

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

1:00 PM

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

<https://bit.ly/3FwRFI3>

Legislative Committee

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Campos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Vice Chair Campos, Member Hunter, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Member Vealitzek and Chair Wasik

Absent 1 - Member Kyle

**Electronic Attendance: Member Schlick*

Other Attendees**In Person:**

Marah Altenberg, Board Member

Robin Grooms, County Administrator's Office

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Electronically:

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Paul Frank, Board Member

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group

Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group

Ed Gallagher, PACE

Demar Harris, Workforce Development

Christine Sher, Stormwater Management

Abby Krakow, Communications

Kurt Woolford, Stormwater Management

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation

Alex Carr, Communications

Janna Philipp, 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 noted that Board Members recently visited Washington, D.C. and Springfield, Illinois to meet with the Lake County delegation.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business**CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)*****MINUTES*****8.1 25-0272**

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from February 4, 2025.

Attachments: [LEG 2.4.25 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Campos, Member Hunter, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Member Vealtizek and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Kyle

REGULAR AGENDA**8.2 25-0457**

Update and discussion regarding the State of Illinois 2025 Legislative Sessions.

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided a summary of the State of Illinois 2025 legislative session thus far. Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided an update on state legislation of interest to Lake County. Topics included: Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) meeting locations, data sharing between township supervisors and the Chief County Assessment Officer, and extended producer responsibility (EPR) bills pertaining to food waste and household hazardous waste. Discussion ensued.

8.3 25-0458

Update and discussion regarding Federal Legislative items.

Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC, provided a summary of the Federal 2025 legislative session thus far. Topics included: appropriations, health care fund rollbacks, and the budget reconciliation process. Discussion ensued.

8.4 25-0475

Discussion and presentation related to filed State and Federal Bills.

Member Roberts requested information regarding Illinois HB 3363, which would create a state public defender's office. Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided an overview of Illinois HB 3363. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to monitor the bill.

Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, introduced Robin Grooms, Sustainability Programs Manager, who provided an overview of Illinois HB 3349, Powering Up Illinois, which would require electric utilities serving a certain number of customers to upgrade electrical distribution systems. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support the bill.

Ms. Grooms also provided an overview of Illinois SB 2473, Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support the bill.

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's Report.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Member Remarks and Requests

There were no Member remarks or requests.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 6, 2025

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Minutes were approved on May 6, 2025, by the Legislative Committee.