

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, November 10, 2010**

**8:30 AM**

**Conference Room C**

**Revenue, Records and Legislation Committee**

1. Call to Order

*Chair Bassi called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.*

**Present** 6 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

**Absent** 1 - Member Carey

*Also present:*

*Amy McEwan, Sr. Assistant County Administrator*

*Barry Burton, County Administrator*

*Gary Reis, Finance and Administrative Services*

*David Stolman, County Board Member*

*Carrienne Carallis, CAO Intern*

*Jennifer Henderson, County Board Office*

2. Pledge of Allegiance

*Chair Bassi led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 [10-1077](#)

Minutes from September 1, 2010.

**A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Pedersen, to approve the minutes from September 1, 2010. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Bassi, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Paxton and Member Nixon

3.2 [10-1074](#)

Minutes from September 29, 2010.

**A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Pedersen, to approve the minutes from September 29, 2010. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Bassi, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Paxton and Member Nixon

3.3 [10-1016](#)

Joint RRL & F&A budget minutes from October 6, 2010.

**A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Pedersen, to approve the minutes from October 6, 2010. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Bassi, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Paxton and Member Nixon

4. Public Comment

5. Added to Agenda

6. Old Business

7. New Business

County Clerk

7.1 [10-1066](#)

Report of Willard R. Helander, County Clerk, for the month of September 2010.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Bassi, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Paxton and Member Nixon

Recorder of Deeds

7.2 [10-1055](#)

Report of Mary Ellen Vanderverter, Recorder of Deeds, for the month of September 2010.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Bassi, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Paxton and Member Nixon

Treasurer

7.3 [10-1028](#)

Report of Robert Skidmore, Treasurer, for the month of September 2010.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Bassi, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Paxton and Member Nixon

Legislation

7.4 [10-0853](#)

Resolution approving the FY 2011 State Legislative Program.

*Committee discussed the two options for defining the Board Memeber and Elected Official salaries and the required timelines. Further discussions on how to use CPI as a potential tool and how these options have been applied in other counties within Illinois.*

*Member Brent Paxton arrived at 8:36 a.m.*

*Chairman of the Board, Suzi Schmidt arrived at 8:37a.m.*

*Member Audrey Nixon arrived at 8:47 a.m.*

*Member Audrey Nixon is favorable for the FY 2011 State Legislative Initiatives however is opposed to issues regarding setting salaries for County Board members and Elected Officials.*

*Chairman's salary should be defined by setting a standard for 4 years or tie to a CPI based on a fixed interest to provide more flexibility. Member Taylor agrees on the importance of having a CPI in place and asked to benchmark Board salaries with other counties. Mr. Burton and Chariman Schmidt stated it varies from county to county and is not consistent. Mr. Burton will continue working on this issue. Member Paxton asked when the legislative event would take place and Ms. McEwan stated to determine a date is not yet selected.*

**A motion was made by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Paxton, that this communication or report be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

**7.5 [10-0998](#)**

Joint resolution for a twenty-five (25) month contract with a one (1) year renewal option with Kolkmeier Consulting of Springfield, IL for state legislative consulting services.

*Discussion regarding the Kolkmeier Consulting contract and defining the payment terms. Recommendation to the Board for negotiating the contract with proposal to Kolkmeier and approves of the fees and schedule defined in the new contract. County Administrator Mr. Burton stated that Mr. Kolkmeier is an effective lobbyist and is well recognized in Springfield, IL. Member Taylor asked what other agencies are represented by Kolkmeier. County Administrator Burton stated Kolkmeier Consulting represents 10 - 15 other agencies.*

**This resolution was approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

**8. Executive Session**

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*Mr. Burton outlined the current pension proposal for the police and fire departments.*

**10. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Member Paxton, seconded by Member Nixon, to adjourn at 9:20 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Bassi, Member Paxton, Member Nixon, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Pedersen and Member Taylor

*Minutes prepared by Jennifer Henderson.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Chairman*

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*Vice-Chairman*

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*Revenue, Records & Legislation Committee*