

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

1:00 PM

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:
<https://bit.ly/3USRW5z>**

Legislative Committee

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Schlick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik,
Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

**Electronic Attendance: Members Altenberg and Campos*

Member Knizhnik entered the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Member Altenberg joined the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Other Attendees***In Person:***

Jennifer Clark, Board Member

Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications

Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Justine Gilbert, Communications

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Electronically:

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group

Melissa Gallagher, Finance

Andrew Tangen, Veterans Assistance Commission

ShaTin Gibbs, Finance

Michael Wheeler, Finance

Abby Krakow, Communications

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation

Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wasik thanked everyone for a very successful legislative session.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

MINUTES

8.1 24-0655

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from May 7, 2024.

Attachments: [LEG 5.7.24 Final Minutes](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Schlick, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Campos, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Not Present: 2 - Member Altenberg and Member Knizhnik

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 24-0716

Update and discussion regarding the State of Illinois 2024 Legislative Sessions.

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided a summary of the State of Illinois 2024 legislative session thus far, including an update on items from the Lake County Legislative Agenda pertaining to funding for the Route 53 Greenway Study and the release of the second round of funding for the Stormwater Management projects.

Member Knizhnik entered the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided a summary regarding the state's fiscal year budget, noting that the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) percentage has decreased in the state of Illinois. Discussion ensued.

8.3 24-0717

Update and discussion regarding Federal Legislative items.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, provided an update regarding the County's federal earmark applications, noting that three of Lake County's projects have been selected to move forward for possible fund appropriation including: the Antioch Township Sanitary Sewer project, the North Suburban Affordable Housing Hub, and the Public Works Water System Improvements project in the Glennshire and Forest Lake areas. Discussion ensued.

8.4 [24-0718](#)

Discussion and presentation related to filed State and Federal Bills.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, introduced Andrew Tangen, Superintendent, Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC), who provided an overview of HR 8371, the Veterans Omnibus Package. Discussion ensued.

Member Altenberg joined the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Chair Wasik thanked Superintendent Tangen for bringing HR 8371 to the Committee's attention and directed staff to monitor the bill.

8.5 [24-0730](#)

Presentation and Committee action regarding policy resolution and platform change submission for the upcoming 2024 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference.

Attachments: [Lake County Policy Resolution - Railway Safety 053124](#)
 [Lake County Platform Change - Deflection 053124](#)

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, explained the process for submitting policy resolutions and platform changes to the National Association of Counties (NACo) for consideration at their upcoming Annual Conference. Assistant County Administrator Meyers provided an overview of the proposed National Railway Safety for Local Communities policy resolution for the NACo Transportation Committee. Discussion ensued.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers also provided an overview of the proposed platform change for NACo's Justice and Public Safety Platform pertaining to federal support for implementing and maintaining deflection initiatives. Discussion ensued.

Jennifer Clark, Lake County Board Member, Chair of the Special Committee on Broadband, noted that the Special Committee is also in the process of writing a policy resolution to submit to NACo regarding funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). Discussion ensued.

There was general support from the Committee regarding the submission of the policy resolutions, and platform change.

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

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

9. County Administrator's Report

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, noted that he will reach out to all department heads and Lake County elected officials about submissions for the 2025 Lake County

Legislative Program.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Member Remarks and Requests

Vice Chair Roberts thanked Mary Ross Cunningham, Lake County Board Vice Chair; John Wasik, Legislative Committee Chair; Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator; Jennifer Clark, Special Committee on Broadband Chair; and staff for their hard work preparing the resolutions for the National Association of Counties' (NACo) upcoming Annual Conference. Member Altenberg echoed Vice Chair Roberts' comments and also thanked staff and the Lake County delegation for their hard work during this legislative session.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 30, 2024

Minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Minutes were approved on September 3, 2024, by the Legislative Committee.