

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

8:30 AM

Conference Room C

Revenue, Records and Legislation Committee

1. **Call to Order**

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

Present 6 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Member Taylor

Absent 1 - Vice Chair Pedersen

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Bassi led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

3.1 **09-2252**

Minutes from November 4, 2009

Attachments: [RRL 11.04.09](#)

A motion was made by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Carey, that the minutes from November 4, 2009 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Bassi, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Member Taylor

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

4. **Public Comment**

5. **Added to Agenda**

6. **Old Business**

Chair Bassi asked Member Carey for a status report of the Board of Review Advisory Group. Member Carey explained that they are not meeting again until January or February, and stated that Marty Paulson and staff are implementing some of the suggestions as the Board of Review goes through this hearing cycle. Member Carey will bring this committee up to date after the advisory committee's next meeting.

7. **New Business**

County Clerk

7.1 **09-2253**

Report of Willard R. Helander, County Clerk, for the month of October 2009.

Attachments: [County Clerk Report October 2009](#)

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this report be recommended for adoption to the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Bassi, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Member Taylor

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

Recorder of Deeds

7.2 09-2199

Report of Mary Ellen Vanderverter, Recorder of Deeds, for the month of October 2009.

Attachments: [SRDP36C209111914430.tif](#)

A motion was made by Member Nixon, seconded by Member Carey, that this report be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Bassi, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Member Taylor

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

Treasurer

7.3 09-2194

Report of Robert Skidmore, Treasurer, for the month of September 2009.

Attachments: [TreasurerCashInvestment_September 08.XLS](#)

[TreasCashInvestment_Sept_09.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Member Nixon, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this report be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Bassi, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Member Taylor

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

7.4 09-2195

Report of Robert Skidmore, Treasurer, for the month of October 2009.

Attachments: [TreasCashInvestment_Oct_08.pdf](#)

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A motion was made by Member Nixon, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this report be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Member Taylor

7.5 09-2162

Joint resolution designating the herein named banks and other financial institutions as depositories in which the funds and monies in the custody of Robert Skidmore, as County Treasurer and as Ex-Officio County Collector, may be deposited.

Member Paxton entered the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Member Taylor

Legislation

7.6 09-2254

Resolution presenting and requesting approval of the 2010 Lake County State Legislative Program.

Attachments: [2010 State Legislative Agenda Draft 11-24-09-2](#)

Ms. McEwan reviewed the final draft of the State Legislative Program for FY 2010 as follows:

Sponsor Initiatives -

Lake County Transportation Route 120 Project - sponsor a capital project to proceed with funding for the Phase I engineering over multiple years.

Cell Tower Use - This is in the sponsor category because of the rewriting of the Telecommunications bill. Representative Osmond may sponsor this bill.

Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption - This is in the sponsor category because the county's proposal states that seniors would be required to apply and qualify for two consecutive years and then only re-apply and qualify every five years thereafter. Senator Garrett may take the lead on this initiative.

Publication of Assessments in Local Newspapers – sponsor an amendment to state statutes to allow counties that post the entire assessment roll on their public website, notify taxpayers through the direct mailing that the entire assessment roll may be accessed on the website, and place a quarter page ad notifying readers of the website where they can review the assessments of all taxable parcels would only be required to publish the assessments on parcels that experience valuation changes for that tax year.

Support Initiatives -

Establishment of Affordable Housing Trust Fund - support the creation of a Lake County Housing Trust Fund that will increase and preserve affordable housing opportunities in Lake County.

DUI Law Clarification - support combining all amended DUI statutes so they are in one area.

Unaltered IDOT crash reports to federal, state and local agencies requesting them - support revising state statutes to allow IDOT to release crash reports unaltered to those federal, state and local agencies requesting them.

Use of Reclaimed Water - support the Forest Preserve's effort to adopt legislation

requiring an amendment to the Illinois Plumbing Code to explicitly authorize reclaimed water recycling systems for use in flushing and landscape irrigation, provided such systems have adequate safeguards to maintain system integrity over time and to ensure sanitary conditions for users.

Monitor Initiatives -

Water Safety and Enforcement Fee/License - Boat Length Fee - monitor opportunities for legislation that would authorize the County to establish fees for services to cover the operating expense of the Marine Patrol Unit.

Tax Credit for Jury Duty Service - monitor legislation that would establish a state tax credit of \$50 per day for individuals serving jury duty or a related initiative.

Environmentally Contaminated Property Redevelopment Penalty Abatement - monitor legislation that would provide permissive authority to counties to abate late fees to encourage redevelopment of environmentally contaminated sites.

Lake County Transportation Priority Projects for IDOT SFY 2011 - monitor capital requests to proceed with funding to start the Phase I environmental study for the Central Lake Thruway (IL Rt. 120 from US Route 12 to US Route 41) and other top priority projects identified in the IDOT SFY 2011-2016 program.

Policy Issues -

Restore and Protect Medicaid Funding for Nursing Homes

No Diversion of Road Funds

Statewide Wetland Regulations

Unfunded Probation Services

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Nixon, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the regular agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Member Taylor

8. Executive Session

9. County Administrator's Report

Amy McEwan reminded the committee members that the Legislative Breakfast will be held on January 8th following the Committee of the Whole at the University Center on the College of Lake County campus. Committee will begin working on the Federal legislative program next month.

County Board Chairman Schmidt informed the Committee that the state is also cutting funding for the University Center.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Taylor, that the meeting adjourn at 9:05 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Member Carey, Member Hewitt and Member Taylor

Minutes prepared by Mary Otahal.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Revenue, Records & Legislation Committee