

Lake County Illinois

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18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

8:30 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Public Works and Transportation Committee

1. **Call to Order**

Chair O'Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present 8 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer and Member Stolman

Absent 1 - Member Thomson-Carter

Others present:

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Steve Carlson, Lake County Board Member

Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services

RuthAnne Hall, Finance and Administrative Services

Sandy Hart, Lake County Board Member

Peter Kolb, Public Works

Aaron Lawlor, Lake County Board Chair

Audrey Nixon, Lake County Board Member

Patrice Sutton-Burger, Finance and Administrative Services

Paula Trigg, Division of Transportation

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Board Office

Ryan Waller, Assistant County Administrator

Larry Wollheim, Finance and Administrative Services

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair O'Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

3.1 **13-1192**

Minutes from October 17, 2012.

Attachments: [PWT Minutes 10.17.12 Final.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Carey, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Sauer and Member Stolman

Absent: 1 - Member Thomson-Carter

Not Present: 1 - Member Maine

3.2 **13-1235**

Minutes from October 2, 2013.

Attachments: [PWT Minutes 10.2.13 Final.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Carey, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Sauer and Member Stolman

Absent: 1 - Member Thomson-Carter

Not Present: 1 - Member Maine

4. Added to Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

7. New Business

Member Carey provided an update regarding Solid Waste Agency of Lake County. Waukegan is once again participating in SWALCO. More items are being identified as recyclable and revenue has been generated through recycling efforts. There has been discussion by Gurnee in creating a food scrap pick-up.

Ann Maine arrived at 8:35 a.m.

Lake County Board Chair Aaron Lawlor reported on State's Attorney Michael Nerheim's efforts in recycling unused medication. The biggest impediment in doing drug collections is police departments have to store the drugs as recycling agencies only recycle medications bi-annually. Chair O'Kelly expressed her support in recycling efforts and indicated the importance of promoting recycling.

7.1 13-1230

Joint resolution authorizing emergency appropriations from various funds for capital projects in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Capital Improvement Program.

Attachments: [CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS emergency appropriation.pdf](#)

Patrice Sutton-Burger of Finance and Administrative Services presented a resolution authorizing emergency appropriations from various funds for capital projects in the Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Improvement Projects. Chair O'Kelly questioned why these items were not included in the budget. County Administrator Burton explained a discussion occurred a couple of years ago with the County Board regarding the exclusion of capital improvement projects from the budget so that a more accurate comparison can be provided. Member Maine indicated she would like to revisit the issue of including capital improvement projects in the budget during next year's budget hearing meetings. Ms. Sutton-Burger noted there has been full disclosure to the public that only the operating budget is considered during budget hearing meetings. Member Maine indicated there are residents who go through the County's budget and complain that the budget is not truly reflective of what the County spends. Lake County Board Chair Aaron Lawlor would like to have open discussion regarding policies.

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Stolman, that this resolution be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer and Member Stolman

Absent: 1 - Member Thomson-Carter

PUBLIC WORKS

7.2 13-1217

Joint resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Trotter and Associates, Inc., St. Charles, IL in the amount of \$165,245 for professional services to assist in updating sewer and water ordinances, as well as establishing a pretreatment ordinance, in order to meet Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) regulations.

Attachments: [13-1217 DRAFT Trotter Proposal.pdf](#)

Public Works Director Peter Kolb requested approval of an agreement in the amount of \$165,245 with Trotter and Associates, Inc. in for professional services to assist in updating sewer and water ordinances, as well as establishing a pretreatment ordinance, in order to meet Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) regulations. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the County's ordinances and identified water and sewer ordinances that are disjointed and no longer meet current regulating standards. Additionally, a pretreatment ordinance is being requested to treat higher chemical items at the source before it goes into the public sewer. Member Carey noted some of the ordinances requiring modification will affect agreements with municipalities. Mr. Kolb reported the County will seek input from the municipalities.

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Durkin, that this resolution be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer and Member Stolman

Absent: 1 - Member Thomson-Carter

7.3 12-1231

Director's Report - Public Works.

Public Works Director Peter Kolb presented revisions to Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency's (CLCJAWA) agreements. CLCJAWA approved an admissions agreement that will allows new members to come in.

Mr. Kolb indicated there were no fomal objections filed against the creation of Special Service Area (SSA) Number 16.

DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION

7.4 13-1209

Joint resolution authorizing a master agreement with the Village of Grayslake for the installation, operation and maintenance of Village owned folding stop signs at County owned and maintained traffic signals.

Attachments: [13-1209 Village of Grayslake Folding Stop Signs Agreement Draft](#)

Division of Transportation Director Paula Trigg presented a request authorizing a master agreement with the Village of Grayslake for the installation, operation and maintenance of Village owned folding stop signs at County owned and maintained traffic signals. She explained that the County has an existing agreement which permits folding stops signs at specific locations but this agreement will allow Grayslake, upon staff approval, to add additional stops without returning to committee for approval.

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this resolution be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer and Member Stolman

Absent: 1 - Member Thomson-Carter

7.5 13-1210

Joint resolution appropriating \$90,000 of County Bridge Tax funds for the cleaning and painting of the pedestrian bridge over Lewis Avenue at Blanchard Road, and designated as Section 13-00060-03-BR.

