

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

1:00 PM

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at
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Legislative 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.
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Individuals 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)). Written comments will be circulated to the Members, but not read aloud.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

Meeting: Legislative Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)

Topic or Agenda Item #: (REQUIRED)

Name: (REQUIRED)

Organization/Entity Represented: (REQUIRED) ("Self" if representing self)

Street Address, City, State: (Optional)

Phone Number: (Optional)

Email: May be REQUIRED for remote attendance

1. Call to Order

Chair Wasik called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Schlick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 comments from the public.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wasik welcomed the new Legislative Committee members. Chair Wasik also noted that the County hosted a Legislative Breakfast event in conjunction with the Lake County Municipal League (LCML) on Saturday, February 4, 2023, during which, the County presented the 2023 Legislative Agenda.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent 1 - Member Campos

**Member Campos was unable to attend the Committee meeting in person and did not meet the criteria for electronic attendance. Even though he was able to attend via electronic means and participated in Committee discussions, he must be marked as absent.*

Other Attendees:

In Person:

Anthony Vega, County Clerk

Carissa Casbon, Board Member

Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Justine Gilbert, Communications

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board Vice Chair

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Robin Grooms, County Administrator's Office

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Electronically:

Abby Krakow, Communications

Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group

Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

Esiah Campos, Board Member
Frank D'Andrea, Finance
Gavin Good, Chicago Tribune
Greg Bales, Public
James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office
Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office
Jessica Vealitzek, Board Member
Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office
Kristy Cechini, County Board Office
Kurt Woolford, Stormwater Management
Mary Crain, Division of Transportation
Michael Wheeler, Finance
Patrice Sutton, Finance
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office
ShaTin Gibbs, Finance
Tammy Chatman, Communications

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

MINUTES

8.1 [23-0076](#)

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from October 4, 2022.

Attachments: [LEG 10.4.22 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Hunter, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Campos

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 [23-0242](#)

Update and discussion on the state of Illinois 2023 Spring Legislative Session.

Derek Blaida, of Strategic Advocacy Group, provided an update on the State of Illinois 2023 spring legislative session. Mr. Blaida gave a brief overview of some bills that are of interest to the County.

Discussion ensued.

8.3 [23-0243](#)

Committee Discussion on active legislation and bills of interest.

Attachments: [Bills for Discussion 020723](#)

Assistant County Administrator Meyers gave a brief overview of HB 1613 (Building Regulation Bill - Environmental Infrastructure). Discussion ensued.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers gave a brief overview of HB 1067 (Superintendent of Public Works Bill) Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided additional information. Discussion ensued.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers gave a brief overview of SB 0040 (Electric Vehicle Charging Act). Discussion ensued. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that he will ask for clarification on the specific wording of the bill.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers introduced Anthony Vega, County Clerk, who gave an overview of HB 0995 (Higher Ed - Election Judge Credit). Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Committee was to support the bill.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers introduced Carl Kirar, Director of Facilities and Construction, who gave an overview of SB 0133 (Public Construction Bonds). Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Committee was to monitor the bill.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers gave a brief overview of HB 1062 (Lost & Stolen Firearms - FOID Card). Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Committee was to obtain clarification on the bill's language and specifics.

A motion was made by Member Hunter, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, to direct staff: to support HB 1613, to support with amendments HB 1067, to look for further clarification on SB 0040, to support HB 0995, to get clarification on SB 0133, and to get clarification on HB 1062. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

8.4 [23-0244](#)

Update on the results of the Illinois Route 53 Expansion Land Alternative Use Task Force.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, gave background on the original creation of the Illinois Route 53 Expansion Land Alternative Use Task Force (Task Force), which was previously supported by the Board. Assistant County Administrator Meyers introduced Robin Grooms, Sustainability Programs Manager, who explained that the Task Force voted to preserve the corridor as an open green corridor to, potentially, become either a state park or state trail.

Chair Wasik recommended writing a resolution supporting the final findings and recommendation of the Task Force.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Schlick, seconded by Member Altenberg, to direct staff to draft a resolution supporting the results of the Illinois Route 53 Expansion Land

Alternative Use Task Force. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

8.5 [23-0277](#)

Discussion regarding a Federal Lobbyist for Lake County.

Chair Wasik gave an overview of the reasons for potentially hiring a federal lobbyist.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Hunter, seconded by Member Knizhnik, to direct staff to review options to onboard a federal lobbyist in Fiscal Year 2023, and to return to present results at a future Committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

9. County Administrator's Report

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, gave an overview of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which was discussed at the Special Committee on Broadband last Friday.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to direct staff to continue to advocate for federal funding for the ACP.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

Chair Wasik wished those Board Members participating in the NACo Conference well and stated that there are meetings set up with legislators and/or their staff during that time.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 7, 2023

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.