

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

1:00 PM

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

Legislative Committee

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Knizhnik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 4 - Member Altenberg, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts and Chair Wasik

Absent 3 - Member Campos, Member Hunter and Member Schlick

**Electronic Attendance: Member Hunter*

**Member Hunter was unable to attend the Committee meeting in person and did not meet the criteria for electronic attendance. Even though he was able to attend via electronic means and participated in Committee discussions, he must be marked as absent.*

Other Attendees**In Person:**

Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board Vice Chair

Paul Frank, Board Member

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Bob Glueckert, Chief County Assessment Officer

Justine Gilbert, Communications

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Electronically:

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office

Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Melissa Gallagher, Finance

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group

Tammy Chatman, Communications

Gregory Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group

Elizabeth Holt, Public

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Michael Wheeler, Finance

ShaTin Gibbs, Finance

Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office

Demar Harris, Workforce Development

Abby Krakow, Communications

Christine Sher, Finance

Brea Barnes, Finance

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 the Committee will review submissions for Lake County's Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative Agenda at today's meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

MINUTES

8.1 [24-0974](#)

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from June 4, 2024.

Attachments: [LEG 6.4.24 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Member Altenberg, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts and Chair Wasik

Absent: 3 - Member Campos, Member Hunter and Member Schlick

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 [24-1168](#)

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 regarding the Mass Transit Bill (HB 1342). Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided additional details regarding the Mass Transit Bill. Discussion ensued.

8.3 [24-1169](#)

Update and discussion regarding Federal Legislative items.

Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC, provided an update regarding federal legislative items, including Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant funding for the Cedar Lake Road Realignment Project, and the 3.2 million dollars in potential funding for Lake County projects, pending Congressional appropriation bills. Discussion ensued.

8.4 [24-1170](#)

Discussion regarding submissions for the Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative Agenda.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, outlined the process for adding items to the draft Lake County Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative Agenda ("draft Legislative Agenda").

Assistant County Administrator Meyers then introduced Bob Glueckert, Chief County Assessment Officer (CCAO), who explained his proposed submissions for the draft Legislative Agenda, beginning with the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) hearing location. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.

CCAO Bob Glueckert then explained another proposed submission regarding the Board of Review alternate candidate limitation change. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.

Lastly, CCAO Bob Glueckert explained an additional proposed submission, pertaining to property records requests. Discussion ensued. Member Knizhnik requested that this proposed submission be postponed until the next Legislative Committee meeting. Additional discussion ensued. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that he will add this item to the draft Legislative Agenda for further discussion at next month's Legislative Committee meeting.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers introduced Mary Ross Cunningham, Lake County Board Vice Chair, who provided a summary regarding a proposed submission for the draft Legislative Agenda pertaining to permissive authority for county boards throughout the state of Illinois to consider a stipend or salary difference for the Vice-Chair of the Board and the Chairs of the Committees. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to direct staff to conduct additional research.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers provided a summary regarding a proposed submission for the draft Legislative Agenda pertaining to permissive authority for counties to purchase green fleet vehicles directly from car dealers in instances of lack of inventory through other purchasing options. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers provided a summary regarding an additional proposed submission pertaining to Waukegan coal ash pond removal support. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding this item to the draft Legislative Agenda.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers provided a summary regarding another proposed submission pertaining to support/sponsorship of Ethan's Law adoption. Discussion ensued. Further discussion ensued with Mike Grady and Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, regarding other Lake County legislative priorities. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support adding the support/sponsorship of Ethan's Law adoption to the draft Legislative Agenda for further discussion at next month's Legislative Committee meeting.

Member Knizhnik left the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

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

Member Altenberg asked Mike Grady and Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, for an update regarding funding for the Route 53 Greenway. Discussion ensued.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 1, 2024

Minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.