

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, August 29, 2023**

**8:30 AM**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at  
<https://bit.ly/45hbqF7>**

**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 by registering using the link on the front page of this agenda.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Live public comment will be available for those attending in-person and through an electronic conferencing application (register via the link on the front page of the agenda). In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. Public Comment may 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**

*Chair Parekh called the meeting to order at 8:49 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Danforth led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

*Member Knizhnik joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.*

*\* Electronic Attendance: Member Maine*

*Other Attendees:*

*In Person:*

*Brenda O'Connell, Community Development*

*Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office*

*Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications*

*Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney's Office*

*Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building, and Development*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office*

*Joy Gossman, Public Defender*

*Justine Gilbert, Communications*

*Kevin Quinn, Communications*

*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

*Mark Pfister, Health Department*

*Michael Karner, Lake County Regional Office of Education*

*Sandy Hart, Board Chair*

*Electronically:*

*Alex Carr, Communications*

*Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building, and Development*

*James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office*

*Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office*

*Jennifer Banek, Coroner*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

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

*Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald*

*Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office*

*Stacy Davis-Wynn, Purchasing*

*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

*Tierra Lemon, State's Attorney's Office*

**4. Addenda to the Agenda**

*There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.*

**5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)**

*There were no comments from the public.*

**6. Chair's Remarks**

*Member Parekh stated he was excited for items that will be discussed in the meeting today and is looking forward to the rest of the year.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

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

**\*MINUTES\***

**8.1 23-1179**

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services minutes from July 25, 2023.

**Attachments:** [HCS 7.25.23 Final Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Altenberg, seconded by Member Hewitt, 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 Maine and Chair Parekh

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Knizhnik

**8.2 23-1180**

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services minutes from August 1, 2023.

**Attachments:** [HCS 8.1.23 Final Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Altenberg, seconded by Member Hewitt, 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 Maine and Chair Parekh

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Knizhnik

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**\*COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT\***

**8.3 23-1124**

Joint resolution approving the Second Amendment to Program Year (PY) 2023 Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan (AAP).

**Attachments:**    [PY23 AAP SECOND AMENDMENT DRAFT](#)  
                              [Emergency Appropriation 2023-09 PY2023](#)

*Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator, provided an update on the action plan amendment.*

**A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, 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 Maine and Chair Parekh

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Knizhnik

**8.4 23-1125**

Joint resolution approving \$300,000 of HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) funds to Urban Muslim Minority Alliance (UMMA) for the development of four affordable rental units.

**Attachments:**    [HOME-ARP Memo](#)

*Member Knizhnik joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.*

*Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator, provided an update on the funding for four affordable rental units. 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:** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

**\*HEALTH DEPARTMENT\***

**8.5 23-1174**

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Public Health grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$75,000 for the HIV Self-Testing grant.

**Attachments:**    [HIV Self-Testing EA](#)

*Mark Pfister, Executive Director, Health Department, provided an update on the grant to fund HIV self-testing. Discussion ensued.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

**8.6 [23-1175](#)**

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Human Services grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$681,000 for the Regional Substance Use Prevention Integration Center grant.

**Attachments:** [RSUPS EA](#)

*Mark Pfister, Executive Director, Health Department, provided an update on the Regional Substance Use Prevention Integration Center grant. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, 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:** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

**8.7 [23-1223](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing the creation of the Opioid Settlement Fund (Fund 771) and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$1,552,141.80 of revenues received through national settlements to be used to offset the impact of opioid use.

**Attachments:** [Opioid Project Plan August 2023](#)  
[Opioid Coordinator Job Description](#)  
[Opioid Appropriation](#)  
[Opioid Presentation](#)

*Cassandra Hiller, Assistant County Administrator, Michael Karner, Regional Superintendent of Schools, Lake County Regional Office of Education, Mark Pfister, Executive Director, Health Department, Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, and Jennifer Banek, Coroner, provided a presentation on the Opioid Settlement Fund and how the funds will be used to offset the impact of opioid use. Discussion ensued.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

**10. Executive Session**

*The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

**11. Members' Remarks**

*Member Altenberg and Chair Parekh both stated they were excited that the Opioid initiative is moving forward.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Parekh declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: September 5, 2023.**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.*