

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, March 8, 2024

8:30 AM

Board Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:

<https://bit.ly/49Lj6RO>

Committee of the Whole

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Kyle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 13 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Absent 6 - Member Campos, Vice Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hunter, Member Roberts and Member Schlick

** Electronic Attendance: Member Altenberg, Member Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Vealitzek, and Member Wasik.*

Member Casbon joined the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

Member Altenberg joined the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

**No physical quorum. Committee will not take action on any agenda items.*

Other Attendees***In Person:***

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney

Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Markus McCalister, Gun Violence Prevention Initiative

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Melissa Gallagher, Finance

Melissa Cisneros, State's Attorney's Office

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Rachel Jacoby, State's Attorney's Office

Sandra Bankston, State's Attorney's Office

Sara Avalos, State's Attorney's Office

Steve Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office

Tammy Chatman, Communications

Tierra Lemon, State's Attorney's Office

Electronically:

Abby Krakow, Communications

Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office

Brea Barnes, Finance

Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction Services

Demar Harris, Workforce Development
Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office
Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office
Kasia Kondracki, Treasurer's Office
Katie Ladis, Sheriff's Office
Kevin Quinn, Communications
Krista Braun, Planning, Building, and Development
Lisa Kritz, Health Department
Mark Pfister, Health Department
Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald
Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office
ShaTin Gibbs, Finance

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 Hart thanked Member Knizhnik for her help with getting the Gun Violence Prevention Initiative started in Lake County.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.2)

MINUTES

8.1 [24-0058](#)

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

Attachments: [COW 9.8.23 Final Minutes](#)

** No physical quorum. Committee did not take action.*

8.2 [24-0283](#)

Committee action approving the Committee of the Whole minutes from February 9, 2024.

Attachments: [COW 2.09.24 Final Minutes](#)

** No physical quorum. Committee did not take action.*

REGULAR AGENDA

8.3 [24-0316](#)

Update on Lake County's Gun Violence Prevention Initiative.

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, provided an overview of the Gun Violence Prevention Initiative (GVPI) and introduced Tierra Lemon, GVPI Director, State's Attorney's Office (SAO). Director Lemon presented on the mission and vision of the initiative, the root causes of gun violence, the public health approach, and future priorities. Rachel Jacoby, Gun Violence Specialist, SAO, presented on the mapping and data of gun violence in Lake County, the resource ecosystem, and the extreme risk group in the community. State's Attorney Rinehart presented on the Restorative Justice initiative and introduced Sandra Bankston, Chief of Victim Services, SAO. Chief Bankston presented on victim services for victims and survivors of gun violence in Lake County.

Member Altenberg joined the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

State's Attorney Rinehart also provided an overview of the diversified funding opportunities and introduced Steve Spagnolo, Chief Government Relations, SAO, who has helped receive the funding through grants. Discussion ensued.

Marcus McCalister, Gun Violence Prevention Initiative (GVPI), provided the history of the GVPI and his involvement with the program. Discussion ensued.

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

Member Knizhnik commented on the professionalism and expertise of the team and stated that the Lake County Peace Makers are a new organization, but their members have been addressing gun violence for years. Member Knizhnik also stated how proud she is of the Board for being forward thinking and thanked all of the Members.

12. Adjournment

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

Next Meeting: April 5, 2024

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.