

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

11:00 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Health and Community Services Committee

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Carlson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present 6 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham,
Member Frank and Member Martini

Absent 1 - Member Paxton

Others Present:

Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator

Anthony Cooling, Finance and Administrative Services

Lea Bacci, Health Department

Danielle Ryan, Health Department

Lisa Kritz, Health Department

Mark Pfister, Health Department

Jodi Gingiss, Community Development

Lisle Stalter, State's Attorney's Office

Caroline Murray, Lake County Resident

William Murray, Lake County Resident

Andrew Tangen, Veterans Assistance Commission

Ryan Horne, Finance and Administrative Services

Heidie Hernandez, County Board Office

Danya Abusoud, Finance and Administrative Services

Linda Pedersen, County Board

Jennie Vana, County Administrator's Office

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Administrator

Paul Fetherston, Assistant County Administrator

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Carlson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

3.1 **17-0930**

Minutes from August 1, 2017.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Hart, to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 6 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham,
Member Frank and Member Martini

Absent: 1 - Member Paxton

4. **Addenda to the Agenda**

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. **Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

6. **Chairman's Remarks**

There were no remarks from the Chairman.

7. **Old Business**

There was no old business to conduct.

8. **New Business**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

8.1 **[17-0891](#)**

Ordinance amending Chapter 177 of the Lake County Code of Ordinances - Tobacco Regulations.

Health Department Director Mark Pfister presented on the recommended Tobacco 21 ordinance. He reported that the ordinance was revised and a public hearing was held in July. The public responded optimistically towards the ordinance but voiced concerns as to why it will only impact unincorporated areas of Lake County, to which he explained that Lake County only has authority over unincorporated areas.

An update was provided on the strategy to roll out the ordinance by municipality. There are five municipalities that have passed the Tobacco 21 ordinance and two municipalities, Lake Bluff and Lake Forest are considering adopting the ordinance.

Mr. Pfister reviewed the recommended changes to the ordinance. Changes include replacing the word "minor" with "any sales under 21" for clarity and redefining tobacco products to include electronic smoking devices. He added that because of the change in the definition of tobacco products, the amount of entities regulated for the sale of tobacco will increase. Another change includes removing the language on possession. Discussion ensued.

He also mentioned that the reason this ordinance is going to the Financial and Administrative Committee is due to a fee for permits issued to retailers selling tobacco products.

The goals are to reduce the number of people that begin smoking, increase the social distance between age groups and to eventually have the State change the age requirement. There are currently five states that have changed the age limit.

In addition, he noted that the Board of Health approved the revised ordinance at their last

meeting.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Hart, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Member Frank and Member Martini

Absent: 1 - Member Paxton

VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

8.2 [17-0932](#)

Introduction of Andrew Tangen, Veteran's Assistance Commission.

Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) Superintendent Andrew Tangen introduced himself, provided a brief background and presented an update on the VAC. He mentioned, he plans on changing the focus of the VAC to claims and appeals and eventually adding more staff to the commission due to the high population of veterans in Lake County. In addition, the VAC will be seeking and applying for grants to provide funds. County Administrator Barry Burton added that there are opportunities through shared services that will also be looked at. Mr. Tangen provided further details on the VAC.

Member Hart asked for more information on claims and appeals and if the VAC works with other agencies that help veterans. Mr. Tangen provided details on the types of claims made by veterans, the process of submitting a claim and what happens after the claim is submitted. He added that the Commission helps with the initial submission of the claim and the appeal process if the claim is denied. He also responded that the VAC does work with other agencies and listed a few.

He noted that currently there are 37,000 veterans in Lake County, the VAC was only servicing 6,000 but, in the last few months the amount of veterans served has increased to 7,800.

Member Martini inquired on housing for veterans. She indicated that a family was refused housing because there were children in the family. Mr. Tangen clarified that, the issue is not the children, it is the income. Discussion ensued.

He also noted that veterans have many options and they are not obligated to use services provided by the VAC.

Chair Carlson requested information from the VAC that could be placed on the board members' newsletters and a cheat sheet. Communication's Manager Jennie Vana noted that the Communication's Office will be working with the VAC on the information.

Discussion ensued.

This item was discussed.

9. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

10. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no remarks from the members.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Hart, seconded by Member Frank, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Hart, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Member Frank and Member Martini

Absent: 1 - Member Paxton

Next Meeting: September 26, 2017

Minutes prepared by Heidie Hernandez.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Health and Community Services Committee