

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

1:00 PM

Assembly Room 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:

<https://bit.ly/3WgtLzg>

Legislative Committee

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Campos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 5 - Vice Chair Campos, Member Hunter, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Chair Wasik

Absent 2 - Member Kyle and Member Schlick

Other Attendees*In Person:*

Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board Vice Chair

Carissa Casbon, Board Member

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Abby Krakow, Communications

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Lacey Simpson, County Administrator's Office

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Electronically:

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group

Paul Frank, Board Member

Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC

Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation

Demar Harris, Workforce Development

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

James Bland, Public

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation

Emily Gelber, Health Department

Christine Sher, Stormwater Management

Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

Public comment was made by:

James Bland

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wasik noted that veto session just occurred in Springfield and mentioned various bills of interest that passed during veto session including the mass transit and clean energy bills. Chair Wasik also explained that the Committee will discuss and vote on the Lake County Fiscal Year 2026 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 [25-1444](#)**

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from October 7, 2025.

Attachments: [LEG 10.7.25 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Campos, Member Hunter, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Chair Wasik

Absent: 2 - Member Kyle and Member Schlick

REGULAR AGENDA**8.2 [25-1428](#)**

Update and discussion regarding the State of Illinois 2025 Legislative Sessions.

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided a summary of the State of Illinois 2025 legislative session thus far. Topics included bills related to: clean energy, civil rights violations related to immigration enforcement, mass transit, and the decoupling of Illinois corporate taxes from federal corporate taxes.

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided additional detail about the mass transit bill and pensions. Discussion ensued.

Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, and Carissa Casbon, County Board Member, provided additional information regarding SB 2053 and HB 3100. Discussion ensued.

Chair Wasik stated that this item will be revisited.

8.3 [25-1429](#)

Update and discussion regarding Federal Legislative items.

Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC, provided a summary of the Federal 2025 legislative session thus far. Topics included: the federal government shut down, SNAP benefits, and a bill regarding federal agents not wearing masks. Discussion ensued.

8.4 [25-1430](#)

Resolution approving the Lake County Fiscal Year 2026 Legislative Agenda.

Attachments: [2026 Legislative Program V3](#)

Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, provided an overview of the Lake County Fiscal Year 2026 Legislative Agenda. Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to change the wording of "Route 53 Greenway" to "Lake County Greenway Trail" on the Topics of Interest page of the Lake County Fiscal Year 2026 Legislative Agenda.

Further discussion ensued regarding SB 2053 and HB 3100. The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to support SB 2053 and HB 3100.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Campos, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that this resolution be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Campos, Member Hunter, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Chair Wasik

Absent: 2 - Member Kyle and Member Schlick

9. County Administrator's Report

Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, noted that Lake County Municipal League asked to coordinate with the County to host a Legislative Breakfast in January 2026.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Member Remarks and Requests

Sandy Hart, Lake County Board Chair, thanked Board Members who signed a letter to the Chief Judge asking that he have an administrative order to not have unwarranted arrests in the Courthouse.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 2, 2025

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.