

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, September 8, 2023

8:30 AM

**Board Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at
<https://bit.ly/3PdbNuK>**

Committee of the Whole

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.

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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 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: Committee of the Whole (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 Hart called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Hunter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 16 - Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Absent 3 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos and Member Schlick

** Electronic Attendance: Member Danforth, Member Parekh, Member Maine, and Member Vealitzek*

Member Frank joined the meeting at 8:44 a.m.

Member Wasik joined the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

In Person:

Amy McEwan, CMAP

Carl Kirar, Construction and Facilities Services

Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office

Chris Blanding, Enterprise Information Technology

Demar Harris, Workforce Development

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building, and Development

Erin Aleman, CMAP

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office

Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation

Kevin Carrier, Division of Transportation

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Laura Wilkison, CMAP

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation

Tammy Chatman, Communications

Electronically:

Adam Krueger, Finance

Austin McFarlane, Public Works

Brenda O'Connell, Planning, Building, and Development

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office

Joel Sensenig, Public Works

John Light, Human Resources
Joy Gossman, Public Defender
Krista Kennedy, Finance
Kurt Woolford, Stormwater Management
Mary Crain, Division of Transportation
Michelle Kennedy, Berry Dunn
Mike Klemens, Division of Transportation
Patrice Sutton, Finance
RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office
Sam Johnson, Health Department
ShaTin Gibbs, Finance
Stacey Krzywanos, Division of Transportation
Stephen Newton, Coroner's Office
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office
Todd Schroeder, 19th Judicial Circuit Court
Walter Willis, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County

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

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 [23-1252](#)

Committee action approving the Committee of the Whole minutes from August 8, 2023.

Attachments: [COW 8.8.23 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 14 - Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 3 - Member Altenberg, Member Campos and Member Schlick

Not Present: 2 - Member Frank and Member Wasik

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 [23-1253](#)

Review and discussion related to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's (CMAP) recommended Plan of Action for Regional Transit based on the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Fiscal Cliff.

Attachments: [CMAP PART Presentation 9.8.23](#)

Erin Aleman, CMAP, presented on the recommended Plan of Action for Regional Transit based on the Region Transportation Authority Fiscal Cliff. Discussion ensued.

Member Frank joined the meeting at 8:44 a.m.

Member Wasik joined the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

8.3 [23-1301](#)

Review of Proposed 2023 Strategic Plan.

Attachments: [Lake County Strategic Plan Adoption Slide Deck_Sept 7 with changes](#)
[Lake County Strategic Plan September 7 Final Clean Version](#)
[Lake County Strategic Plan_September 7 Final Redlined Version](#)

Michelle Kennedy, Berry Dunn, reviewed the 2023 proposed Strategic Plan. Discussion ensued.

9. County Administrator's Report

Gary Gibson, County Administrator, reported on a new grant through the State of Illinois for people seeking asylum passing through Lake County and that a resolution will be on Tuesday's Board agenda. Discussion ensued.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

Vice-Chair Cunningham remarked on a recent engagement with a homeless constituent.

12. Adjournment

Chair Hart declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Next Meeting: October 6, 2023

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.

Minutes were approved on May 13, 2025, by the Lake County Board.