

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

1:00 PM

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

<https://bit.ly/42UCSYT>

Legislative Committee

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Schlick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Member Campos, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent 1 - Member Altenberg

Vice Chair Roberts left the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Other Attendees**In Person:**

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board Vice Chair

Carissa Casbon, Board Member

Anthony Vega, Lake County Clerk

Eric Rinehart, Lake County State's Attorney

Justine Gilbert, Communications

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Steven Rice, State's Attorney's Office

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Electronically:

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group

Edward Gallagher, PACE Bus

Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building, and Development

Gregory Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC

Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Melissa Gallagher, Finance

Michael Wheeler, Finance

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group

RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

Public comment was made by:

Eric Rinehart, Lake County State's Attorney, during item 8.4

Anthony Vega, Lake County Clerk, during item 8.4

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wasik explained that the Committee has many items to consider today, and thanked everyone for their patience.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business**CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)*****MINUTES*****8.1 [24-0231](#)**

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from February 6, 2024.

Attachments: [LEG 2.6.24 Final Minutes](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Campos, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Altenberg

REGULAR AGENDA**8.2 [24-0275](#)**

Update and discussion regarding the State of Illinois 2024 Legislative Sessions.

Derek Blaida and Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided a summary of the State of Illinois 2024 legislative session thus far, including the state of Illinois' fiscal year 2025 budget. Discussion ensued.

8.3 [24-0276](#)

Update and discussion regarding Federal Legislative items.

Greg Bales, McGuire-Woods Consulting, LLC, provided an update regarding federal legislative items, including the federal budget. Discussion ensued.

8.4 [24-0278](#)

Discussion and presentation related to filed State and Federal Bills.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, gave a brief update regarding the following bills of interest.

HB4794 (Property Tax - Equity). Steve Rice, Assistant State's Attorney, provided

additional information about the bill. Discussion ensued. The unanimous consensus of the Committee was to oppose legislation that would place undue hardship on the taxpayers.

HB4418 (Government Contract Retainage). Assistant County Administrator Meyers provided additional information about the bill. Discussion ensued. The unanimous consensus of the Committee was to oppose this bill.

HB4839 (Illinois Native Landscapes Act). Eric Waggoner, Director of Planning, Building and Development, provided additional information about the bill. Discussion ensued. The unanimous consensus of the Committee was to monitor the bill and work with Representative Faver Dias to see if changes can be made to the legislation to further align with the County's regulations and interests.

SB3538 (Local First Responder Insurance). Assistant County Administrator Meyers provided additional information about the bill. Discussion ensued. The unanimous consensus of the Committee was to oppose the bill as written.

HB2470 (Low Income Broadband Program). Assistant County Administrator Meyers provided additional information about the bill. Discussion ensued. The unanimous consensus of the Committee was to support the bill.

HB3904 (Local Official Vacancy Posting). Assistant County Administrator Meyers provided additional information about the bill. Discussion ensued. The unanimous consensus of the Committee was to oppose the bill.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, gave a brief update regarding the following bills of interest, requested for discussion by County Board Members.

Public comment was made by:

Eric Rinehart, Lake County State's Attorney, regarding HB4930

Anthony Vega, Lake County Clerk, regarding HB4930

HB4930 (Aggravated Battery - Delivery Drivers). Eric Rinehart, Lake County State's Attorney, and Anthony Vega, Lake County Clerk, provided additional information about the bill in response to questions from the Committee. Discussion ensued. Members Campos, Hunter, Knizhnik, and Schlick were in favor of supporting the bill and Chair Wasik and Vice Chair Roberts were in favor of monitoring the bill. The majority consensus of the Committee was to support the bill.

HB4753 (Case Review - Homicide Victims). Assistant County Administrator Meyers provided additional information about the bill. Discussion ensued. The unanimous consensus of the Committee was to monitor the bill and wait for feedback from the Sheriff.

HB4754 (Uniform Crime Report - Homicides). Assistant County Administrator Meyers provided additional information about the bill. Discussion ensued. The unanimous consensus of the Committee was to monitor the bill and wait for feedback from the Sheriff.

Vice Chair Roberts left the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's Report.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Member Remarks and Requests

Member Knizhnik requested that staff review the Board's guiding tenets with the Board Members.

Member Hunter brought HB5050 to the attention of the Committee, noting that the bill would potentially give the County Board the authority to dissolve local districts. Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, will follow up on the bill at the next Committee meeting.

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair, noted that, according to the County's Legislative Agenda, the Committee can support bills that would significantly impact county policy or operations, however, she also noted that some of the processes may require clarification as the full County Board does not vote on whether or not to support specific bills.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 2, 2024

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.