner for the services. Staff recommends supporting this bill.

Senate Bill 37 Publication of Records.

Senate Bill 42 Posting of Appointments: Staff recommended opposition to this bill due to increased workload and cost. Member Feldman stated her support of the bill. A discussion ensued.

Ms. McEwan explained that staff would be monitoring the following bills:

Senate Bill 0146/House Bill 1091 Public/Private Partnership.

Senate Bill 1832 Bond/court fees.

Senate Bill 1951 Township Roads/Professional Engineer.

Senate Bill 1966 County Board Salaries.

Senate Bill 2055 Publication on Internet.

Senate Bill 2195 SMC Permissive Funding Source: Mr. Waller is currently working with Metro Counties and provided an update on their progress to reduce the impact of green initiatives.

Mr. Burton provided an update on the strategy for proposing a public safety fee on boat permits with The Fox Waterway Agency. Senator Pamela Althoff is collaborating with The Fox Waterway Agency on our behalf.

7.10 11-0192

Report on the FFY2012 Lake County Federal Legislative Program.

Ms. McEwan provided an update on the federal budget cuts that will impact Lake County to include the strategy and lobbying activities by Trent Lehman to minimize the impact of the budget cuts to the county.

8. Executive Session

9. County Administrator's Report

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Nixon, that the meeting adjourn at 9:58 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Bassi, Vice Chair Carey, Member Durkin, Member Feldman, Member Hewitt and Member Nixon

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Henderson.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Revenue, Records & Legislation Committee