

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

9:00 AM

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

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Lake County Board

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- (1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower, 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).

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PLEASE NOTE: An individual is allowed 3 minutes total for one or more public comments.

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 ot order at 9:00 a.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Roberts led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present 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 Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Vice Chair Cunningham and Member Schlick attended electronically. They were marked present and eligible to vote.

Member Frank arrived at 9:57 a.m.

ADDENDA TO THE AGENDA**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS****1 [26-0208](#)**

Presentation of Employee Recognitions.

This matter was presented

2 [26-0171](#)

Special recognition of 2-1-1 Day in Lake County.

This matter was presented

3 [26-0218](#)

Presentation of Lake County's America 250 Announcements.

This matter was presented

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment, for items not on the agenda, was made by:

Dean Barker of Rockford

Brian Jones of Rockford

Babe Paukstys

Jodie Zitko of St. Charles

Ken Zitko of St. Charles

Rayon Edwards

Spencer Elliot of Ingleside

Morgan Coghill of Mundelein

Alexandria Keating-Sofiakis of Round Lake

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Hart offered Clerk Vega time to speak about the March 17th election:

Post Office changes will impact the timely delivery of vote by mail ballots. Vote by mail ballot should be returned as soon as possible; through the United States Postal Service, at any of the seven external drop boxes or the internal drop boxes at all early voting locations.

Citizens interested in how elections are conducted are encouraged to become poll watchers.

Voters are responsible for keeping their voter registration status updated. In order for election authorities to maintain accurate voter rolls, maintaining the most up to date equipment, we must also be committed to funding election authorities.

I joined a bipartisan group of election authorities to advocate for increased HAVA funding.

Congress has increased HAVA funding by over \$30 million in fiscal year 2026.

This Board has committed county funds to ensure that our election systems are secure and up to the newest standard. We will continue to do that every single year.

Chair's Remarks:

Attended Housing Lake meeting

Legislative breakfast with Lake County Municipal League

Meeting with Tom and Lynn Doolittle regarding the Grubb School Drainage District

Trump administration is cutting federal health care funds to states that did not support him in the last election, which includes Illinois. About two dozen of the grants were aimed at curbing H.I.V. and other sexually transmitted infections. Congress had already appropriated the funds.

Illinois gives more money to the federal government than we receive, and that gap is widening under the Trump administration.

Upcoming: Lake County Coalition for Housing Summit on Wednesday at Regional Office of Education.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS****CONSENT AGENDA (Items 4 - 29)**

Items #13 and #14 were removed from the Consent Agenda.

MINUTES**4 [26-0139](#)**

Board action approving the Lake County Board minutes from January 13, 2026.

Attachments: [January 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, 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

5 [26-0109](#)

Report of Claims Against Lake County, Illinois for the month of January 2026.

Attachments: [Claims Against the County - January 2026](#)

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

REPORTS

6 [26-0077](#)

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of October 2025.

Attachments: [L&JrepOCT25](#)

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

7 [26-0078](#)

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of November 2025.

Attachments: [L&JrepNOV25](#)

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

8 [26-0081](#)

Report from Anthony Vega, County Clerk, for the month of December 2025.

Attachments: [County Clerk Monthly Finance Report for December 2025](#)

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

9 [26-0105](#)

Cash & Investment Report from Holly Kim, Treasurer, for the month of December 2025.

Attachments: [FSG Dec - 25.pdf](#)

[Lake County Investment Portfolio Summary - December 2025.pdf](#)

[FSG Dec 2024.pdf](#)

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

REAPPOINTMENTS

10 [26-0202](#)

Resolution providing for the reappointments of J. Kevin Hunter as a member and Linda Pedersen as alternate member of the Northwest Lake County Wholesale Policy Advisory Committee.

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

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

11 [25-1601](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$10,768.14 for the completion of Environmental Review Records (ERRs).

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation 2026-01 ERRs 25-1601.pdf](#)

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

12 [25-1599](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from Illinois Department of Human Services and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$4,069 for grant administration and management of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation 2025-12 IL ESG 25-1599.pdf](#)

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

15 [26-0112](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Career Planner Training Academy Grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$119,123.05 for the Lake County Workforce Development Department.

