

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

9:00 AM

Board Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at
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Lake County Board

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Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

Meeting: Lake County Board (Subject line for written Public Comment)

Topic or Agenda Item #: (REQUIRED)

Name: (REQUIRED)

Organization/Entity Represented: (REQUIRED) ("Self" if representing self)

Street Address, City, State: (Optional)

Phone Number: (Optional)

Email: May be REQUIRED for remote attendance

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Hart led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Member Frank attended remotely, he was marked present and eligible to vote.

Present 18 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Kyle, Member Parekh, Member Maine, Member Schlick, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Absent 1 - Member Knizhnik

Member Knizhnik arrived at 9:07 a.m.

ADDENDA TO THE AGENDA

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS

1 [24-0171](#)

Special recognition celebrating February 2024 as Black History Month.

This matter was presented

2 [24-0172](#)

Special recognition of Gary Gibson for his years of service as Lake County Administrator.

This matter was presented

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was made by:

Clyde McLemore, of Waukegan, representing Black Lives Matter

Margaret Carrasco of Waukegan

Rayon Edwards of North Chicago

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Hart recognized four employees who have served Lake County Government for 30 years or more including Carrie Flanigan from the State's Attorney's Office, Sonia Hernandez from the County Administrator's Office, Sharon Spaulding from the Circuit Clerk's Office and Kandace Wells from the Circuit Clerk's Office.

Vista: We are certainly concerned about the future of Vista Hospital. I want to thank Coroner Jennifer Banek, State Senator Adriane Johnson and LCHD ED Mark Pfister, for being on top of the situation. I spoke with several state legislators yesterday and I know they are working together on this extremely critical situation and to ensure that Lake

County residents continue to receive high quality health care. I'm certain that we will be hearing more about Vista in the coming weeks.

I was invited to the White House to discuss the positive impacts of President Biden's Investing in America Agenda for communities in Illinois and Indiana. I highlighted the Lake County Gun Violence Prevention Initiative (GVPI), which is already showing great success in the targeted communities of Waukegan, Zion, and North Chicago. I also shared how the state-appropriation of \$30 million in ARPA funding was used by the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) and local partners to alleviate flooding in communities across Lake County. These 12 projects protected over 2,400 properties and 23 primary and 84 secondary roadways from flooding in Lake County. I want to thank staff, this board, and our state delegation for making those projects possible.

John Wasik, who serves as chair of our legislative committee, Matt Meyers, Asst. County Administrator, and I were able to meet with the offices of our federal legislators to discuss our key capital projects, and I am grateful to them for taking that time to hear about important initiatives, like the Cedar Road Realignment Project, and discuss potential federal funding opportunities. John did a great job, as always, showing how these improvements will improve the quality of life for people in the area of the project but also beyond, so thank you, John, for your hard work in those meetings.

Several of us attended NACO this year, and I want to thank Vice Chair Mary Ross Cunningham for encouraging us to attend over the years. For the first time ever, we had TWO county board members present best practices at this national conference, and I want to thank Jennifer Clark, who talked about our broadband plan, and Sara Knizhnik, who led the discussion on gun violence, for their expertise on these two critical topics. It was an honor to have you represent us!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 3 - 20)

MINUTES

3 [24-0196](#)

Board action approving the Lake County Board minutes from January 16, 2024.

Attachments: [January 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

CLAIMS AGAINST LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

4 [24-0204](#)

Report of Claims Against Lake County, Illinois for the month of January 2024.

Attachments: [January 2024 Claims Agenda.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

REPORTS

5 [24-0083](#)

Report from Anthony Vega, County Clerk, for the month of November, 2023.

Attachments: [LCC Report for Nov 2023](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

6 [24-0126](#)

Cash & Investment Report from Holly Kim, Treasurer, for the month of December 2023.

Attachments: [FSG Report Dec 2023.pdf](#)

[2022-12_Cash&Investment.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

REAPPOINTMENTS

7 [24-0209](#)

Resolution providing for the reappointment of Jessica Albert as a member of the Avon-Fremont Drainage District.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

8 [24-0142](#)

Joint resolution appropriating \$154,500 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation funds for the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators, Inc. (JULIE) ticket screening and locating of Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) storm sewers for excavator dig requests along various County highways.

Attachments: [24-0142 Vendor Disclosure, USIC](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

9 [24-0143](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an agreement with Standard Equipment Company,

Elmhurst, Illinois, for a one-year contract with an option to renew for four additional one-year periods to service and repair the two sewer vacuum trucks and ratifying an expense from Fiscal Year 2023 in the amount of \$46,875.88.

