

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

1:00 PM

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at
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Legislative Committee

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Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

Meeting: Legislative Committee (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

1. Call to Order

Chair Wasik called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Lake County Board Chair Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 5 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent 2 - Member Campos and Member Knizhnik

Members Campos was unable to attend the Committee meeting in person and did not meet the criteria for electronic attendance. Even though he was able to attend via electronic means and participated in Committee discussions, he must be marked as absent.

Member Schlick left the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Other Attendees:

In Person:

Carissa Casbon, Board Member

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC

Greg Formica, Greater Round Lake Fire Protection District

Justine Gilbert, Communications

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Mark Kirschhoffer, Newport Township Fire Protection District

Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board Vice Chair

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Paul Frank, Board Member

Robert Glueckert, Chief County Assessment Officer

Robin Grooms, County Administrator's Office

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Electronically:

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group

Esiah Campos, Board Member

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

John Idleburg, Sheriff's Office

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Kurt Woolford, Stormwater Management

*Larry Mackey, Health Department
Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office
Michael Wheeler, Finance
Patrice Sutton, Finance
ShaTin Gibbs, Finance
Tammy Chatman, Communications*

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wasik thanked everyone for their assistance in compiling topics for the 2024 Lake County Legislative Agenda. Chair Wasik provided a brief update regarding the Route 53 greenway and noted that he had a meeting with State Representative Faver Dias last week on the subject.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

MINUTES

8.1 23-1231

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from June 6, 2023.

Attachments: [LEG 6.6.23 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Schlick, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent: 2 - Member Campos and Member Knizhnik

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 23-1241

Update and discussion regarding the State of Illinois 2023 Legislative Sessions.

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided a recap of the State of Illinois 2023 legislative sessions, specifically noting the topics of pensions and project funding. Mr. Blaida thanked Robert Glueckert, Chief County Assessment Officer, for his assistance on a recent matter pertaining to the relocation of the Property Tax Appeals Board (PTAB) hearings.

Discussion ensued.

8.3 [23-1242](#)

Update and discussion regarding Federal Legislative items.

Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC, provided an update regarding federal legislative items, including the following topics: earmarks/congressionally directed spending, the federal budget, and HR 3372 (six-axle vehicle safety data collection bill).

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to oppose HR 3372.

Greg Formica, Greater Round Lake Fire Protection District Fire Chief, and Mark Kirschhoffer, Newport Township Fire Protection District Fire Chief, along with Mr. Bales, spoke regarding the issue of fires caused by lithium batteries in electric cars.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to pursue a legislative initiative regarding the issue of fires cause by lithium batteries in electric cars.

8.4 [23-1243](#)

Discussion regarding department submissions for the Fiscal Year 2024 Legislative Agenda.

Robert Glueckert, Chief County Assessment Officer, gave a brief explanation of the senior tax assessment freeze for low income residents.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to direct staff to research the senior tax assessment freeze for low income residents further and bring it back for future Committee discussion.

Robin Grooms, Sustainability Programs Manager, explained the potential for a green amendment to the bill of rights for the state of Illinois. Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, explained the process for amending the Illinois constitution.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to support a green amendment to the bill of rights for the state of Illinois as a topic of interest on the County's 2024 Legislative Agenda.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, provided background regarding the issue of private water reform, noting that representatives from the Long Grove Fire Protection District are working with legislators to bring about private water reform in response to the

Aqua Illinois incident.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to support private water provider reform including communication mandates with fire districts/departments and accountability improvements.

Member Schlick left the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers introduced Kurt Woolford, Executive Director of the Stormwater Management Commission, who gave an overview of the state wetland regulations and program.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to direct staff to draft support language.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers, gave background regarding Ethan's Law and asked the Committee for confirmation regarding adding Ethan's Law to the County's 2024 Legislative Agenda. The consensus of the Committee was to add Ethan's Law to the County's 2024 Legislative Agenda.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers, also confirmed with the committee that the Route 53 greenway will be added as a topic of interest to the County's 2024 Legislative Agenda.

Larry Mackey, Director of Environmental Health, gave background regarding septic inspection requirements.

Discussion ensued.

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's Report.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no remarks from members.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 3, 2023

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.