

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor**

**Legislative Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Wasik called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.*

**Present** 6 - Chair Wasik, Vice Chair Martini, Member Didech, Member Kyle, Member Rummel and Member Simpson

**Absent** 1 - Member Danforth

*Others present:*

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair*

*Mary Ross-Cunningham, County Board Vice-Chair*

*Steve Carlson, County Board Member*

*Dick Barr, County Board Member*

*Amy McEwan, Interim County Administrator*

*Erin Cartwright-Weinstein, County Clerk*

*Shane Schneider, Department of Transportation*

*Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building, and Development*

*Robert Springer, Planning, Building, and Development*

*Robin Vansickle, Health Department*

*Larry Mackey, Health Department*

*Holly Kim, Treasurer*

*Vasyl Markus, Deputy Treasurer*

*Walter Willis, Solid Waste Agency*

*Kent Gaffney, McGuire Woods Representative (via phone)*

*Pat Carey, McGuire Woods Representative (via phone)*

*Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administrative Services*

*Andrew Tangen, Veteran's Assistance Commission*

*Matt Meyers, Interim Assistant County Administrator*

*Conor Schultz, County Administrator's Office*

*Danya Abusoud, Finance and Administrative Services*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Vice-Chair Martini led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Chair Wasik noted there is a physical quorum present and Member Simpson will be participating electronically due to illness.*

**3. Addenda to the Agenda**

*There were no items added to the agenda.*

**4. Public Comment**

*There were no comments made by the public.*

**5. Chair's Remarks**

*Chair Wasik provided an update on the February 25 Legislative Breakfast and noted recent meetings and discussions with state legislators.*

## 6. Old Business

## 7. New Business

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 7.1 - 7.2)****Approval of Minutes**7.1 [19-0586](#)

Minutes from February 5, 2019.

**Attachments:** [Legislative 2.5.19 Minutes Final](#)

**A motion was made by Member Rummel, seconded by Member Didech, that the consent agenda be approved. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Wasik, Vice Chair Martini, Member Didech, Member Kyle, Member Rummel and Member Simpson

**Absent:** 1 - Member Danforth

7.2 [19-0583](#)

Minutes from February 25, 2019.

**Attachments:** [Legislative 2.25.19 Minutes Final](#)

**A motion was made by Member Rummel, seconded by Member Didech, that the consent agenda be approved. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Wasik, Vice Chair Martini, Member Didech, Member Kyle, Member Rummel and Member Simpson

**Absent:** 1 - Member Danforth

**REGULAR AGENDA**7.3 [19-0599](#)

Update on the Illinois 101st General Assembly 2019 spring legislative session.

**Attachments:** [Lake County FY19 Leg Agenda](#)  
[Legislative Tracking Sheet 032819](#)

*Kent Gaffney, McGuire Woods Representative present via phone, updated the committee about general legislative session matters and the Lake County's Legislative Agenda. Discussion ensued. Walter Willis, Solid Waste Agency, provided an overview on Senate Bill (SB) 1240 which proposes a tax on checkout bags and House Bill (HB) 3335 which proposes a fee on carryout bags to reduce their use.*

*Holly Kim, Lake County Treasurer, provided an update of SB0032, amending the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Rights Act, providing that a unit of local government, as defined in the Illinois Constitution, other than a municipality having a population of 1,000,000 or more inhabitants, may enact and enforce an ordinance that restricts the ability of a mobile home park owner to increase rent, fees, or other charges if the park owner fails to correct health or life safety violations.*

*Erin Cartwright-Weinstein, Circuit Court Clerk, provided an overview of HB3596, requiring transitional audits when a newly elected official takes office. Vice-Chair Martini provided an update regarding SB2093, amending the Airport Authorities Act, creating the Northern Illinois Airport Authority within Lake County with the primary purpose of continuing to maintain, develop, and operate the Waukegan National Airport and the Waukegan Marina and Harbor.*

*Andrew Tangen, Veteran's Assistance Commission, sought support from the Legislative Committee regarding SB1199, amending the property tax code providing that a taxpayer who has been granted a homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities need not reapply if he or she has been found by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled. He also sought support for SB0110, amending the Property Tax Code providing that, for the 2015 taxable year and thereafter, the exemption for veterans with disabilities carries over to the surviving spouse of a veteran who was killed in the line of duty in the current taxable year or any preceding taxable year. Support of both bills was achieved via committee consensus.*

*Vice-Chair Martini inquired on SB0683, amending the Illinois Income Tax Act regarding the selection and eligibility of township and multi-township assessors. Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation, provided a summary of SB1184 & HB2443, which prohibit the use of coal tar sealants.*

*Board Member Carlson inquired on HB2729, amending the Counties Code, providing that a member of the Lake County Board shall not receive a salary or other compensation from Lake County if they are receiving benefits from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. This bill will continue to be monitored by staff. Discussion ensued.*

**This matter was discussed.**

**7.4 [19-0521](#)**

Joint resolution urging the Governor of Illinois and the General Assembly to work together to pass a transportation capital bill in Fiscal Year 2019 that will provide necessary sustainable funding to maintain the public infrastructure and make critical improvements to meet current and future travel demands, including engineering and constructing the improvements identified in the State Highway Consensus Plan for Lake County.

**Attachments:** [19-0521 State Highway Consensus Plan \(2-8-19\)](#)  
[19-0521 State Highway Consensus Plan Recap](#)

*Amy McEwan, Interim County Administrator, and Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation, provided an overview on the State Highway Consensus Plan for Lake County. Member Didech inquired on the inclusion of Route 22 in the County Consensus plan. Matt Meyers, Interim Assistant County Administrator noted a Scrivener's error in the third bullet and 10th Whereas Clause, the dollar amount should reflect \$1,500,000 billion not \$150,000,000,000.*

A motion was made by Member Didech, seconded by Member Rummel, to place the item on the floor.

A motion was made by Member Rummel, Seconded by Member Angelo, to amend the joint resolution to add a new Whereas Clause after the 4th Whereas Clause with the following language: Whereas, the Federal Highway Administration defines a context sensitive solution as a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility; and.

A motion was made by Member Didech, seconded by Member Rummel, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Wasik, Vice Chair Martini, Member Didech, Member Kyle, Member Rummel and Member Simpson

**Absent:** 1 - Member Danforth

**8. Executive Session**

*There was no Executive Session.*

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

**10. Members' Remarks**

*There were no Members' remarks.*

**11. Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.*

A motion was made by Member Didech, seconded by Member Rummel, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Wasik, Vice Chair Martini, Member Didech, Member Kyle, Member Rummel and Member Simpson

**Absent:** 1 - Member Danforth

**Next Meeting: May 7, 2019**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Danya Abusoud.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Chair*

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*Vice-Chair*

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