

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, January 7, 2009**

**10:00 AM**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor**

**Public Works and Transportation Committee**

1. **Call to Order**

**Present** 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine,  
Member Talbett, Member Bush and Member Wilke

*Others present:*

*Walter Willis, SWALCO*

*Suzi Schmidt, County Board Chair*

*Barry Burton, County Administrator*

*Jim Bakk, Special Counsel*

*Dan Jasica, State's Attorney*

*Pat Carey, County Board*

*Steve Mountsier, County Board*

*Marty Buehler, Division of Transportation*

*Paula Trigg, Division of Transportation*

*Peter Kolb, Public Works*

*Amy McEwan, County Administrator*

*Barbara Allen, County Board Office*

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

*The Chair led the pledge.*

3. **Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Carter, that the Minutes of November 12, 2008 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine,  
Member Talbett, Member Bush and Member Wilke

4. **Public Comment**

5. **Added to Agenda**

*None.*

6. **Old Business**

*None.*

7. **New Business**

**SWALCO**

7.1 [09-1014](#) SWALCO Presentation by Walter Willis

*Walter Willis presented an overview of SWALCO including SWALCO's*

*mission that includes planning, consulting, education and facilities and programs.*

*Mr. Willis advised that some upcoming issues requiring Lake County Board Action include: 1) a resolution allowing townships to be paid for recyclables; 2) landfill agreements; 3) 2009 plan update; and 4) Local Surcharge Ordinance and Surcharge Balance.*

*Mr. Willis took questions from the Committee.*

7.2 [08-1009](#)

Countryside Landfill Gas Emissions presented by Tony Smithson and Larry Mackey.

*Chair O'Kelly advised that she had attended the meeting with the homeowners. Mr. Burton advised that the issue with Countryside is that they have a problem and the gas recovery is just not sufficient. There are two actions occurring - there is an enforcement through the Health Department as a delegative authority from the Illinois EPA and a separate action because of the extensiveness of the problems. Through our host community agreement, we as a partnership between Grayslake, SWALCO and Lake County entered into a contract to have a separate firm look into the records and determine if Countryside really did do everything they could do to prevent this. We will have that report back within 30 days and will bring it to Committee.*

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

7.3 [09-1052](#)

Executive Session to Discuss Ongoing Litigation

**A motion was made by Member Stolman, seconded by Member Carter, to go into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Talbett, Member Bush and Member Wilke

### **Discussion.**

**A motion was made by Member Carter, seconded by Member Bush, to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Talbett, Member Bush and Member Wilke

7.4 [09-1053](#)

Director's Report - Public Works

*Director Kolb presented a Public Works Overview and distributed copies to the Committee.*

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- 7.5 [09-1074](#) Committee endorsement is requested to approve a Letter of Intent and Concurrence for Lake, Kane and Will Counties to participate in an Advance Funding Agreement involving IDOT Surface Transportation Program-Counties federal funds for SFY2009.

*Presented by Director Buehler, who noted that this is in our best interests. Director Buehler requested the Committee's agreement with the concept. If there is agreement, we will sign this Letter of Intent so that we can draft an intergovernmental agreement.*

**This matter was approved**

- 7.6 [09-1066](#) Joint resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between Lake County and Civiltech Engineering Inc., Chicago, Illinois for the provision of Phase I engineering services (*Preliminary Engineering*) for the widening of Quentin Road from North of US Rt. 12 to South of IL Rt. 22. This resolution also appropriates \$750,000 of Matching Tax funds for these engineering services designated as Section 08-00090-12-ES.

**A motion was made by Member Carter, seconded by Member Bush, that this Resolution be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Talbett, Member Bush and Member Wilke

- 7.7 [09-1067](#) Joint resolution authorizing the execution of a new master agreement between Lake County and the Village of Buffalo Grove regarding the maintenance costs, construction and installation costs, and future costs associated with current and future traffic control signals under the jurisdiction of the Lake County Division of Transportation and including provisions for emergency preemption systems.

**A motion was made by Member Stolman, seconded by Member Carter, that this Resolution be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Talbett, Member Bush and Member Wilke

- 7.8 [09-1068](#) Joint resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between Lake County and the Village of Buffalo Grove for the installation of traffic signals, with interconnect to Lake County PASSAGE, at the intersection of Aptakisic Road and Brandywyn Lane and designated as Section 07-00088-16-TL.

**A motion was made by Member Stolman, seconded by Member Wilke, that this Resolution be approved and referred on to**

**Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Talbett, Member Bush and Member Wilke

7.9 [09-1070](#)

Joint resolution appropriating of \$5,880.72 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for Lake County's prorated share for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, of the transportation planning undertaken by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and designated as Section 09-00183-00-ES.

