

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022**

**1:00 PM**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register to virtually attend at**  
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**Legislative Committee**

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:** The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options):

(1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower (9th Floor, if necessary), 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.

(2) Remote / virtual attendance through registration at:  
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**RECORDING:** Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per comment. In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. Individuals attending in-person or remotely may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to [PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov](mailto:PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov) or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th floor)).

Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance on the 10th Floor, (2) Public Comment by individuals who registered via the link on the front page of the agenda and are attending remotely / virtually, and then (3) written comments.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- \* Meeting: Legislative Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)
- \* Name (REQUIRED)
- \* Topic or Agenda Item # (REQUIRED)
- \* Street Address, City, State (Optional)
- \* Phone Number (Optional)
- \* Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self")

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Hunter led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

*Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, made a statement noting that Member Sbarra was unable to attend the Committee meeting in person, and did not meet the criteria for electronic attendance. So, even though Member Sbarra was able to attend via electronic means, she was marked as absent.*

**Present** 6 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, Member Hunter, Member Kyle, Member Roberts and Chair Wasik

**Absent** 1 - Member Sbarra

*Others Present:*

*Abby Krakow, Communications*

*Al Giertych, Division of Transportation*

*Brenda O'Connell, Planning, Building and Development*

*Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction*

*Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office*

*Catherine Sbarra, Board Member*

*Celeste Flores, Public*

*Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office*

*Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office*

*Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office*

*Joel Sensenig, Public Works*

*Kevin Considine, Lake County Partners*

*Kevin Quinn, Communications*

*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

*Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board Vice Chair*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group*

*Patrice Sutton, Finance*

*RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing*

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair*

*Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation*

*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

**4. Addenda to the Agenda**

*There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.*

**5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)**

*There were no public comments.*

## **6. Chair's Remarks**

*Chair Wasik gave a brief update on federal legislation success noting that the County has obtained over \$14 million in federal funding. Chair Wasik thanked the Lake County delegation for their work on passing the 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act, which will help fund infrastructure projects and expand behavioral health services.*

## **7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.*

## **8. New Business**

### **CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)**

#### **\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES\***

##### **8.1 22-0526**

Minutes from March 1, 2022.

**Attachments:** [LEG 3.1.22 Final Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Kyle, that the minutes from March 1, 2022 be approved. Motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, Member Hunter, Member Kyle, Member Roberts and Chair Wasik

**Absent:** 1 - Member Sbarra

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

##### **8.2 22-0527**

Update and discussion on the state of Illinois 2022 Spring Legislative Session.

*Derek Blaida and Mike Grady of Strategic Advocacy Group gave a brief summary of the 2022 state legislative session, which adjourns on April 8. Mr. Blaida explained that the percentage of Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) will likely not change statutorily, as local units of government are already seeing strong tax collection. Mr. Grady noted that the state legislators are mainly trying to wrap up issues related to the state budget and criminal justice at this time. Additionally, Mr. Grady noted that the appropriations for Lake County in the capital bill are expected to be re-appropriated.*

*Discussion ensued.*

##### **8.3 22-0528**

Committee Discussion on active legislation and bills of interest.

*Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator introduced Brenda O'Connell, Community Development Administrator, who explained that HB 2775, the bill regarding source of income non-discrimination in real estate, is moving forward, has been substantially*

*amended, passed through the Senate, and is now going back to the House to pass in concurrence. Discussion ensued.*

*Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that the County Design-Build Authorization Act (SB 3795/HB 4772) got out of the Senate and went to the House. Discussion ensued.*

*Assistant County Administrator Meyers explained that HB 5061, the diversity goals bill supported by the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo), moved out of the House and was amended in Senate to include veteran-owned businesses. Staff will continue to monitor the progress of this bill.*

*Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that SB 2912, the Superintendent of Public Works bill, went to House where a few amendments were filed; however, the bill did not get out of committee. Discussion ensued.*

*Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that SB 3073, the Great Lakes CCP Protection bill, is on its third reading in the House and will need to go to the Senate for a concurrence motion. The deadline on this bill has been extended until the end of the week.*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator, noted that some of the anti-crime bills may have implications for the Sheriff's Office, specifically concerning law enforcement pensions throughout the state of Illinois.*

*Discussion ensued.*

**8.4 22-0530**

*Update and discussion on Lake County's infrastructure priorities related to Federal Community Project Funding requests.*

*Attachments: [Lake County Capital Priorities for the Year 2022](#)*

*Chair Wasik explained the process for determining federal priorities. Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, presented the 2022 Capital Priorities Booklet and thanked Department heads and Kevin Considine for their work on the document. Assistant County Administrator Meyers asked the Committee for consensus to proceed with the projects prioritized in the booklet.*

*Discussion ensued.*

*Carl Kirar, Director of Facilities and Construction Services, gave an update on the 9-1-1/ETSB building. Director Kirar also outlined the development and prioritization process for County projects.*

*The consensus of the Committee was to move forward with the projects as presented in the 2022 Capital Priorities Booklet.*

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

**10. Executive Session**

*The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

**11. Members' Remarks**

*Vice Chair Casbon noted that she spoke with Andrew Tangen, Veterans Assistance Commission Superintendent, and that the bill regarding burn pits passed in the House, but has not yet been addressed in the Senate.*

*Member Roberts thanked Chair Wasik for stating that he would open up communication with state legislators.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.*

**Next Meeting: May 3, 2022**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Legislative Committee Chair*