

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, January 27, 2010**

**1:00 PM**

**Conference Room C**

**Financial and Administrative Committee**

1. Call to Order

*Chair Paxton called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Member Stolman left the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and Vice-Chair Kyle left the meeting at 2:03 p.m.*

**Present** 7 - Member Bassi, Vice Chair Kyle, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly, Member Stolman and Member Carter

*Also present:*

*Barry Burton, County Administrator  
Amy McEwan, Sr. Asst. County Administrator  
Dusty Powell, Sr. Asst. County Administrator  
Gary Gordon, Finance & Administrative Services  
Michael Wheeler, Finance & Administrative Services  
Mike Gavin, Finance & Administrative Services  
Julie O'Brien, Finance & Administrative Services  
Bob Skidmore, Treasurer  
Jerry Nordstrom, Health Department  
Judge Jorge Ortiz  
Mary Ann Kornau-Bandurski, Veteran's Assistance Commission  
Mary Otahal, County Board Office*

2. Pledge of Allegiance

*Chair Paxton led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

3. Approval of Minutes - Regular and three executive session minutes from January 6, 2010, executive session minutes from December 2, 2009 (to be amended)

3.1 [10-0110](#)

Minutes from January 6, 2010

**A motion was made by Member Mountsier, seconded by Member Kyle, to approve the regular and three executive session minutes from January 6, 2010. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**The Committee will discuss the amendment of the executive session minutes from December 2, 2009 during executive session later in the meeting.**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Bassi, Vice Chair Kyle, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly and Member Carter

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Stolman

4. Added to Agenda Items

**A motion was made by Member O'Kelly, seconded by Member Mountsier, to remove item 7.8 from the agenda.**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Bassi, Vice Chair Kyle, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly, Member Stolman and Member Carter

5. Public Comment

6. Old Business

7. New Business

Planning, Building & Zoning

Law & Judicial

7.1 Presentation on Safe Haven Neutral Exchange Center

*Judge Ortiz presented an update on the supervised visitation and exchange program grant and noted that this is the second year of the grant. Judge Ortiz noted that a site has been identified and we are in negotiations with the landlord. In order to provide a safe and supervised exchange, the site requires separate entrances and separate parking; this is part of the safety protocol. The current negotiation is for a site in Mundelein, and they are working with the Village and the Police Department. He hopes to be open sometime this year. Judge Ortiz advised that we are currently in the second year of a three year grant in the amount of \$395,000, and unless additional funding is identified, a request to the County Board to increase the filing fee in civil cases may be coming forward to help fund this program. Judge Ortiz then took questions from the committee.*

Health & Community Services

7.2 [10-0092](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation for the Lake County Health Department in the amount of \$1,732,583 in grant increases and other revenue increases for FY 2009.

**Attachments:** [LCHD Emergency Appropriation](#)

*Jerry Nordstrom explained this resolution.*

**A motion was made by Member Bassi, seconded by Member Kyle, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the regular agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Bassi, Vice Chair Kyle, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly, Member Stolman and Member Carter

7.3 [10-0094](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation for the Lake County Tuberculosis Clinic in the amount of \$6,929 in increased grant funding for FY 2009.

**Attachments:** [TB Emergency Appropriation](#)

*Jerry Nordstrom explained this resolution.*

**A motion was made by Member O'Kelly, seconded by Member Mountsier, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the regular agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Bassi, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly, Member Stolman and Member Carter

**Not Present:** 1 - Vice Chair Kyle

7.4 [10-0063](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation to accept a one time grant totaling \$50,000 from the Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County to provide assistance to veteran's of Lake County for dental services.

**A motion was made by Member Stolman, seconded by Member Mountsier, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the regular agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Bassi, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly, Member Stolman and Member Carter

**Not Present:** 1 - Vice Chair Kyle

**Revenue, Records & Legislation**

7.5 [09-2196](#)

Joint resolution approving the revised Lake County Investment Policy.

**Attachments:** [INVESTMENT POLICY draft 1\\_21\\_10 amend.doc](#)  
[INVESTMENT POLICY ORIGINAL 2002.doc](#)

*Bob Skidmore explained this resolution, stating that one of the reasons for revising the policy is to update the collateral agreement to include the use of technology to monitor collateral as well as modifying acceptable types of collateral.*

**A motion was made by Member Mountsier, seconded by Member Bassi, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the regular agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Bassi, Vice Chair Kyle, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly, Member Stolman and Member Carter

**Public Works & Transportation**

7.6 [10-0090](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an agreement between Lake County and the State of Illinois for the utilization of federal highway funds for the modernization and interconnection of the traffic signals along Lewis Ave (*IL 173 to 14th St*) including connection to Lake County PASSAGE and Phase III engineering services. This resolution appropriates \$2,000,000 of ¼ % Sales Tax for Transportation and Public Safety funds for this improvement and Phase III engineering and designated as Section 08-00259-00-TL.

**Attachments:** [10-0090 LEWIS\\_20100120073804.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Member O'Kelly, seconded by Member Kyle, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Bassi, Vice Chair Kyle, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly, Member Stolman and Member Carter

7.7 [10-0091](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Alfred Benesch & Company, Chicago, Illinois, at a maximum cost of services described of \$507,938.05 for Phase III construction engineering services for the modernization and interconnection of the traffic signals along Lewis Ave (IL 173 to 14th St) including connection to Lake County PASSAGE and designated as Section 08-00259-00-TL.