Attachments: [01-0143 Contract, Standard Equipment Repair](#)
[24-0143 Vendor Disclosure, Standard](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

10 [24-0119](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD, Rosemont, Illinois, in the amount of \$63,458 for design engineering services associated with the Lake County Public Works (LCPW) Deerfield Road Gravity Sewer Replacement Project.

Attachments: [24-0119 Deerfield Rd Sewer Replacement Map](#)
[24-0119 Final Agreement Deerfield Rd Sewer Replacement CBBEL](#)
[24-0119 Vendor Disclosure Deerfield Rd Sewer Replacement CBBEL](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

11 [24-0145](#)

Joint resolution authorizing execution of a contract with FGM Architects, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$246,500 for the Lake County Public Works (LCPW) Administrative Building Addition.

Attachments: [24-0145 Architectural Fee Proposal, Bldg 650 Addition](#)
[24-0145 Vendor Disclosure, FGM](#)
[24-0145 Location Map Public Works Bldg 650](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

PLANNING, BUILDING, ZONING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

12 [24-0116](#)

Resolution to vacate an unimproved portion of a right-of-way located east of Drexel Boulevard in the J.L. Shaw's Subdivision on Fox Lake in Antioch Township.

Attachments: [East of Drexel Blvd Report 000911-2023](#)
[Plat of Vacation - PTRL 000911-2023](#)
[Location Map PTRL 000911-2023](#)
[Vacation Minutes - East of Drexel Blvd 000911-2023](#)
[38383 N. DREXEL BOULEVARD, ANTIOCH GOE](#)
[38397 N. DREXEL BOULEVARD, ANTIOCH GOE](#)
[24-0116 PowerPoint East of Drexel Blvd Vacation PTRL 000911-2023](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

13 [24-0185](#)

Resolution authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the Lake County Board, Lake County Sheriff's Office, and the Teamsters Local 700 Court Security Division.

Attachments: [LCSO.Court Security Contract 12012022-11302026 FINAL](#)
[LCSO.Court Security Contract 12012022-11302026 REDLINE](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

14 [24-0159](#)

Resolution authorizing emergency appropriations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 in various funds for certain projects, items, and activities budgeted in the prior year and not completed.

Attachments: [Feb-24 Carryovers - Final](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

15 [24-0153](#)

Tax Abatement Ordinance for the Series 2019 General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

16 [24-0154](#)

Tax Abatement Ordinance for the Series 2013 General Obligation Road Bonds.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

17 [24-0155](#)

Tax Abatement Ordinance for the Series 2015A General Obligation Bonds.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

18 [24-0156](#)

Tax Abatement Ordinance for the Series 2018 General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

19 [24-0166](#)

Tax Abatement Ordinance for the Series 2022 General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

20 [24-0167](#)

Tax Abatement Ordinance for Special Service Area Number (SSA #) 16 tax levy.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 19 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Parekh, Member Maine, Member Schlick, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

REGULAR AGENDA***HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE***21 [24-0179](#)

Board of Health Report.

Vista Medical Center East Has Level II Trauma Center Designation Revoked
Following an investigation, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), revoked Vista Medical Center East's designation as a Level II Trauma Center.

Reasons for having its designation revoked include lack of a blood bank, anesthesia, neurology, urology, and a full-time trauma coordinator.

On February 5, Lake County Coroner Jennifer Banek, Lake County Health Department Executive Director Mark Pfister and County Board Chair Sandy Hart held a joint press

conference to address the impact on the community and health systems.

North Chicago Health Center Closed Until Further Notice

Due to a water pipe burst, North Chicago Health Center will temporarily close for repairs. North Chicago Health Center clients will continue to receive quality healthcare from their same providers at the Belvidere Medical Building in Waukegan, just 2 miles north. For appointments or questions, clients are to call the Patient Access Center at (847) 377-8800.

Spread of Respiratory Illnesses Slows Across Illinois

The spread of respiratory illnesses like flu, COVID-19, and RSV has recently slowed across the State of Illinois.

Respiratory virus season can last into spring, so while we are currently seeing a decline in cases, it is possible for rates to increase in the future.

Take steps to protect yourself and ensure you are up to date on your vaccinations. If you develop symptoms of a respiratory illness, including coughing, sneezing, sore throat, a runny nose, or fever, stay home to avoid spreading the illness.

February is American Heart Month

With a healthy heart, you can do more of what you love.

