

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

**1:00 PM**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at  
<http://bit.ly/3FWJYBP>**

**Legislative Committee**

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:** The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options):

- (1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower (9th Floor, if necessary), 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.
- (2) Remote attendance by registering using the link on the front page of this agenda.

**RECORDING:** Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Live public comment will be available for those attending in-person and through an electronic conferencing application (register via the link on the front page of the agenda). In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. Public Comment may proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance and then (2) Public Comment by individuals attending remotely through an electronic conferencing application.

Individuals may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to [PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov](mailto:PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov) or delivered to the County Board Office 18. N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois, (10th floor)). Written comments will be circulated to the Members, but not read aloud.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

**Meeting:** Legislative Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)

**Topic or Agenda Item #:** (REQUIRED)

**Name:** (REQUIRED)

**Organization/Entity Represented:** (REQUIRED) ("Self" if representing self)

**Street Address, City, State:** (Optional)

**Phone Number:** (Optional)

**Email:** May be REQUIRED for remote attendance

**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** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik,  
Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

*\*Electronic Attendance: Member Campos and Vice Chair Roberts*

*Other Attendees:*

*In Person:*

*Bailey Wyatt, Communications*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office*

*Justine Gilbert, Communications*

*Kevin Quinn, Communications*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair*

*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

*Electronically:*

*Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office*

*Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group*

*Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development*

*Frank D'Andrea, Finance*

*Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office*

*James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office*

*Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office*

*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

*Mary Mathews, Public*

*Michael Wheeler, Finance*

*Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group*

*Patrice Sutton, Finance*

*Robert Springer, Planning, Building and Development*

*Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office*

**4. Addenda to the Agenda**

*There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.*

**5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)**

*There were no comments from the public.*

**6. Chair's Remarks**

*Chair Wasik noted that he received a call from Representative Schneider stating that the Representative would support the Sheridan Crossing and Wildwood Water Main projects in pursuit of potential Community Project Funding.*

*Chair Wasik also noted that he and County staff have upcoming meetings scheduled with Representative Schneider and Representative Edly-Allen to discuss County legislative priorities.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)**

**\*MINUTES\***

**8.1 [23-0500](#)**

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from March 7, 2023.

**Attachments:** [LEG 3.7.23 Final Minutes](#)

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**8.2 [23-0504](#)**

Update and discussion on the state of Illinois 2023 Spring Legislative Session.

*Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided an update on the state of Illinois 2023 spring legislative session.*

*Mr. Grady's update was interrupted by a power surge that caused technological issues in the Assembly Room. Therefore, the Committee moved on to agenda item 8.4, until the internet connection was re-established.*

**8.4 [23-0506](#)**

Discussion regarding policy resolutions for the upcoming 2023 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference.

*Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, briefly explained the process for drafting and submitting policy resolutions to the National Association of Counties (NACo). Assistant County Administrator Meyers reviewed the two previous resolutions submitted by the County to NACo, which include: advocacy for justice reform deflection initiatives and advocacy for acquiring federal funding when a disaster is declared that crosses the state border.*

*Assistant County Administrator Meyers gave a brief description of a new potential policy resolution related to securing additional Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) funding. Assistant County Administrator Meyers requested feedback from the Committee regarding the three recommended policy resolutions.*

*Discussion ensued.*

*The consensus of the Committee was to direct staff to draft the three aforementioned policy resolutions for consideration at the next Legislative Committee meeting.*

*Once the technological issues in the Assembly Room had been resolved, the Committee moved back to agenda item 8.2.*

**23-0504**

Update and discussion on the state of Illinois 2023 Spring Legislative Session.

*Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, resumed providing an update on the state of Illinois 2023 spring legislative session. Mr. Grady noted that the County's primary initiatives, the public works bill and the building regulation bill, both passed unanimously through chambers.*

*Discussion ensued.*

**8.3 23-0505**

Committee discussion on active legislation and bills of interest.

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

*HB 1613/SB1997 (Building Regulation - Environmental Infrastructure Bill).*

*HB 1067 (Superintendent of Public Works Bill).*

*HB 0995 (Higher Education - Election Judge Credit Bill).*

*SB 0133 (Public Construction Bonds Bill). Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided additional information about the bill.*

*SB 0040 (Electric Vehicle Charging Act).*

*SB 1984 (Carpet Stewardship Act Bill). Mr. Grady provided additional information about the bill. Discussion ensued.*

*SB 1555/HB 2874 (Packaging and Paper Stewardship Bill). Mr. Grady provided additional information about the bill. Discussion ensued.*

*SB 2368 (Building and Residential Codes Bill). Bob Springer, Deputy Director and Building Official, provided additional information about the bill. Discussion ensued. Assistant County Administrator Meyers asked the Committee for feedback regarding the bill. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Committee was that staff should continue to monitor the bill.*

*SB 1463 (Minors - No Fees or Fines). Vice Chair Roberts provided additional information about the bill. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Committee was to monitor and support this bill. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that he will work with the*

*State's Attorney's Office and the Courts to provide further updates on this bill.*

*Chair Wasik requested an update regarding HB 1608 (EPA Great Lakes - CCR Protection Bill). Mr. Grady provided information about the bill, noting that it did not pass through the House. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Committee was to continue to support this bill and that staff provide future updates regarding this bill.*

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair, requested an update about SB 1883 (Protection of Bears and Non-Human Primates). Mr. Grady provided information about the bill. The consensus of the Committee was to support the bill.*

*Assistant County Administrator Meyers also noted that the following bills did not pass through their respective chambers: HB 1062 (Lost and Stolen Firearms - FOID Card Bill), HB 3053 (Counties Code - Procurement Goals Bill), and HB 1066 (Open Meetings Act Amendment - Child Care).*

#### **9. County Administrator's Report**

*Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, noted that he and Gary Gibson, County Administrator, met with federal lobbyist firms and are publicly requesting proposals to hire a federal lobbyist for the County. Assistant County Administrator Meyers explained that, once a contract is signed, staff will invite the selected firm to speak at the next Legislative Committee meeting.*

*Discussion ensued.*

#### **10. Executive Session**

*The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

#### **11. Members' Remarks**

*Member Knizhnik requested to add SB 1521, Ethan's Law, (Firearm Safe Storage Bill) to the next Legislative Committee agenda. She provided a brief overview of the bill.*

*Discussion ensued.*

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair, requested that a resolution in support of the Ethan's Law be considered at the April County Board meeting, with the consent of Chair Wasik.*

*Discussion ensued.*

*The consensus of the Committee was to request that staff prepare a resolution in support of Ethan's Law to place on the April County Board meeting agenda for consideration by the full Board.*

#### **12. Adjournment**

*Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.*

**Next Meeting: May 2, 2023**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.*