

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

8:30 AM

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:
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Health and Community Services Committee

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1. Call to Order

Chair Parekh called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Casbon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Member Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine, Chair Parekh and Ex-Officio Member Hart

Absent 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Ross Cunningham

**Electronic Attendance: Member Danforth, for employment reasons*

Vice Chair Altenberg was unable to attend the committee meeting in person and did not meet the criteria for electronic attendance. Even though she was able to attend via electronic means, she must be marked as absent.

The physical presence of the County Board Chair constitutes a physical quorum.

Other Attendees

In Person:

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Paul Frank, Board Member

Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications

Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building and Development

Chris Hoff, Health Department

Mike Adam, Health Department

RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Lacey Simpson, County Administrator's Office

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

Electronically:

Marah Altenberg, Board Member

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Michael Wheeler, Finance

Christine Sher, Stormwater Management

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office

Brea Barnes, Finance

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chair's Remarks

There were no remarks from the Chair.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

MINUTES

8.1 [26-0474](#)

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee minutes from April 7, 2026.

Attachments: [HCS 4.7.26 Final Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Casbon, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Maine, Chair Parekh and Ex-Officio Member Hart

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Ross Cunningham

Not Present: 1 - Member Knizhnik

REGULAR AGENDA

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

8.2 [26-0537](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2026 and accepting grant funding from the Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County Leadership Development Program grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation Template for FY26 April 2026 HFNLC](#)

Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, and Mike Adam, Director of Environmental Health, Health Department, explained that this item is to approve an emergency appropriation and accept grant funding from the Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County Leadership Development Program Grant. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Casbon, seconded by Ex-Officio Member Hart, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Maine, Chair Parekh and Ex-Officio Member Hart

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Ross Cunningham

Not Present: 1 - Member Knizhnik

8.3 [26-0538](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$13,125 for Fiscal Year 2026 and accepting grant funding from the Illinois Behavioral Health Workforce Center at the University of Illinois Chicago Solution Focused Brief Therapy Training and Implementation Initiative grant.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation Template for FY26 April 2026 SFBT](#)

Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, and Mike Adam, Director of Environmental Health, Health Department, explained that this item is to approve an emergency appropriation and accept grant funding from the Illinois Behavioral Health Workforce Center at the University of Illinois Chicago Solution Focused Brief Therapy Training and Implementation Initiative Grant.

Member Knizhnik entered the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Casbon, seconded by Member Maine, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Present: 1 - Ex-Officio Member Hart

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Ross Cunningham

8.4 [26-0539](#)

Joint resolution approving an emergency appropriation of \$2,674 for contract Fiscal Year 2026 accepting additional funding from the Lake County Forest Preserve District Water Quality Contract.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation Template for FY26 April 2026 LCFPDWQ](#)

Mike Adam, Director of Environmental Health, Health Department, and Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, explained that this item is to approve an emergency appropriation and accept additional funding from the Lake County Forest Preserve District Water Quality Contract. Discussion ensued.

Member Danforth left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Maine, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 4 - Member Casbon, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Present: 1 - Ex-Officio Member Hart

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Ross Cunningham

Not Present: 1 - Member Danforth

8.5 [26-0540](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a five-year renewal of a delegation agreement through an Intergovernmental Delegation Agreement between the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and Lake County for the solid waste management site inspection and enforcement program.

Attachments: [Lake County Delegation IGA Final Draft 3.16.26](#)

Mike Adam, Director of Environmental Health, Health Department, and Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, explained that this item is to authorize a five-year renewal of a delegation agreement through an Intergovernmental Delegation Agreement between the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and Lake County for the solid waste management site inspection and enforcement program. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Casbon, seconded by Member Knizhnik, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 4 - Member Casbon, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Present: 1 - Ex-Officio Member Hart

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Ross Cunningham

Not Present: 1 - Member Danforth

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8.6 [26-0425](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Capacity Expansion Grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$96,200 for grant administration to increase the capacity of the local homeless crisis response systems.

Attachments: [Emergency Appropriation 2026-05 Capacity Expansion Grant 26-0425.xlsx](#)

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, explained that this item is to accept the Capacity Expansion Grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services and authorize an emergency appropriation for grant administration to increase the capacity of the local homeless crisis response systems. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Casbon, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 4 - Member Casbon, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Present: 1 - Ex-Officio Member Hart

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Ross Cunningham

Not Present: 1 - Member Danforth

8.7 [26-0494](#)

Community Development Annual Update.

Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, and Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development Director, presented the Community Development annual update. Discussion ensued.

9. **County Administrator's Report**

There was no County Administrator's Report.

Item 12 was moved and placed before Item 10.

12. **Member Remarks and Requests**

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development Director, answered a question from Sandy Hart, County Board Chair, regarding data centers in Lake County.

10. **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Casbon, that the Committee go into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 4 - Member Casbon, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Present: 1 - Ex-Officio Member Hart

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Ross Cunningham

Not Present: 1 - Member Danforth

The Committee entered into Executive Session at 9:34 a.m.

10.1 [26-0467](#)

Executive Session to review closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21).

The Committee returned to Regular Session at 9:38 a.m.

11. **Regular Session (for action on Executive Session items)**

11.1 [26-0475](#)

Committee action approving the Health and Community Services Committee Executive Session minutes from October 7, 2025.

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Knizhnik, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 4 - Member Casbon, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Ross Cunningham

Not Present: 2 - Member Danforth and Ex-Officio Member Hart

11.2 [26-0459](#)

Committee action regarding periodic review of closed session minutes.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Casbon, to accept and follow the State's Attorney's recommended guidelines pertaining to the periodic review of Executive Session minutes. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 4 - Member Casbon, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Altenberg and Member Ross Cunningham

Not Present: 2 - Member Danforth and Ex-Officio Member Hart

13. **Adjournment**

Chair Parekh declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Next Meeting: May 26, 2026

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Minutes were approved on June 2, 2026, by the Health and Community Services Committee.