**A motion was made by Member Carter, seconded by Member Maine, that this Resolution be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Talbett, Member Bush and Member Wilke

7.10 [09-1071](#)

Joint resolution appropriating a supplemental amount of \$300,000 of County Bridge Tax funds for the construction of the Skokie Valley Bike Path from Laurel Ave in Lake Forest to the North Shore Bike Path at IL Rte 176 in Lake Bluff including an underpass beneath the Union Pacific Railroad and designated Section 94-00241-00-BT.

*Director Buehler presented this item and noted that once cumulative a change orders exceed 10% of the original contract, he must present to the Committee. Items 7.10 and 7.11 are connected.*

**A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Carter, that this Resolution be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Talbett, Member Bush and Member Wilke

7.11 [09-1073](#)

Joint Committee action memo approving IDOT Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$325,321.52 for required revisions to the contract for the Skokie Valley Bike Path from Laurel Ave in Lake Forest to the North Shore Bike Path at IL Rte 176 in Lake Bluff including an underpass beneath the Union Pacific Railroad.

*Presented by Paula Trigg.*

**A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Carter, that this Committee Action Item be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Stolman, Member Carter, Member Maine, Member Talbett, Member Bush and Member Wilke

7.12 [08-0786](#) Director's Report - Transportation

*Director Buehler reported that he had been appointed as Chair of the Liaison Committee of the Illinois Association of County Engineers (IACE). The Liaison Committee meets directly with the IDOT Secretary of Transportation.*

*Director Buehler distributed copies of the 2009-2010 Transportation Briefing Book and noted that Chapter 6 may be presented at the next meeting. This chapter deals with pre-imminent issues in transportation. Director Buehler asked that Committee Members bring their books to the next meeting.*

8. **Executive Session**

9. **County Administrator's Report**

*Barry Burton reported that Member Stolman had requested an update on Route 53. Director Buehler drafted a fact sheet detailing the history and the status of the project. Director Buehler highlighted the items on the fact sheet. Mr. Burton gave information on a public question and what it would need to contain - what type of road should it be; this would need to be adopted by the County Board by February 4, 2009, certified by February 5 for the election this year. Discussion followed. Member Stolman spoke in support of the Route 53 extension and noted that if this is not placed on the ballot in the upcoming April election, the next election is in 2010. Political consensus has been leaning toward this; however we need to hear from the voters. Member Stolman noted that this would be purely an advisory referendum which would either put something on the table or take something off the table.*

*Member Carter asked who would be providing information on this question; e.g. what is the alignment, what does a "yes" vote mean; what other roads would need to be widened. This needs an educational component to get information to the voters in order to address their questions. Member Carter expressed concern about who is doing the campaign; can they get it up and running; how are we responsible for that. Where are we at with the secondary roads that will handle the traffic coming off of Route 53. Another concern is we have just decided on a road character for Route 120 which will not handle the traffic off of Route 53. Chair O'Kelly noted that the character of Route 120 was a consensus vote, even though she would have preferred a six lane. Discussion followed. Member Carter stated that she did support Route 53, but was concerned about the traffic coming off in her district and the congestion.*

*Member Stolman felt that there would be a group that would work in support of this referendum. Director Buehler noted that we need to keep this simple and recognize that there are the short term and long term issues. Member Carter also expressed concern that it needs to be communicated that this is a State project; not a County project and how do we convey this message to the voters. Mr. Burton stated that we could make this very clear on our ballot question. Discussion followed. Member Bush expressed concern about the wording of the question so that voters don't think we are asking them to pay for it. In response to a question, Director Buehler reported that the State owns in the vicinity of 80% of the right-of-way for this road. Discussion followed.*

*Member Wilke expressed concern about there really being two questions - 1) do you want Route 53 and 2) do you want to pay for it. Mr. Burton noted that something needs to say how you will pay for it and the funding mechanism needs to be included in the referendum question.*

*Director Buehler noted that the reason the County wouldn't run an information campaign is because if the Board was in favor of the extension, then it could simply vote to endorse the project as a board. Mr. Burton advised that if it is the consensus of the Committee to move forward on this item, then we will prepare a resolution and work on the ballot language and have it ready for next week. Chair O'Kelly polled the group and there was consensus that this item be moved forward.*

*Member Maine stated that we need to allow a lot of time in the Committee-of-the-Whole for this item, if it passes committee. Mr. Burton noted that this must be passed by February 2 and certified to the Clerk's office by February 5. Member Maine requested that the entire Board be notified in a separate email saying that this will be on the PWT agenda. Mr. Burton stated that he would also attach the draft Resolution to that email.*

10. Adjournment

**Member Maine made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Carter. The meeting was adjourned.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Chairman*

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*Vice-Chairman*

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*Public Works and Transportation Committee*