

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

8:30 AM

JOINT BOARD HEARINGS

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register to virtually attend at
<https://bit.ly/3Y8lg8W>**

Health and Community Services Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Parekh called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Parekh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

Other Attendees:

In Person:

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Carissa Casbon, Board Member

Kevin Hunter, Board Member

Gina Roberts, Board Member

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Melissa Gallagher, Finance

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office

Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications

Abby Krakow, Communications

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Sam Johnson, Health Department

Angela Cooper, Health Department

Michael Karner, Regional Office of Education

John Wurl, Health Department

Michael Wheeler, Finance

Nick Principali, Finance

Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development

Liz Nelson, County Administrator's Office

Jerry Nordstrom, Health Department

Michele Esser, Health Department

Kim Burke, Health Department

Larry Mackey, Health Department

Daniel Shane, 19th Judicial Circuit

Karl Walldorf, 19th Judicial Circuit

Stephen Newton, Coroner's Office

Andrew Tangen, Veteran Assistance Commission

Electronically:

Adam Schlick, Board Member

John Wasik, Board Member

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office
Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office
Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction Services
Chris Blanding, Enterprise Information Technology
Mike Klemens, Division of Transportation
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office
Linda Troester, Public
Ashannti Ross, Workforce Development
Errol Lagman, Finance
Terri Kath, Enterprise Information Technology
Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office
Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation
Kathy Gordon, Public Defender's Office
Heidie Hernandez, Enterprise Information Technology
Mary Crain, Division of Transportation
Yvette Albarran, Purchasing
Kathleen Rhey, Enterprise Information Technology
Nick Kalfas, Sheriff's Office
Lisa Wolf, Regional Office of Education
Erika Osinski, Human Resources
Steven Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office
Bailey Wyatt, Communications
Nicole Rogers, Finance
ShaTin Gibbs, Finance
Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation
Ruby Bahena, Finance
Michael Peterson, Finance
Kevin Quinn, Communications
Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald
Nicole Farrow, State's Attorney's Office
Brea Barnes, Finance
Keay Crandall, County Administrator's Office
Holly Kim, Treasurer
Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office
Kevin Kerrigan, Division of Transportation
Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office
Courtney Curry, Regional Office of Education
Jacquelyn Quinn, State's Attorney's Office
Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office
Carrie Flanigan, State's Attorney's Office
Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office
Tiffany Becker, Facilities and Construction Services
Gregory Ticsay, Public Defender's Office

*Micah Thornton, Circuit Clerk's Office
Kim Hankins, Facilities and Construction Services
Meg Weekley, Regional Office of Education
Darcy Adcock, Human Resources
Kay Johnson, Public
Michele Slav, Planning, Building, and Development
Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Circuit Court Clerk
Stephen Gray, Treasurer's Office
Anthony Vega, County Clerk's Office
Larry Whitaker, Public
Chris Covelli, Sheriff's Office
Michael Balsamo, Facilities and Construction Services
Jamie Helton, State's Attorney's Office
Yazmin Albino, Community Development
Jerial Jorden-Woods, Finance
Kari Beech, Public*

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

Chair Parekh thanked the staff for all the work that was done to put the budget together.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE

8.F1 [24-1358](#)

Presentation and consideration of proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget (see complete recommended budget attached).

Attachments: [FY25 Recommended Budget](#)

Melissa Gallagher, Chief Financial Officer, and Mike Wheeler, Budget Manager, presented on the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Discussion ensued.

Vice Chair Altenberg joined the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

8.H1 [24-1359](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the Health Department (FY25 Recommended Budget, pg. 183).

Items 8.H1 through 8.H4 were discussed and voted on together.

Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Health Department, Tuberculosis Clinic, Special Service Area Number Eight - Loon Lake, and Solid Waste Management Tax.

Sam Johnson, Interim Health Department Executive Director, introduced Angela Cooper, Health Department Chief Financial Officer, and provided an overview of the Health Department budget. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Altenberg, seconded by Member Ross Cunningham, that committee action items 8.H1 through 8.H4 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.H2 [24-1360](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic (FY25 Recommended Budget, pg. 215).

Items 8.H1 through 8.H4 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.H1.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Altenberg, seconded by Member Ross Cunningham, that committee action items 8.H1 through 8.H4 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.H3 [24-1361](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2025 budget for Special Service Area Number Eight (SSA # 8) - Loon Lake (FY25 Recommended Budget, pg. 364).

Items 8.H1 through 8.H4 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.H1.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Altenberg, seconded by Member Ross Cunningham, that committee action items 8.H1 through 8.H4 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.H4 [24-1362](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the Solid Waste Management Tax (FY25 Recommended Budget, pg. 297).

A motion was made by Vice Chair Altenberg, seconded by Member Ross Cunningham, that committee action items 8.H1 through 8.H4 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

8.H5 [24-1363](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the Regional Office of Education (FY25 Recommended Budget, pg. 142).

Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the Regional Office of Education budget.

Dr. Michael Karner, Superintendent of the Regional Office of Education, provided an overview of the Regional Office of Education Budget. Discussion ensued.

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator, provided a summary of the reclassification of a position and asked the Committees for consensus. The Committees agreed to move forward with the reclassification.

A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that this committee action item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

8.H6 [24-1364](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the Workforce Development Department (FY25 Recommended Budget, pg. 318).

Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for Workforce Development. Mike Wheeler, Finance Officer, provided a summary of the new program request.

Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development Director, and Demar Harris, Assistant Director of Programs, provided an overview of the Workforce Development budget. Discussion

ensued.

A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Vice Chair Altenberg, that this committee action item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8.H7 [24-1365](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2025 budget for Community Development (HUD Grants) (FY25 Recommended Budget, pg. 225).

Items 8.H7 and 8.H8 were discussed and voted on together.

Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for Community Development and Video Gaming.

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development Director, thanked the Community Development staff for their hard work and provided an overview of programs Community Development provides. Dominick Strezo, Community Development Administrator, provided an overview of the Community Development and Video Gaming budget. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Altenberg, seconded by Member Ross Cunningham, that committee action items 8.H7 and 8.H8 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

8.H8 [24-1366](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2025 budget for Video Gaming (FY25 Recommended Budget, pg. 312).

Items 8.H7 and 8.H8 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.H7.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Altenberg, seconded by Member Ross Cunningham, that committee action items 8.H7 and 8.H8 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND

8.H9 [24-1367](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the Opioid Settlement Fund (FY25 Recommended Budget, pg. 276).

Vernesha Lawrence, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Opioid Settlement Fund.

Elizabeth Nelson, Opioid Coordinator, provided an overview of the Opioid Settlement Fund budget. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

8.H1 [24-1368](#)

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Joint committee action accepting the Veterans Assistance Commission Adopted Fiscal Year 2025 Budget (FY25 Recommended Budget pg. 426).

Mike Wheeler, Budget Manager, provided the page number for the Veterans Assistance Commission budget.

Andrew Tangen, Veterans Assistance Commission Director, provided an overview of the Veterans Assistance Commission budget.

A motion was made by Member Ross Cunningham, seconded by Member Maine, that this committee action item be accepted and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Maine and Chair Parekh

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

There were no member remarks or requests.

12. Adjournment

Chair Parekh declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Next Meeting: October 29, 2024

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.