

Lake County Illinois

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Agenda Report - Final

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

1:00 PM

Meeting held by video conference. Register to virtually attend the meeting at <https://bit.ly/3xfY639>

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Legislative Committee

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the Written Determination of the Lake County Board Chair, this meeting will be held by audio and video conference.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public wishing to attend remotely / virtually may: (1) register at the link on the front page of this agenda to attend by audio or video conference or (2) attend remotely on the 10th Floor of the Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (limited to the number of persons in keeping with social distancing requirements, currently 10 people).

PUBLIC VIEWING: This meeting will be recorded and live-streamed at <http://lakecounty.tv/> and on Comcast Channel 18 or 30 and AT&T Channel 99.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. Individuals attending remotely / virtually may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance 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). Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented at the beginning of the meeting under "Public Comment." Comments on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment. Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance (on the 10th Floor and then those via the registration link) then (2) written comments in the order they are received. To view County Board Rules, click here: <https://bit.ly/3idRdrV> .

Individuals providing Public Comment will be recorded and provide the following information:

- * Meeting: Legislative Committee (Must be the Subject line for written Public Comment)
- * Name: (Required)
- * Street Address, City, State (Optional):
- * Phone Number (Optional):
- * Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self"):
- * Topic or Agenda Item # (if applicable) - followed by the written Comment

21-0669

Executive Session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Members
4. Addenda to the Agenda
5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)
6. Chair's Remarks
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

Approval of Minutes

8.1 [21-0686](#)

Minutes from April 6, 2021.

Attachments: [Leg 4.6.21 Final Minutes](#)

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 [21-0687](#)

Update and discussion on the State of Illinois 2021 Spring Legislative Session.

8.3 [21-0688](#)

Committee discussion on active legislation and bills of interest.

8.4 [21-0689](#)

Resolution supporting the “Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act of 2021” or other similar legislation that ensures veterans who served near burn pits receive VA health coverage and disability benefits.

- Approximately 3.5 million veterans have been exposed to burn pits that spewed toxic fumes and carcinogens into the air.
- Veterans subject to exposure are struggling to prove direct service connection necessary to be eligible for Veteran Affairs benefits to cover associated diseases.
- The delay in benefit coverage results in a delay in much needed critical medical care and other support for former servicemembers, an increase in workload for County Veteran Service Officers tasked with connecting veterans to federal benefits, and the potential to shift the responsibility of providing healthcare and other services to county systems.
- The “Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act of 2021” was introduced in April 2021, and provides for a presumption of service connection for certain diseases associated with exposure to toxins commonly associated with burn pits.

8.5 [21-0690](#)

Resolution supporting S.479 or other similar legislation that restores state and local governments' ability to use advanced refunding to manage bond debt and reduce borrowing costs for public projects.

- Lake County has utilized the tax-exempt bond market to fund capital improvement projects for both transportation and facility infrastructure.
- The ability to “advance refund” or refinance tax exempt bonds one time prior to the call date during the life of a tax exempt bond was eliminated in 2017.
- This financing tool of advance refunding can be effectively used to save significant debt service dollars nationwide and specifically at Lake County when there is a favorable interest rate market.
- Senate Bill 479 has been introduced in the 117th Congress, which is known as the “Lifting Our Communities through Advance Liquidity for Infrastructure Act” or the “LOCAL Infrastructure Act,” which repeals the amendments made by section 13532 of Public Law 115-97, thereby restoring state and local governments' ability to use advance refunding to manage bond debt and reduce borrowing costs for public projects.
- Lake County would benefit from the passage of this bill.

9. County Administrator's Report**10. Executive Session****11. Members' Remarks****12. Adjournment**

Next Meeting: June 29, 2021