

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

**10:30 AM**

**or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Public Works, Planning  
and Transportation Committee, whichever is later.**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register to virtually attend at  
<https://bit.ly/3Dgkc9f>**

**Energy & Environment Committee**

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:** The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options):

(1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower (9th Floor, if necessary), 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.

(2) Remote / virtual attendance through registration at:  
<https://bit.ly/3Dgkc9f>

**RECORDING:** Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per comment. In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. Individuals attending in-person or remotely 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](mailto:PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov) or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th floor)).

Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance on the 10th Floor, (2) Public Comment by individuals who registered via the link on the front page of the agenda and are attending remotely / virtually, and then (3) written comments.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- \* Meeting: Energy and Environment Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)
- \* Name (REQUIRED)
- \* Topic or Agenda Item # (REQUIRED)
- \* Street Address, City, State (Optional)
- \* Phone Number (Optional)
- \* Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self")

\* \* \*To view County Board Rules, click here: <https://bit.ly/3idRdrV> \* \* \*

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Wilke called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Hewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Wasik and Chair Wilke

**Absent** 1 - Member Barr

*Others Present:*

*Al Giertych, Division of Transportation*

*Austin Knight, Public*

*Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction*

*Catherine Sbarra, Board Member*

*Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office*

*Gina Roberts, Board Member*

*Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office*

*Jessica Vealitzek, Board Member*

*Joe Arcus, Planning, Building and Development*

*Justine Gilbert, Communications*

*Kelly Shelton, Shelton Solutions*

*Kevin Quinn, Communications*

*Krista Braun, Planning, Building and Development*

*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald*

*Patrice Sutton, Finance*

*Paul Frank, Board Member*

*Robert Springer, Planning, Building and Development*

*RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing*

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair*

*Susan August, Purchasing*

*Susan Pribyl, Public*

*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

**4. Addenda to the Agenda**

*There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.*

**5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)**

*There were no public comments.*

**6. Chair's Remarks**

*There were no Chair's remarks.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)**

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES\***

**8.1 22-0531**

Minutes from February 2, 2022.

**Attachments:** [E&E 2.2.22 Final Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Vice Chair Parekh, that the minutes from February 2, 2022 be approved. Motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Wasik and Chair Wilke

**Absent:** 1 - Member Barr

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**8.2 22-0532**

Update regarding the Committee's current workplan.

**Attachments:** [Lake County - Brief Net Zero Update - 04 2022](#)

*Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, gave a brief update regarding net zero emissions for the County and introduced Kelly Shelton, a Consultant from Shelton Solutions. Ms. Shelton noted that the County is currently working with North Shore Gas to complete a complimentary energy assessment and that the County may also work with ComEd for another assessment.*

*Discussion ensued.*

*Assistant County Administrator Meyers gave an update on the County's solar initiative, specifically noting that three site installations with Standard Solar are in the design/permitting phase. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that the County is waiting on estimates of probable cost and should have more specifics available for the next Committee meeting.*

*Discussion ensued.*

**8.3 22-0533**

Presentation and discussion regarding Lake County Native Tree and Plant Program.

**Attachments:** [EE - 4.6.22 - PBD - Native Tree Restoration - Final](#)

*Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, introduced Eric Waggoner, Director of Planning, Building and Development (PBD), and Joe Arcus, Senior Planner for Sustainability, who gave a presentation regarding the Lake County Native Tree and Plant Restoration Program. Mr. Arcus gave background on Program research and noted that any Program option would require program administration, removal and planting, and stakeholder engagement. Director Waggoner gave the anticipated timeline of the Program and facilitated Committee discussion on how to advise staff to proceed.*

*Discussion ensued.*

*The consensus of the Committee was for the Program to be large in scale and to encompass all types of land (commercial, government, and etc.) not just residential.*

*Director Waggoner noted that staff will further examine Program funding and will come back to the Committee with options.*

#### **9. County Administrator's Report**

*Assistant County Administrator, Matt Meyers, noted that the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program launch has been completed and that the Program administrator gave a training that was well attended. Assistant County Administrator Meyers will compile C-PACE metrics to report on at the next Committee meeting.*

*Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that the County's Sustainability Coordinator position was posted in late January/February and that the search for the most qualified candidate continues. Assistant County Administrator Meyers also noted that the position has been reposted with additional information.*

*Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted, based on a question presented, that water conservation-related projects are eligible for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) direct dollars; while the County is unable to provide incentives for electric vehicle purchases through these same dollars.*

*Discussion ensued.*

*The consensus of the Committee was to discuss programs/incentives for energy conservation in the future.*

#### **10. Executive Session**

*The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

#### **11. Members' Remarks**

*There were no Members' Remarks.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Wilke declared the meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: May 4, 2022**

*Minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Energy and Environment Committee Chair*