Attachments: [Career Planner Training Academy Support Grant](#)

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

16 [26-0189](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$12,550 for grant fiscal year 2026 accepting additional funding from the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago Pop Affirming Care and Routine HIV Screening Development Grant.

Attachments: [Nov-25 Emergency Appropriation](#)
 [Feb-26 Emergency Appropriation](#)

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

17 [26-0190](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$40,266 for grant fiscal year 2026 accepting additional funding from the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center Victims of Crime Act grant.

Attachments: [Nov-25 Emergency Appropriation](#)
 [Feb-26 Emergency Appropriation](#)

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

18 [26-0154](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$75,988 for Fiscal Year 2026 accepting additional funding from the Chicago Department of Public Health Ryan White Part A Grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation Template for FY26 January 2026 CDPH RW A](#)

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

19 [26-0159](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$147,152 for Fiscal Year 2025 accepting additional funding from the AIDS Foundation of Chicago Ryan White Part A Grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation Template for FY25 January 2026 AFC RW A](#)

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

LAW AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

20 [26-0114](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation with offsetting revenue in the amount of \$12,000 to support a trauma-informed mural project at the Hulse Detention Center.

Attachments: [Courts_IAC Grant_12000_EA](#)
 [Grant Agreement - 2026-0047678 Creative Projects 2026 - Organization A](#)

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

21 [26-0080](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of a Healing Illinois grant awarded to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office through the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) as a subgrantee of the Lake County YWCA, to fund a gun violence prevention mural to promote community building and engagement in Lake County and an emergency appropriation of \$12,000 in grant funds.

Attachments: [Budget Summary Healing Illinois \\$12k.pdf](#)

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

22 [26-0098](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 for a continued participation fee of \$55,000.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, 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

23 [26-0092](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Buckeye Power Sales Co., Inc., of Romeoville, Illinois, in the amount of \$94,965 for Generator Replacement and installation Services for the Lake County Public Works Remington LRSD Lift Station.

Attachments: [26-0092 Remington LRSD Lift Station Quote#27273813](#)
[26-0092 Vendor disclosure statement](#)

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

24 [26-0102](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with USIC Locating Services, LLC, Indianapolis, Indiana, in the amount of \$165,204, for the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators, Inc. (JULIE) ticket screening and locating of Lake County Division of Transportation storm sewers for excavator dig requests along various county highways and appropriating \$218,800 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation funds.

Attachments: [26-0102 Bid Tab](#)
[26-0102 Vendor Disclosure](#)

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Kyle, that the

consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

25 [26-0119](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with CDW-G of Vernon Hills, Illinois, in the total amount of \$81,379.50 for the Microsoft 365 Cloud Backup project.

Attachments: [26-0119 QUO.pdf](#)
 [26-0119 VDS.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, 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

26 [26-0026](#)

Ordinance reducing the tax heretofore levied for the tax year 2025 and collected in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 for financing of the Northeast sewer system Special Service Area number nine in its entirety.

Attachments: [SSA 9 Map](#)

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

27 [26-0115](#)

Resolution authorizing emergency appropriations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 in various funds for certain projects, items, and activities budgeted in the prior year and not completed.

Attachments: [Feb-26 Carryovers Combined - FINAL](#)

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

28 [26-0116](#)

Resolution authorizing line-item transfers between various funds for the purpose of transferring previously approved funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.

Attachments: [GOE LITs 1.30.26](#)

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

29 [26-0187](#)

Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation of a Community Project Funding

grant agreement with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the North Chicago Environmental Remediation at Sheridan Crossing.

Attachments: [HUD Sheridan Crossing Emerg Approp 1.29.26](#)

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, 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 Member Knizhnik, 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 Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

REGULAR AGENDA

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

30 [26-0207](#)

Board of Health Report.

The Health Department's withdrawal management unit re-opened at the end of January. Housed within the Addictions Treatment Program (ATP), withdrawal management provides a safe, supportive, and treatment focused option for individuals in their substance use recovery journey. ATP services include individual, group, and family counseling, case management, medical and psychiatric services, and peer support. Eligible individuals are not denied services based on inability to pay or insurance status.

