

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, November 12, 2008**

**9:00 AM**

**Conference Room C**

**Revenue, Records and Legislation Committee**

1. Call to Order

*Chair Spielman called the meeting to Order at 9:05 a.m.*

*Present:*

*Carol Spielman, Chair  
Anne Flanigan Bassi  
Brent Paxton  
Michael Talbett*

*Absent:*

*Larry Leafblad  
Terese Douglass  
Bob Powers*

*Also present:*

*Suzi Schmidt, County Board Chairman  
Gary Gibson, Asst. County Administrator  
Barry Burton, County Administrator  
Amy McEwan, Sr. Asst. County Administrator  
Lisa Tapper, Affordable Housing Commission  
Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building & Development  
Tammy Daniels, Intern  
Mary Otahal, County Board Office*

2. Pledge of Allegiance

*Chair Spielman led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1 [08-0963](#) Minutes from October 8, 2008.

Attachments [RRL 10-08-08](#)

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**A motion was made by Member Paxton, seconded by Member Talbett, that the minutes from October 8, 2008 be approved. Motion carried.**

- 3.2 [08-0879](#) Revenue, Records and Legislation & Financial and Administrative Committee Joint Budget Minutes from October 29, 2008.

Attachments [RRL&F&A Budget 10.29.08](#)

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**Motion by Member Paxton, seconded by Member Talbett, to approve the Joint Budget Minutes from October 29, 2008. Motion carried.**

4. Public Comment

5. Added to Agenda

6. Old Business

7. New Business

County Clerk

7.1 [08-0979](#) Report of Willard R. Helander, County Clerk, for the months of September and October 2008.

Attachments [CC Report Sept. & Oct. 2008](#)

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**A motion was made by Member Talbett, seconded by Member Paxton, that these reports be received and placed on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.**

Recorder of Deeds

7.2 [08-0825](#) Report for Mary Ellen Vanderverter, Recorder of Deeds for the month of September 2008.

Attachments [0014\\_0001.pdf](#)

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**A motion was made by Member Bassi, seconded by Member Paxton, that this report be received and placed on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.**

Treasurer

7.3 [08-0835](#) Report of Robert Skidmore, Treasurer, for the month of September 2008.

Attachments [TreasurerCashInvestment\\_September 08.XLS](#)

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**A motion was made by Member Bassi, seconded by Member Paxton, that this report be received and placed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried.**

Legislation

7.4 [08-0961](#) Resolution presenting and requesting approval of the 2009 Lake County State Legislative Program.

Attachments [2009 State Program -- RRL Recommendation](#)  
[Amended 2009 State Legislative Program](#)

Gary Gibson reviewed the following legislative proposals, and Committee made a recommendation as to whether each item should be listed as a direct initiative, support initiative, or policy issue.

1. *Brownfield Property Late Penalty Write-off – Direct*
2. *Filing of Mechanic’s Lien – Notification to Property Owner – Direct*
3. *Local Recapture of Locally Generated Funds for Affordable Housing Programs – Direct -*
4. *Authority for County Boards to Provide Supportive Human Services through Imposition of Taxpayer Authorized Levy – Direct*
5. *Clarification of Requirements for Plan Review and Inspection Services for Public School Buildings – Direct*
6. *Lake County Transportation Summit Priority Projects for IDOT SFY2009 Funding – Direct*
7. *Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption – Direct*
8. *Unsewered Communities Grant Program – Direct*
9. *Plat Act Clarifications – Direct. Eric Waggoner explained this request to the Committee and agreed to clarify and shorten the language. He stated that this request would essentially shorten the length of time it takes to get the plat process completed.*
10. *Use of Reclaimed Water – Support*
11. *Establishment of Affordable Housing Trust Fund – Direct*
12. *Increase Coroner’s Fees – Support*
13. *Water Safety and Enforcement Fee/License – Countywide Docking Fee – Direct. Amy McEwan explained this proposed initiative.*
14. *Establishment of Civil Fine for Filing of Homestead Exemptions on Multiple Homes by a Single Person – Pulled from program. Marty Paulson explained that more research is needed on how this would be handled administratively if legislation was passed imposing a civil fine.*
15. *Constitutional Amendment regarding Home Rule Status for counties – Direct. Chairman Spielman stated that this would eliminate the requirement for an elected Chief Executive Officer in counties with populations over 500,000.*
16. *Public Facilities used as Polling Place – Electioneering Access – Direct*
17. *Tax Credit for Jury Duty Service – Direct*
18. *Restore and Protect Medicaid Funding for Nursing Homes – Policy Issue*
19. *No Diversion of Road Funds – Policy issue*
20. *Statewide Wetland Regulations – Policy issue*

**A motion was made by Member Paxton, seconded by Member Bassi, that the proposed 2009 Lake County Legislative Program**

be recommended for adoption to the Regular Agenda. Motion carried.

7.5 [08-0965](#)

Resolution presenting and requesting approval of the 2009 Lake County Federal Legislative Program.

Attachments [Fed Prog FFY 10 - RRL Version](#)

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A motion was made by Member Paxton, seconded by Member Bassi, that the proposed 2009 Lake County Federal Legislative Program be recommended for adoption to the Regular Agenda. Motion carried.

8. Executive Session

A motion was made by Member Paxton, seconded by Member Bassi, to go into Executive Session to review a department head performance appraisal. Voting aye: Paxton, Bassi, Talbett Spielman. Motion carried.

*Discussion.*

*Motion by Member Paxton, seconded by Member Bassi, to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried.*

9. County Administrator's Report

10. Adjournment

*Motion by Member Talbett, seconded by Member Bassi, to adjourn. Motion carried.*

*Minutes taken by Mary Otahal.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Chairman*

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*Vice-Chairman*

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*Revenue, Records and Legislation  
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