

Lake County Illinois

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18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Minutes Report

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

8:30 AM

Assembly Room

Planning, Building and Zoning Committee

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thomson-Carter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present 7 - Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Mountsier, Chair Thomson-Carter, Member Carlson, Member Gravenhorst, Member Pedersen and Member Carey

Others present:

David Stolman - County Board Chairman

Barry Burton - County Administrator

Amy McEwan - Deputy County Administrator

Eric Waggoner - Director Planning, Building and Development Department

Mike Warner - Director Stormwater Management Commission

Steve Crivello - Planning, Building and Development Department

Brittany Albrecht-Sloan - Planning, Building and Development Department

David Husemoller - Planning, Building and Development Department

Megan Krueger - Planning, Building and Development Department

Kevin Berrill - State's Attorney's Office

Jason Navota - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Thomson-Carter asked Mr. Mike Warner, Director, Stormwater Management Commission, to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1

Minutes from February 7, 2012.

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

Aye: 7 - Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Mountsier, Chair Thomson-Carter, Member Carlson, Member Gravenhorst, Member Pedersen and Member Carey

4. ADDED TO AGENDA

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to conduct.

7. NEW BUSINESS

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

7.1

Ordinance dividing the county into six districts for purposes of establishing representation districts on the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) by county board members and municipal members, pursuant to the statutory authority and requirements of 55 ILCS 5/5-1062(b), and request its adoption.

- The SMC statutory legislation requires establishment of six districts within the county for the purposes of determining County Board and Municipal representatives, with one member from each group per district, making a total of twelve Commissioners.
- The County Board approves the District map by ordinance, and the map is in need of updating due to 2010 census data and new County Board district boundaries.
- The SMC has approved the boundary map after analyzing several boundary configurations using population, County Board, Municipal and watershed boundaries.

Presented by Mike Warner, Director, Stormwater Management Commission.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Mountsier, seconded by Member Pedersen, that this ordinance be approved and recommended for adoption to the regular agenda.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Mountsier, Chair Thomson-Carter, Member Carlson, Member Gravenhorst, Member Pedersen and Member Carey

PERMITS AND ENFORCEMENT

7.2

Joint resolution authorizing the State's Attorney of Lake County to institute legal action against certain named properties for the demolition of dangerous and unsafe or uncompleted and abandoned structures on said properties.

- Pursuant to state law, the County Board has authority to demolish any dangerous and unsafe structures within unincorporated portions of Lake County.
- Planning, Building and Development has identified, in the resolution, several dangerous and unsafe structures within unincorporated portions of Lake County.
- One residential building is identified as an "immediate and continuing hazard to the community," per 55 ILCS 5/5-1121.
- If the residential building determined to be an "immediate and continuing hazard to the community" has not been demolished, repaired, or enclosed, or the garbage, debris, or other hazardous, noxious, or unhealthy substances or materials are not removed, and the owners and lienholders of record have not filed an appeal in the Circuit Court within 30 days of the last day of notification, PB&D will initiate the demolition of the dangerous and unsafe structure.
- Other structures included in this resolution are either accessory structures or are not considered an "immediate and continuing hazard to the community" and will proceed through the standard demolition process.
- Accordingly, once approved, the Lake County State's Attorney will proceed with notifying property owners to repair or demolish the identified structures and to make application to the Circuit Court seeking authorization to demolish if property owners are nonresponsive. If authorized by the Circuit Court, PB&D will initiate the demolition of the dangerous and unsafe structures.

Presented by Brittany Albrecht-Sloan, Planning, Building and Development Department.

Ms. Sloan and Eric Waggoner, Director, Planning, Building and Development Department, further highlighted the status of the overall Demolition Improvement Project and the project's successes.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Mountsier, seconded by Member Carey, that this resolution be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Mountsier, Chair Thomson-Carter, Member Carlson, Member Gravenhorst, Member Pedersen and Member Carey

PLANNING

7.3

Resolution approving Lake County's participation in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) WaterSense Program.

- A goal of Lake County's Strategic Plan is to promote a sustainable environment" and further to "preserve the health of our natural resources and our drinking water through the widespread use of sustainable and environmental management practices".
- Lake County has: formed the Lake County Water Supply Advisory Committee, hosted three water supply forums, engaged the Illinois State Geological Survey to map Lake County's geological resources, authored the 2008 State of Lake County's Water Supply report, developed educational public videos about water conservation, and participated in the North and West Lake County Lake Michigan Water Planning Group.
- On July 13, 2010, Lake County joined the Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWP), a voluntary partnership formed to address the issues of water supply planning and management in northeastern Illinois.
- The NWP has joined the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) voluntary WaterSense Promotional Partnership Program, and has requested that member jurisdictions also join the Partnership Program.
- The United States EPA WaterSense Promotional Partnership program encourages water efficiency by promoting the use of WaterSense labeled products by residents and businesses as well as other water conservation practices to help protect a community's water supply.
- Staff recommends the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee forward the attached resolution in support of the WaterSense Promotional Partnership Program to the County Board for approval.

Presented by David Husemoller, Planning, Building and Development Department.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Mountsier, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Mountsier, Chair Thomson-Carter, Member Carlson, Member Gravenhorst, Member Pedersen and Member Carey

7.4

Resolution to accept local technical assistance from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) for developing a sustainability chapter for the Regional Framework Plan.

- A goal of Lake County's Strategic Plan is to "promote a sustainable environment".
- The County Board accepted the "Promoting Sustainable Development Practices in Lake County" report in December 2011.
- CMAP applied for federal funding through the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant program, to provide assistance to local governments that advance the implementation of GO TO 2040 through the Local Technical Assistance program.
- To implement Sustainable Development Practices, the Planning, Building and Development Department (PBD) applied for and was awarded Local Technical Assistance from CMAP in March 2011 to assist with the development of a sustainability chapter update to the Regional Framework Plan.
- CMAP has submitted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) attached with a Scope of work and a timeline to define the work to be done in tandem with the Regional Planning

Commission and PB&D staff.

- Staff recommends that the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee forward the attached resolution in support of the MOU to the County Board for approval.

Presented by David Husemoller, Planning, Building and Development Department.

Jason Novota from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) stated that he, and his CMAP colleagues will assist the County with outreach and introduction of the chapter to the area municipalities and other stakeholders.

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Vice-Chair Mountsier, that this resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Mountsier, Chair Thomson-Carter, Member Carlson, Member Gravenhorst, Member Pedersen and Member Carey

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no director's report.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There was no County Administrator's report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thomson-Carter adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Megan Krueger.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair

Vice-Chair

Planning, Building & Zoning Committee