The Health Department's Substance Abuse Program (SAP) provides continued Methadone treatment to Jail inmates with Opioid Use Dependence that are already being treated with Methadone prior to incarceration. SAP finalized an agreement with the Lake County Jail/Sheriff's Office in October 2024 and started delivering Methadone guest doses to the jail in January 2025. Since January 2025 SAP has received 72 referrals from the Jail (72 as of 1/22/2026 – 67 in calendar year 2025). Prior to this agreement, inmates on Methadone were not able to continue treatment while in the Jail and the Methadone was discontinued. Research shows that providing methadone treatment in jail prevents return to substance use upon release; reduces the risk of non-fatal and fatal overdose upon release; and increases the likelihood of continuing Methadone and being engaged in treatment post release. The Substance Abuse Program (SAP) started to provide evidenced based substance abuse group treatment in the jail in January 2026. Treatment groups are 2 times a week for four-week sessions. Providing substance use education and treatment to incarcerated individuals has shown to reduce relapse upon release, reduce recidivism, improve relationships, and improve health and mental health symptoms.

13 [26-0089](#)

Joint resolution approving the second amendment to the HOME American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan.

Attachments: [HOME-ARP-Allocation-Plan-Amendment-2](#)

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

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

Recuse: 1 - Member Casbon

14 [26-0088](#)

Joint resolution approving the third amendment to the Program Year 2025 (PY25) United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan (AAP).

Attachments: [PY25 AAP 3rd AMENDMENT](#)

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

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

Recuse: 1 - Member Casbon

31 [25-1602](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$2,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2026 and accepting funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Healthy Houses Program.

Attachments: [20-303003 GA - Fully Executed HCS Agenda.v2 \(002\).pdf](#)
[Emergency Appropriation 2026-01 DCEO Healthy Houses 25-1602.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Member Parekh, seconded by Member Frank, 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 Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

LAW AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**32 [26-0113](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation with offsetting revenue in the amount of \$14,000 to support the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court's Disability Accessibility Improvement Program.

Attachments: [Courts Disability Grant 14000 EA](#)
[2026 Disability Access Grant Agreement - Lake County Signed.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, 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 Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**33 [26-0219](#)**

Board action confirming Lake County's support of the Responsibility in Firearm Legislation (RIFL) Act (HB3320 / SB2279).

In person Public Comment on this item was made by:

Gary Oltmans of Gurnee

Lauren Harper

Tierra Lemon

Eric Rinehart

On Line Public Comment on this item was made by:

Gail Nottenburg

Jaclyn Rodriguez

Susan Erickson

A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Knizhnik, that this Board action item be approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 13 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Parekh, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Nay: 6 - Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Maine, Member Pedersen and Member Schlick

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**34 [26-0103](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing an agreement with Stanley Consultants, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, for Phase I professional engineering services for intersection improvements at

Rollins Road and Wilson Road at a maximum cost of \$1,773,869 and appropriating \$2,130,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation funds.

Attachments: [26-0103 Agreement](#)
 [26-0103 Vendor Disclosure](#)
 [26-0103 Location Map](#)

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hunter, 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 Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

35 [26-0069](#)

Ordinance for the naming of Lake County owned property, including land, parks, and structures.

Attachments: [26-0069 Ordinance As Amended at F&A on 1.29.26 - CLEAN](#)
 [26-0069 Ordinance As Amended at F&A on 1.29.26 - Redline](#)

A motion was made by Member Frank, seconded by Member Clark, 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 Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

36 [26-0188](#)

Resolution approving the sale of two County-owned properties located at 29278 Route 83 (PIN 10-14-300-010) and 21010 W IL Route 60 (PIN 10-15-400-003), Mundelein, Illinois, for \$135,000, consisting of approximately 5.6 acres, formerly used as the old Animal Care and Control facility for the Lake County Health Department, and declaring the parcel as excess property.

A motion was made by Member Frank, seconded by Member Kyle, 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 Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

MEMBER REMARKS AND REQUESTS

Member Remarks were made by Members Wasik and Danforth.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn this Regular September 2025 Session of the County Board of Lake County until March 10, 2026.

Chair Hart adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Anthony Vega
Lake County Clerk*

Minutes approved