

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

12:00 PM

Conference Room C

Ad Hoc Legislative Committee

1. Call to Order

Co-Chairman Hewitt called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

Present 5 - Co-Chairman Hewitt, Co-Chairman Mathias, Member Frank, Member Rummel and Member Werfel

Others Present:

Judy Martini, County Board Member

Aaron Lawlor, County Board Chairman

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Paul Fetherston, Assistant County Administrator

Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Administrator

Pat Carey, McGuire Woods (via phone)

Kent Gaffney, McGuire Woods (via phone)

Ben Gilbertson, Finance and Administrative Services

Heidie Hernandez, County Board Office

Danya Abusoud, Finance and Administrative Services

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Co-Chairman Hewitt led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments by the public.

6. Chairman's Remarks

Co-Chairman Hewitt expressed her for the establishment of the committee and its members.

7. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

8. New Business**8.1 [17-0927](#)**

Preview of fiscal year 2018 Legislative Program development calendar.

Assistant County Administrator Paul Fetherston explained the intention of the organizational meeting process, schedule, and the development of the legislative program. Ben Gilbertson, Finance and Administrative Services, provided an explanation of the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee's (committee) proposed calendar and the sequencing of meeting dates for standing committees. Mr. Gilbertson reminded committee members of the intent of this committee, in that it was formed to allow the Board

more insight and impact on the development of the legislative program. Discussion ensued regarding the proceeding meetings, the topics to be addressed at future meetings, and the presentation of the final program. Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor recommended moving several meetings to alleviate any schedule limitations.

Co-Chairman Mathias inquired about the possibility of combining the meeting where the committee would recommend the fiscal year 2018 Legislative Program for approval to the Financial and Administrative Committee with the Veto Session meeting. Mr. Gilbertson referenced item 8.5, regarding the approval of the committee meeting schedule, specifically calling out Co-Chairman Mathias' reference to the Veto Session meeting being combined with approval of the program. Member Werfel questioned whether members should bring initiatives through standing committees versus the committee. The committee's recommendation was that the initiatives be introduced through the standing committees.

This item was presented.

8.2 [17-0892](#)

Review of the fiscal year 2017 Legislative Program and priority bills.

Ben Gilbertson, Finance and Administrative Services, provided a summary of the 2017 Legislative Program and priority bills. Kent Gaffney, McGuire Woods, provided an update regarding the 2017 legislative session and the anticipated dynamics of the upcoming 2018 legislative session. Member Martini inquired about the legislative cycle with consideration for the upcoming election. Mr. Gaffney anticipated limitations and fewer bills being introduced. County Administrator Barry Burton spoke on a round table meeting between himself, McGuire Woods representatives, County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor, Mr. Gilbertson, and Mr. Fetherston regarding the opportunities and obstacles of the legislative session, the strategies for the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee, and its formation. Discussion ensued regarding a number of priority bills that Lake County had tracked in the previous legislative session. Member Frank asked about the development of the agenda and how it is impacted by communication with other county officers, and their associations as it pertains to legislation. County Administrator Burton replied that the County Administrator's Office takes those considerations into account as it develops the legislative program, as well as throughout the legislative session.

This item was discussed.

8.3 [17-0896](#)

Discussion of the roles and responsibilities of the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee.

Assistant County Administrator Paul Fetherston provided an explanation of the roles and responsibilities of the Ad Hoc Committee (committee). The committee discussed its role in receiving input on legislative initiatives from standing committees, providing feedback to staff on developing the legislative program, and strategizing the county's position on and advocacy for certain bills during the legislative session.

This item was discussed.

8.4 [17-0897](#)

Preliminary discussion of Lake County Ad Hoc Legislative Committee Member initiatives for the fiscal year 2018 Legislative Program.

The Ad Hoc Legislative Committee (committee) discussed matters that the committee members would like pursued prior to the September committee meeting. Member Werfel led the discussion on the committee's involvement with the Lake County Commission on Government Reform and Accountability. County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor led the discussion on the potential legislation that would come from the recommendations of the Mental Health Coalition and data sharing.

This item was discussed.

8.5 [17-0894](#)

Approval of the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee meeting schedule for 2017 and 2018.

Discussion occurred regarding the proposed Ad Hoc Legislative Committee schedule. Due to an anticipated lack of a quorum on November 1, 2017, the committee decided to cancel that meeting but hold all other committee meetings on the proposed dates.

A motion was made by Member Werfel, seconded by Member Rummel, that the 2017 and 2018 schedule be approved as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 5 - Co-Chairman Hewitt, Co-Chairman Mathias, Member Frank, Member Rummel and Member Werfel

9. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

10. County Administrator's Report

There were no reports by the County Administrator.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no members remarks.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Mathias, seconded by Member Frank, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Co-Chairman Hewitt, Co-Chairman Mathias, Member Frank, Member Rummel and Member Werfel

Next Meeting: September 27, 2017.

Meeting minutes prepared by Danya Abusoud.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-Chairman

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Ad Hoc Legislative Committee