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Carey, that this resolution be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer and Member Stolman

Absent: 1 - Member Thomson-Carter

7.6 13-1216

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Berger Excavating Contractors, Wauconda, Illinois, in the amount of \$90,371.20, for the construction of compensatory floodplain storage as part of the Winchester Road and County Access Road improvement, and designated as Section 10-00151-22-CH.

Attachments: [13-1216 Bid Tab, Winchester Road Compensatory Floodplain Storage](#)

A motion was made by Member Sauer, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this resolution be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer and Member Stolman

Absent: 1 - Member Thomson-Carter

7.7 13-1214

Joint resolution authorizing the execution of agreements with Antioch, Avon, Fremont, Grant, Lake Villa and Wauconda Townships providing the terms and conditions for the receipt of Township funds for the Lake County Northwest Demonstration project, and designated as Section 09-00280-01-ES.

Attachments: [13-1214 Antioch Township Agreement Northwest Demonstration Project I](#)
[13-1214 Avon Township Agreement Northwest Demonstration Project Dra](#)
[13-1214 Fremont Township Agreement Northwest Demonstration Project](#)
[13-1214 Grant Township Agreement Northwest Demonstration Project D](#)
[13-1214 Lake Villa Township Agreement Northwest Demonstration Projec](#)
[13-1214 Wauconda Township Agreement Northwest Demonstration Proje](#)

Chair O'Kelly recused herself from this item, noting conflict of interest, and excused herself from the meeting at 8:55 a.m. so that the remaining committee could discuss this issue.

Division of Transportation Director Paula Trigg requested authorization to execute agreements with Antioch, Avon, Fremont, Grant, Lake Villa and Wauconda Townships as part of the Lake County Northwest Demonstration project. The New Freedom and Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) grant funds administered by the RTA have been used for weekday paratransit service in the northwest portion of the County and has resulted in increased ridership. In 2012 and 2013, the County has matched the grants. The six township supervisors desire to contribute funding to ensure that the grant continues: \$8,000 for the townships of Antioch, Avon, Grant and Lake Villa who are existing participants in the program and \$4,000 for the Townships of Fremont and Wauconda who are newer participants.

Concern was expressed regarding the County's exit strategy. Ultimately, the responsibility of funding needs to be shifted back to the townships. There was also concern regarding the use of resources that ultimately benefits just one area in the County. Member Maine suggested the townships work in trying to figure out how this project will be funded in the future to ensure a smooth transition of the program once the County discontinues funding.

This resolution was approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer and Member Stolman

Absent: 1 - Member Thomson-Carter

Not Present: 1 - Chair O'Kelly

Chair O'Kelly returned to the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

7.8 13-0490

Director's Report - Transportation.

Division of Transportation Director Paula Trigg reported on the legislation that permits a speed limit of 70 miles per hour in rural areas. The legislation has a clause that certain collared counties have ability to override the state highway regulations and language is currently being worked on to clarify the intent of the bill.

Ms. Trigg reported on the Blue Detour Trailer that has been used to redirect traffic. It has only been used twice when the County determined traffic will be impacted for more than four hours. Chair O'Kelly suggested the Division of Transportation contact the Lake County Sheriff's and Fire Protection District to inform them of the availability of the Blue Detour Trailer.

Ms. Trigg reported on the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the County projects. 35 Passage cameras have been installed in the County in 2013. Member Sauer reported on a bump on Miller Road that requires attention. Ms. Trigg also updated the Committee on her and Chair Lawlor's meeting with IDOT to discuss various matters including communication and coordination of traffic flow patterns.

7.9 13-1238

County Board Chairman update on transit issues.

Lake County Board Chair Aaron Lawlor reported on a joint letter with other County Chairs regarding mass transit. The letter supports ethical standards of Regional Transit Authority (RTA) members in hiring and contracting, expanding oversight of the RTA, and authority of appointments. Mr. Lawlor's other concerns with mass transit include the funding formula, the consolidation of transit agencies which may result in a monopolization, efficiency, collaboration of agencies, and aging infrastructure.

Mr. Lawlor reported on the ILIANA project. The project will be a public-private partnership. The state will retain the right-of-way, the private company will build it, and the state will make investments in the project but will set a cap of maximum exposure.

Mr. Lawlor also noted his efforts in strengthening the relationships between Illinois Department of Transportation's Secretary Ann Schneider and Illinois Governor Pat Quinn.

Chair O'Kelly reported on the Routes 60/83 Project public hearing.

8. Executive Session

Executive session was entered into at 10:01 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Sauer, seconded by Member Durkin, to go into executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 8 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer and Member Stolman

Absent: 1 - Member Thomson-Carter

8.1 13-1234

Executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Executive Session was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Sauer, to come out of executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 8 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer and Member Stolman

Absent: 1 - Member Thomson-Carter

9. County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Barry Burton reported on an agreement with the Village of Grayslake regarding the development of the old County fairgrounds. He indicated the agreement included a financial sum the Village of Grayslake would be required to pay the County for the development of this land. He stated that the land has not yet been developed and the value of the land has significantly dropped. The Village of Grayslake is seeking an amendment to the agreement that is more in line with the current economic climate. Chair O'Kelly and Mr. Burton will meet with the Village of Grayslake to discuss the matter.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Public Works and Transportation Committee