Adults, especially those 55 years and older, should follow these small steps to maintain a healthy heart:

Eat healthy

Get active

Lower stress

Quit smoking

Manage your risk factors, like blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar.

Knowing your own risk factors for heart disease can help guide your lifestyle choices. Talk to your healthcare provider if you have any questions or concerns.

February is Children's Dental Health Month

Cavities are the most common chronic disease of childhood.

Not only is good oral health important for your overall health, but children with poor oral health often miss more school.

Simple habits can help kids maintain a healthy mouth, including:

Eating fruits and vegetables for snacks rather than candies and cookies.

Brushing their teeth twice daily.

Drinking water at mealtime rather than juice or soda.

Schedule an appointment for your children and yourself with your dentist today to make sure your family's teeth are healthy and clean. Dental Care is also available at the Lake County Health Department. Call the Patient Access Center at (847) 377-8800 to schedule an appointment.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

22 [24-0134](#)

Joint resolution approving the Lake County Board and Committee Meeting Caption and Subtitle Policy.

Attachments: [Caption and Subtitle Policy FINAL as APPROVED on 2-20-2024 \(24-0134\)](#)
[Caption and Subtitle Policy FBA 2-20-2024](#)
[DEI Committee 2024 Captions and Subtitles Presentation](#)

Public Comment on this item was made by Rayon Edwards.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Campos, that this resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 19 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Parekh, Member Maine, Member Schlick, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**23** [24-0118](#)

Joint resolution authorizing execution of a contract with Joseph J. Henderson & Son, Inc., Gurnee, Illinois, in the amount of \$1,201,846 for the Lake County Public Works (LCPW) Mill Creek Water Reclamation Facility UV Project.

Attachments: [24-0118 Bid Tab Mill Creek WRF UV Disinfection Replacement JJ Hender:](#)
[24-0118 Front End Bid Docs Mill Creek WRF UV Disinfection Replacemen](#)
[24-0118 Map Mill Creek WRF UV Disinfection Replacement JJ Henderson](#)
[24-0118 Vendor Disclosure Mill Creek WRF UV Disinfection Replacement](#)

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 19 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Parekh, Member Maine, Member Schlick, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

24 [24-0144](#)

Joint resolution appropriating \$300,000 of County Option Motor Fuel Tax funds for the acquisition of necessary right-of-way, by agreement or condemnation, and other right-of-way costs associated with this Washington Street non-motorized improvement project.

Attachments: [24-0144 Location Map, Washington Street Bike Path \(Regional\)](#)
[24-0144 2040 Non-Motorized Plan](#)

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Casbon, that this

resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 19 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Parekh, Member Maine, Member Schlick, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

25 [24-0168](#)

Resolution to enter into a contract for consulting services with Baker Tilly LLP, Chicago, Illinois, in an estimated amount of \$281,400 to complete a compensation study for Lake County.

Attachments: [2.8.2024 -Agreement 24215 Compensation Study - Updated](#)
[Baker Tilly Vendor Disclosure](#)
[Post - Score Matrix Summary Board](#)

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Kyle, that this resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

Aye: 19 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Parekh, Member Maine, Member Schlick, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

26 [24-0128](#)

Resolution approving a contract with Gartner, Inc., Stamford, Connecticut, for a one-year contract for professional services and licensing in the amount of \$148,486.

Attachments: [FY24 Gartner Renewal - QUO](#)
[FY24 Gartner Renewal - VDS](#)

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Knizhnik, that this resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

Aye: 19 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Parekh, Member Maine, Member Schlick, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

NEW APPOINTMENTS

27 [24-0190](#)

Resolution providing for the appointment of Elmer Fallos as a member of the Lake County Public Aid Committee.

Attachments: [Elmer Fallos resume redacted](#)

Public Comment on this item was made by Rayon Edwards.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Maine, that this appointment be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

Aye: 19 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Parekh, Member Maine, Member Schlick, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

28 [24-0192](#)

Resolution providing for the appointment of Patrice Sutton as a Member-at-Large of the Lake County Partners Board of Directors.

Public Comment on this item was made by Rayon Edwards

A motion was made by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Kyle, that this appointment be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

Aye: 19 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Parekh, Member Maine, Member Schlick, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

MEMBER REMARKS AND REQUESTS

Member Remarks were made by Members Maine, Cunningham, Campos and Altenberg.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hart adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Adjourn this Regular September 2023 Session of the County Board of Lake County until March 12, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Anthony Vega
Lake County Clerk*

Minutes approved