

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

**8:30 AM**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at  
<https://bit.ly/47ebupb>**

**Health and Community Services Committee**

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:** The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options):

- (1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower (9th Floor, if necessary), 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.
- (2) Remote attendance through an electronic conferencing application (register via the link on the front page of the agenda).

**RECORDING:** Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Time is reserved near the beginning of the meeting for all Public Comment. At the Chair's discretion, Public Comment for an item(s) on the agenda may be presented during consideration of that specific item. Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance and then (2) Public Comment by individuals attending remotely through an electronic conferencing application. Individuals may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to [PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov](mailto:PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov) or delivered to the County Board Office 18. N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois, (10th floor)). Written comments will be circulated to the Members, but not read aloud.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

**Meeting:** Health and Community Services 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**

*Vice Chair Altenberg called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Maine led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Maine

**Absent** 1 - Chair Parekh

*\* Electronic Attendance: Member Danforth*

*Others present:*

*In Person:*

*Abby Krakow, Communications  
Brenda O'Connell, Community Development  
Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications  
Kristy Cechini, County Board Office  
Liz Nelson, County Administrator's Office  
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office  
Melissa Gallagher, Finance  
Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office  
Sandy Hart, County Board Chair*

*Electronically:*

*Brea Barnes, Finance  
Demar Harris, Workforce Development  
Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building, and Development  
Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building, and Development  
James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office  
Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office  
Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office  
Michael Wheeler, Finance  
Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald  
Nick Principali, Finance  
Paul Frank, Board Member  
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office  
Tammy Chatman, Communications  
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

**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**

*Vice Chair Altenberg stated she was excited about the interesting issues. Vice Chair Altenberg also stated that there are a lot of illnesses going around so people should take care of themselves and take precautions if their immunity is down.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.2)**

**\*MINUTES\***

**8.1 [24-0053](#)**

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee Joint Budget Hearing minutes from October 17, 2023.

**Attachments:** [HCS Budget Hearing 10.17.23 Final Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Knizhnik, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Maine

**Absent:** 1 - Chair Parekh

**8.2 [24-0055](#)**

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee minutes from December 5, 2023.

**Attachments:** [HCS 12.5.23 Final Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Knizhnik, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Maine

**Absent:** 1 - Chair Parekh

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**\*COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT\***

**8.3 24-0030**

Joint resolution reallocating \$1,201,771 of U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2) funds to support the development of affordable rental housing projects.

**Attachments:** [Memo ERA2 Reallocation](#)  
[HCS ERA2 Reallocation PPT](#)

*Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator, provided background on the item relating to the County's Emergency Rental Assistance funds. Administrator O'Connell provided a summary of how the funds have been used and stated that this line item transfer is for remaining funds to be used to support two affordable rental housing projects. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.**

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Maine

**Absent:** 1 - Chair Parekh

**8.4 24-0065**

Presentation and discussion regarding initial steps of Lake County's Opioid Coordinator.

**Attachments:** [Opioid Coordinator Introduction](#)

*Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator, introduced Liz Nelson, Lake County's new Opioid Coordinator, who presented on initial steps being taken in her new role. 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. Member Remarks and Requests**

*Member Cunningham announced that on January 31, 2024 there will be the Homeless Point in Time Count from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.*

*Chair Hart announced there are a lot of issues with Vista Hospital, which will impact area hospitals if Vista reduces the people to treat, and would like the Committee to look at ways to help. Discussion ensued.*

*Vice Chair Altenberg introduced the new County Administrator, Patrice Sutton.*

*Member Knizhnik announced Tiara Lemon will be speaking at the NACo conference regarding the Violence Prevention Program on February 10, 2024.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Vice Chair Altenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: January 30, 2024**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.*

*Minutes were approved on February 27, 2024 by the Health and Community Services Committee.*