**Attachments:** [10-0091 LEWIS 20100120073900.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Member O'Kelly, seconded by Member Kyle, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Bassi, Vice Chair Kyle, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly, Member Stolman and Member Carter

**Financial & Administrative**

**7.8 [10-0105](#)**

Resolution authorizing emergency appropriations for FY 2010 in various funds for certain projects, items and activities, which were budgeted in the prior year and not completed.

**Attachments:** [ADI Spreadsheet Feb-10.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Member O'Kelly, seconded by Member Mountsier, that this resolution be removed from the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Bassi, Vice Chair Kyle, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly, Member Stolman and Member Carter

**7.9 [10-0106](#)**

Resolution authorizing line-item transfers between various funds for the purpose of transferring previously approved funds.

*Gary Gordon explained this resolution.*

**A motion was made by Member Mountsier, seconded by Member Kyle, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the regular agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Bassi, Vice Chair Kyle, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly, Member Stolman and Member Carter

**8. Executive Session**

**A motion was made by Member Bassi, seconded by Member Kyle, to go into executive session to discuss an amendment to executive session minutes from December 2, 2009. Motion carried by roll call vote.**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Bassi, Vice Chair Kyle, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly, Member Stolman and Member Carter

*Discussion.*

**A motion was made by Member Mountsier, seconded by Member Bassi, to come out of executive session. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Bassi, Vice Chair Kyle, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly, Member Stolman and Member Carter

**Regular Session**

**A motion was made by Member O'Kelly, seconded by Member Stolman, to amend the executive session #1 minutes from December 2, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Bassi, Vice Chair Kyle, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly, Member Stolman and Member Carter

**A motion was made by Member Mountsier, seconded by Member Bassi, to approve the executive session #1 from December 2, 2009 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Bassi, Vice Chair Kyle, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly, Member Stolman and Member Carter

**9. County Administrator's Report**

**9.1 Discussion of Recovery Zone Bonds**

*Barry Burton reported that Gary Gordon has been looking into the issuance of recovery zone bonds. Mr. Gordon explained that, under the stimulus funds, the county received two portions of money for recovery zones. This included \$59 million of capacity for businesses to borrow tax-exempt which is being allocated through Lake County Partners. There is an additional \$39 million for governmental purposes under the same program. The county has this bonding capacity and it provides a rebate of 45% of the interest payments on an annual basis.*

*When the Lake County Partner action was brought forward, we declared the entire county as a recovery zone, which means that any project within the Lake County borders would be eligible for this money. While this money is granted to the County, we have the ability to share some or all of this bonding authority with any governmental body in Lake County.*

*The value through this program is in excess of \$5 million. All borrowing must be completed by the end of the calendar year, but the projects do not have to be completed by then. We surveyed county departments and determined that the significant need is roads, specifically Milwaukee Avenue, which would potentially use \$25 million of the money. Should the Board decide to share this money, it would not be simple because of overlapping taxing districts. We would have to develop a program. In terms of the requirements for giving this away, it would be a board resolution. Unlike other programs using stimulus money, we have no further obligation if we choose to allocate some of this money.*

*The Committee has to make the decision as to whether to give away any of this money, if so, how much, and how will we accomplish this. The difficulty will be how to allocate fairly. We would need to develop a process quickly so that the municipalities or government bodies can access the money.*

*Vice-Chair Kyle emphasized that the qualifying criteria for Lake County to be eligible to receive recovery zone bonds is based upon communities with high unemployment, excessive poverty level, and a nearby military installation.*

*Member Stolman left the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and Vice-Chair Kyle left the meeting at 2:03 p.m.*

*Mr. Gordon suggested that staff would recommend to committee where to allocate the funds based on the ability of the project to get issued in a timely manner. He suggested that they would look at the leveraging of other funds, who would be putting money into the project, the impact of the project in terms of who it will benefit, is there a preference to new construction versus rehabilitation. Member Carter suggested asking if it addresses a safety concern. Mr. Gordon stated that the intent of this money is to spur economic development, and he feels that it will involve projects that are already planned to move forward, only at cheaper borrowing.*

*After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Gordon will come back to committee next week with a recommended policy. They will set as criteria first come first serve or, in the event of too many applicants, a lottery. Also being recommended is to set a maximum amount of \$3 million per project. It was the consensus of the Committee to make it a 50-50 split, with \$19.5 million for the transportation project, and \$19.5 million offered to the municipalities. Mr. Gordon will draft the criteria and send it to committee members to review prior to next week's meeting. If approved next week, Mr. Gordon recommended requiring that applications be due by the end of February, with final decisions approved at the April board meeting.*

**10. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Member Bassi, seconded by Member Mountsier, that the meeting adjourn at 2:37 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Bassi, Member Mountsier, Chair Paxton, Member O'Kelly and Member Carter

**Not Present:** 2 - Vice Chair Kyle and Member Stolman

*Minutes prepared by Mary Otahal.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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*Financial & Administrative Committee*