

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

**1:00 PM**

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

**<https://bit.ly/3HxxdI6>**

**Legislative Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 7 - Vice Chair Campos, Member Hunter, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Member Vealitzek, Chair Wasik and Ex-Officio Member Hart

**Absent** 1 - Member Kyle

*\*The physical presence of the County Board Chair constitutes a physical quorum.*

*\*Electronic Attendance: Vice Chair Campos, Member Hunter and Member Vealitzek*

**Other Attendees*****In Person:***

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair*

*Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board Vice Chair*

*Carissa Casbon, Board Member*

*Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building and Development*

*Emily Gelber, Health Department*

*Chris Hoff, Health Department*

*Betsy Brandon, County Administrator's Office*

*Robin Grooms, County Administrator's Office*

*Bob Glueckert, Chief County Assessment Officer*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

***Electronically:***

*Marah Altenberg, Board Member*

*Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group*

*Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC*

*Paul Frank, Board Member*

*Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group*

*Demar Harris, Workforce Development*

*Michael Wheeler, Finance*

*Kurt Woolford, Stormwater Management*

*Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office*

*Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office*

*Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's 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**

*Chair Wasik provided an overview of the agenda. Chair Wasik noted that he met with Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, and received a tour of the facility in Libertyville.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business****CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)****\*MINUTES\*****8.1 [25-0852](#)**

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from June 3, 2025.

**Attachments:** [LEG 6.3.25 Final Minutes](#)

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

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Chair Campos, Member Hunter, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Member Vealitzek, Chair Wasik and Ex-Officio Member Hart

**Absent:** 1 - Member Kyle

**REGULAR AGENDA****8.2 [25-0978](#)**

Update and discussion regarding the State of Illinois 2025 Legislative Sessions.

*Mike Grady and Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided a summary of the State of Illinois 2025 legislative session thus far. Topics included bills related to: mass transit, the state budget, and Medicaid. Discussion ensued.*

**8.3 [25-0979](#)**

Update and discussion regarding Federal Legislative items.

*Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC, provided a summary of the Federal 2025 legislative session thus far. Topics included: Federal Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation bills, the Executive Order regarding grant making, and the Executive Order pertaining to jurisdictions with cashless bail. Discussion ensued. Additional topics discussed included: Federal immigration enforcement, the No Secret Police Act of 2025, and Illinois HB 4086.*

**8.4 [25-0980](#)**

Discussion and presentation of legislative proposals for the Lake County 2026 Legislative Program.

*Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, provided an overview of the submission and review process for the draft Lake County Fiscal Year 2026 Legislative Agenda ("draft*

*Legislative Agenda").*

*Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development Director, and Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, provided a summary of their proposed submission pertaining to State Task Force Recommendations. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.*

*Planning, Building and Development Director Waggoner and Community Development Administrator Strezo then provided a summary of their second proposed submission regarding Illinois Tax Credits. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.*

*Member Hunter entered the meeting (in person) at 1:42 p.m.*

*Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, and Emily Gelber, Public Policy Strategist, Health Department, provided a summary of their proposed submission pertaining to Local Health Protection Grant (LPHG) Funding. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.*

*Executive Director Hoff and Public Policy Strategist Gelber then provided a summary of their second proposed submission, which pertained to the impacts of Federal Policy Changes under HR 1 (One Big Beautiful Bill Act) and the reinterpretation of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA). Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.*

*Betsy Brandon, Assistant to the County Administrator, and Janna Philipp, Operations and Program Coordinator, County Administrator's Office, provided a summary of their proposed submission pertaining to resolving limitations with current Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) processes and addressing the introduction of AI submissions. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.*

*Robin Grooms, Sustainability Programs Manager, County Administrator's Office, provided a summary of her proposed submission pertaining to the Zero-Emission Vehicle Act. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda, with some clarifications that will be provided at the next Committee meeting.*

*Sustainability Programs Manager Grooms then provided a summary of her second proposed submission pertaining to Great Lakes Coal Combustion Residual (CCR)*

*Protection. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.*

*Bob Glueckert, Chief County Assessment Officer, provided a summary of his proposed submission pertaining to Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) Hearing Locations. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.*

*Carissa Casbon, County Board Member, provided a summary of his proposed submission pertaining to the decriminalization of homelessness. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.*

*Deputy County Administrator Meyers also mentioned that Walter Willis, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO), will also have some additional submissions for future consideration by the Committee.*

## **9. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

## **10. Executive Session**

*The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

### **10.1 [25-0926](#)**

Executive Session to review closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21).

## **11. Regular Session (for action on Executive Session items)**

### **11.1 [25-0933](#)**

Committee action regarding periodic review of closed session minutes.

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A Legislative 9.2.25 FINAL no released minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Hunter, to accept and follow the State's Attorney's recommended guidelines pertaining to the periodic review of Executive Session minutes. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Chair Campos, Member Hunter, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Member Vealitzek and Chair Wasik

**Present:** 1 - Ex-Officio Member Hart

**Absent:** 1 - Member Kyle

## **12. Member Remarks and Requests**

*There were no Member remarks or requests.*

## **13. Adjournment**

*Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.*

**Next Meeting: October 7, 2025**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.*