

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

1:00 PM

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

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Meeting: Legislative 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 Wasik called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Hunter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent 1 - Member Campos

Other Attendees:

In Person:

Bailey Wyatt, Communications

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Justine Gilbert, Communications

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board Vice Chair

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Michael Harris, County Administrator's Office

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Electronically:

Abby Krakow, Communications

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

Gregory Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Michael Wheeler, Finance

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group

Nick Principali, Finance

Patrice Sutton, Finance

Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office

ShaTin Gibbs, Finance

Tammy Chatman, Communications

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

Chair Wasik noted that he recently had a discussion with Representative Didech regarding potential Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) funding for the state-owned land that was originally reserved for the Illinois Route 53 extension. Member Altenberg provided further information about the project.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business**CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)*****MINUTES*****8.1 [23-0676](#)**

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from April 4, 2023.

Attachments: [LEG 4.4.23 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Campos

REGULAR AGENDA**8.2 [23-0504](#)**

Update and discussion on the state of Illinois 2023 Spring Legislative Session.

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided an update on the state of Illinois 2023 spring legislative session, specifically pertaining to the state budget.

Discussion ensued.

8.3 [23-0505](#)

Committee discussion on active legislation and bills of interest.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, gave a brief update regarding the following bills of interest:

SB1997 (Building Regulation). Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided additional information about the bill.

HB 1067 (Superintendent of Public Works Bill). Mr. Grady provided additional information about the bill.

SB 0133 (Public Construction Bonds Bill).

SB 0040 (Electric Vehicle Charging Act).

SB 1984 (Carpet Stewardship Act). Mr. Grady provided additional information about the bill.

SB 1555 (Packaging and Paper Stewardship Bill). Mr. Grady provided additional information about the bill. Discussion ensued.

SB 2368 (Building and Residential Codes Bill).

SB 1463 (Minors - No Fees or Fines).

SB 1883 (Protection of Wild Animals).

Assistant County Administrator Meyers also noted that the following bills did not pass through their respective chambers:

HB 0995 (Higher Education - Election Judge Credit Bill). Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided additional information about the bill. Discussion ensued.

HB 1608 (EPA Great Lakes - CCR Protection Bill).

SB 1521 (Firearm Safe Storage Bill, "Ethan's Law"). Discussion ensued.

8.4 [23-0678](#)

Discussion and Committee action regarding policy resolutions for the upcoming 2023 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference.

Attachments: [NACo Policy Resolution - Deflection DRAFT](#)
[NACo Policy Resolution - ACP DRAFT](#)
[NACo Policy Resolution - Federal Assistance DRAFT](#)

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, gave a brief outline of the National Association of Counties (NACo) policy resolution process. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that he spoke to Vice Chair Cunningham and based on her support and previous direction from the Committee, the staff recommendation is to proceed with three NACo policy resolutions. Assistant County Administrator Meyers asked for consensus from the Committee to proceed with the three NACo policy resolutions as drafted. Assistant County Administrator Meyers then gave a summary of each draft NACo policy resolution.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to proceed with all three NACo policy resolutions as drafted.

The vote for this item took place during the County Administrator's Report.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this committee action item be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Campos

9. County Administrator's Report

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, explained that the County has executed a contract with McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC, for the function of a federal lobbyist. Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC, briefly introduced himself to the Committee.

Discussion ensued.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that a vote is needed for item 8.4 to proceed with the draft National Association of Counties (NACo) policy resolutions. The vote is reflected under item 8.4.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

Chair Hart thanked the Committee for their support of HB 1067 and SB 1883.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 6, 2023

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Minutes were approved on June 6, 2023, by the Legislative Committee.