

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

1:00 PM

JOINT BUDGET HEARINGS

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AT&T U-Verse Ch. 99, & 18 N County St, Waukegan (10th Floor)**

Health and Community Services Committee

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the September 18, 2020, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the attached Written Determination of the Lake County Board Chair, this meeting will be held via audio and video conference.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Public Comments are welcomed and encouraged. Comments received by 7:00 a.m. for items not on the agenda will be read at the beginning of the meeting in the order they are received or during consideration of an agenda item if it is related to a specific item. Comments received after 7:00 a.m. but before consideration of the final agenda item under Regular Agenda, may be taken at the end of the meeting. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment pursuant to the County Board Rules of Order and Operational Procedures. All emailed Comments received but not read during the meeting will be included in the Committee's meeting minutes.

Email Public Comments to CountyBoard@lakecountyil.gov with the following:

- * Subject Title: Health and Community Services Budget Hearing Public Comment
- * Name
- * Street Address (Optional)
- * City, State (Optional)
- * Phone (Optional)
- * Organization/agency/etc. represented. (If representing yourself, put "Self")
- * Topic or Agenda Item Number followed by Public Comment.

Public in attendance on the 10th Floor of the Administrative Tower at 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois may provide Public Comment.

0.0 [20-0824](#)

Determination of need for meetings of the Lake County Board and Committees to be

held by audio or video conference.

Attachments: [Determination - Chair Hart 12.30.20](#)

1. Call to Order

Present 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Chair Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Member Martini and Vice Chair Simpson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Carlson dispensed the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions and amendments to the agenda.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

5. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

7. New Business

REGULAR AGENDA

7.1 [20-1466](#)

Presentation and consideration of proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget (see complete recommended budget attached).

Attachments: [2021 Recommended Budget.pdf](#)

Gary Gibson, County Administrator, thanked the staff of the Finance Department.

Mike Wheeler, Finance and Administrative Services (FAS), gave opening comments of the proposed Fiscal Budget. Mr. Wheeler explained how the proceedings will work and thanked the staff for helping put together the budgets.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.2 [20-1465](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2021 for Community Development (HUD Grants).

Emily Mitchell, Budget/Operations Analyst, gave an overview of the budget for the Community Development HUD Grants. Eric Waggoner, Director of Planning, Building and Development, gave an overview of the Community Development HUD grants. Director Waggoner stated a lot of the needs can be met through the CARES Act.

Brenda O'Connell, Continuum of Care Coordinator, stated many of the community needs

have changed since COVID-19. Staff have reached out to the community asking what the new needs are.

Financial & Administrative Committee

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Pedersen, to approve item 20-1465, the recommended Budget for the Community Development HUD Grants. Unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote.

Aye: 7 - Member Carlson, Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Health and Community Services Committee

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Chair Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Member Martini and Vice Chair Simpson

7.3 [20-1469](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2021 budget for the Health Department.

Mike Wheeler, Finance and Administration, gave an overview of the budget for the Health Department.

Mark Pfister, Health Department Director, stated the 2021 Budget was the most difficult budget in the 60 years of the Health Department. Director Pfister thanked the Board and the County Administration for working with them on the budget. He thanked the departments for their help during the pandemic. Director Pfister stated there were 24 FTE's reduced for the budget. Unfortunately, six were positions that were actually filled. The budget is very austere and bare bones. Discussion ensued.

Financial & Administrative Committee

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, to approve item 20-1469, recommending the budget for the Health Department.

Aye: 7 - Member Carlson, Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Health and Community Services Committee

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Martini, that this committee action item be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Chair Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Member Martini and Vice Chair Simpson

7.4 [20-1471](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2021 budget for the

Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic.

Michael Wheeler, Finance and Administration, gave an overview of the budget for the tuberculosis clinic. The budget has been reduced by 3 percent.

Mark Pfister, Health Department Director, stated there is a potential rise in tuberculosis because of people not coming in to be treated due to COVID-19. The Health Department had 9 cases in 2019 and 10 for 2020 thus far. In 2018, there were 19 cases. Director Pfister also thanked the Board for their support.

Financial & Administrative Committee

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Pedersen, that this committee action item be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Carlson, Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Health and Community Services Committee

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this committee action item be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Chair Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Member Martini and Vice Chair Simpson

7.5 [20-1472](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2021 budget for Special Service Area Number Eight (SSA # 8) - Loon Lake.

There was no discussion on this item.

Financial & Administrative Committee

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Pedersen, that this committee action item be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Carlson, Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Health and Community Services Committee

A motion was made by Member Martini, seconded by Member Barr, that this committee action item be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Chair Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Member Martini and Vice Chair Simpson

7.6 [20-1474](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2021 budget for the Regional Office of Education.

Anthony Cooling, Budget/Operations Analyst, gave an overview of the budget of the Regional Office of Education.

Mike Munda, Regional Office of Education, stated there are two vacancies and is still requesting the position for an accountant assistant. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Barr, seconded by Member Hewitt, to approve a position for an accountant assistant.

Member Hewitt rescinded her second. The amendment failed due to not having a second.

Financial & Administrative Committee

A motion was made by Member Pedersen, seconded by Member Clark, to approve item 20-1474, the recommended Budget for the Regional Office of Education.

Aye: 7 - Member Carlson, Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Health and Community Services Committee

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Cunningham, that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Chair Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Member Martini and Vice Chair Simpson

7.7 [20-1476](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2021 budget for the Veteran's Assistance Commission.

Anthony Cooling stated the 2021 budget is status quo from last years. There are decrease in capital and benefits. There are several program requests.

Andrew Tangen, Superintendent Veterans Assistance Commission, gave an overview of the program and stated how hard this year has been on the Veterans. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the part-time position to full-time.

Financial & Administrative Committee

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that this committee action item be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Carlson, Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Health and Community Services Committee

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Barr, that this committee action item be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Chair Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Member Martini and Vice Chair Simpson

7.8 [20-1477](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2021 budget for Winchester House.

Mike Wheeler gave an overview of the budget for Winchester House. The funds are going into contingency. A suggestion to reallocate for the program requests that were presented. Chair Carlson asked for a legal opinion as to what needs to be done with the funds.

Patrice Sutton, stated she will come back to the Board to ask what should be done with the funds.

Financial & Administrative Committee

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Pedersen, that this committee action item be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Carlson, Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Health and Community Services Committee

A motion was made by Member Barr, seconded by Member Simpson, that this committee action item be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Chair Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Member Martini and Vice Chair Simpson

7.9 [20-1480](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2021 budget for the Workforce Development Department.

Anthony Cooling, Budget/Operations Analyst, Fiscal Year 2021 grant revenue increased. Their Grant revenue is a formula driven allocation because Lake County's unemployment rate is higher than the State's. There was a substantial increase with unemployment this year which increased the funding and expenses for Workforce Development.

Jennifer Serrano, Director of Workforce Development, recognized the work of her team in her department and Workforce Development Board has been instrumental ensuring continuity of service for the last 8 months. Director Serrano gave an overview of the budget and planning for Workforce Development and noted planning started back in November.

Financial & Administrative Committee

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Pedersen, that this committee action item be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Carlson, Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Health and Community Services Committee

A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Cunningham, that this committee action item be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Chair Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Member Martini and Vice Chair Simpson

8. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

9. Public Comment

There was no additional public comments.

10. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

11. Members' Remarks

12. Adjournment

Chair Carlson declared the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 27, 2020