

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

8:30 AM

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

Health and Community Services Committee

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Altenberg called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Maine

Absent 1 - Chair Parekh

Other Attendees

In Person:

Mark Pfister, Health Department

Sam Johnson, Health Department

Dominic Strezo, Community Development

Steve Carlson, Public

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

Kristi Long, United Way

Gale Granen, United Way

Eric Foote, PADS Lake County

Carrie Flanigan, Children's Advocacy Center

Keeley Stravel, State's Attorney's Office

Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications

Abby Krakow, Communications

RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Electronically:

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Paul Frank, Board Member

Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

Demar Harris, Workforce Development

Liz Nelson, County Administrator's Office

Rebecca Kotsinis, Public

Maria Colunga, Public

Lori Isaacson, Public

Betty McCann, Public

Jorie Stuckwisch, Public

Brea Barnes, Finance

Courtney Cymerman, Health Department
Kevin Quinn, Communications
Nathan Walker, Public
Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald
Alex Carr, Communications
JazMine' Evans, Finance
Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office
Donna Ladin, Public
Nick Principali, Finance
Linas Tomaitis, Public
Michael Wheeler, Finance
Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office
Ro Torres, Public
Malin Gembra, Community Development
Michele Slav, Community Development

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

6. Chair's Remarks

There were no comments from the Vice Chair.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.3)

MINUTES

8.1 [24-0816](#)

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee minutes for June 4, 2024.

Attachments: [HCS 6.4.24 Final Minutes](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, 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 Knizhnik and Member Maine

Absent: 1 - Chair Parekh

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8.2 [24-0786](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$8,002 for grant and program administration.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation 2024-07 - EFSP.pdf](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, 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: 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Maine

Absent: 1 - Chair Parekh

8.3 [24-0787](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from Illinois Department of Human Services and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$28,536 for grant administration and management of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation 2024-07 - IL ESG.pdf](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, 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: 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Maine

Absent: 1 - Chair Parekh

REGULAR AGENDA

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

8.4 [24-0809](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$625,000 for the Care Coordination and Support grant.

Attachments: [IDHFS CCSO Grant EA \\$625K](#)

Mark Pfister, Health Department Executive Director, and Sam Johnson, Director of Behavioral Health, provided a summary of the Care Coordination and Support grant. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Maine, 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 Knizhnik and Member Maine

Absent: 1 - Chair Parekh

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8.5 [24-0632](#)

Joint Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the purpose of the development of a fixed site shelter in Waukegan, Illinois.

Attachments: [CDBG-CV2 Waukegan Application 2024](#)

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development Director, introduced Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, who provided a summary of the application for funding a fixed-site shelter in Waukegan for couples and families. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, 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: 5 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik and Member Maine

Nay: 1 - Member Hewitt

Absent: 1 - Chair Parekh

8.6 [24-0801](#)

Joint Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the purpose of the development of a fixed site shelter in Gurnee, Illinois.

Attachments: [GURNEE - CDBG-CV - Application Packet AGENDA.pdf](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, provided a summary of the application for funding a fixed-site shelter in Gurnee for adults. Discussion ensued.

Public comment was made by:

*Eric Foote
Steve Carlson
Becky Kotsinis
Maria Colunga
Lori Isaacson
Jorie Stuckwisch*

A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, 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: 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Maine

Absent: 1 - Chair Parekh

8.7 [24-0704](#)

United Way Lake County - 211 System Overview and Performance Metrics Presentation.

Attachments: [UWLC Analytics Dashboard FY 2024](#)
[211 Lake County Health Services Committee Presentation 06042024](#)

Kristi Long, President, United Way of Lake County and Gale Graves, Vice President of Community Impact, United Way of Lake County, provided an overview of the 211 system and its performance. Discussion ensued.

*Public comment was made by:
Steve Carlson*

8.8 [24-0628](#)

Joint resolution approving the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Program Year (PY) 2024 proposed Annual Action Plan (AAP), an emergency appropriation of \$29,947 of CDBG and HOME Program income, and \$4,574,316 in funding recommendations.

Attachments: [PY24 AAP DRAFT](#)
[Emergency Appropriation 2024-07 PY2024.pdf](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, provided a summary of the CDBG and HOME Program income, along with the funding recommendations for the Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, 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: 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Maine

Absent: 1 - Chair Parekh

8.9 [24-0635](#)

Joint resolution approving the Program Year (PY) 2024 Lake County Affordable Housing Program (LCAHP) grant awards in the amount of \$282,250.

Attachments: [LCAHP PY24 Funding Recs](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, provided a summary of the Lake County Affordable Housing Program. The funding will be used for the Prairie View Apartments.

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Danforth, 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 Knizhnik and Member Maine

Absent: 1 - Chair Parekh

8.10 [24-0648](#)

Joint resolution reallocating \$1,164,772 of U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2) funds to support the development of affordable rental housing.

Attachments: [ERA2 Reallocation Memo 2024-06.pdf](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, provided a summary of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance. The funding will be used for the Starling Senior Apartments project in Lake Villa. 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: 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Maine

Absent: 1 - Chair Parekh

8.11 [24-0779](#)

Joint resolution approving an extension to an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Lake County and the Lake County Housing Authority (LCHA) for the completion of 24 CFR Part 58 Environmental Review Records (ERRs).

Attachments: [24-0779 LCHA IGA Environmental Review Renewal Signed](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, provided a summary of the agreement between Lake County and the Lake County House Authority for the completion of Environment Review Records. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, 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: 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Maine

Absent: 1 - 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. Member Remarks and Requests

Vice Chair Altenberg announced the U.S. Surgeon General declared gun violence is an urgent public health issue.

Member Cunningham stated guns need to be taken off the street and told a story regarding gun violence. Discussion ensued.

12. Adjournment

Vice Chair Altenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Next Meeting: July 30, 2024

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.

Minutes were approved on August 6, 2024 by the Health and Community Services Committee.