

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

1:00 PM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Ethics and Oversight Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Pedersen called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

Present 4 - Chair Pedersen, Member Calabresa, Member Wilke and Member Danforth

Absent 3 - Vice Chair Mathias, Member Taylor and Nixon

Others present:

Ben Gilbertson, County Administrator's Office

Lisle Stalter, State's Attorney's Office

Steve Carlson, County Board Member

Rodney Marion, Human Resources

Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Jennie Vana, County Administrator's Office

Sandy Hart, County Board Member

Heidie Hernandez, County Board Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Pedersen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes**3.1 [17-0504](#)**

Ethics and Oversight Committee minutes from February 1, 2017.

Attachments: [E&O 2.1.17 Minutes Final](#)

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Wilke, to approve the minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 4 - Chair Pedersen, Member Calabresa, Member Wilke and Member Danforth

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Mathias, Nixon and Member Taylor

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments made by the public.

6. Chairman's Remarks

There were no Chairman's remarks.

7. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

8. New Business**8.1 [17-0505](#)**

Ordinance amending the Lake County Ethics Ordinance.

Attachments: [2017.05.09 - Ethics Ordinance \(Redline - Committee Amendments\)](#)
[2017.05.09 - Lake County Ethics Ordinance \(Final\)](#)

Human Resources Director Rodney Marion and Ben Gilbertson of the County Administrator's Office reviewed the recommended amendments to the Lake County Ethics Ordinance. Changes include, clarification that independent elected officials and department heads not under the County Board are not subject to the penalties of the Ethics Ordinance but are strongly encouraged to adhere to the ethical standards and behavior set forth in the Ethics Ordinance. Definitions were added for Department Head, Family Member, and Supervisor. It was noted that the definition for Family Member was expanded beyond immediate family members.

Changes recommended in Article 3, County Board Members, Appointed Officials, and Department Heads Influencing Hiring Decisions or Vendor Selections, will further restrict the influence from department heads and supervisory staff in the Information Technology, Human Resources, and the Finance and Administrative Services departments on hiring decisions and vendor selection.

County Administrator Barry Burton reviewed the recommended changes made to Article 5, Lobbying Prohibition. He indicated that changes will model the Dupage County language.

Mr. Gilbertson also noted that the definition of this Ethics and Oversight Committee has also been modified for clarification.

Mr. Marion reviewed the recommended changes to Article 11, Penalties. It is recommended that an administrative penalties section be added to cover penalties not regulated by the State. Clarification will also be made in this section, that the County Administrator may administer disciplinary action and shall inform the Committee of any violation and disciplinary action taken. Discussion ensued.

There was much discussion on holding two elected positions also referred to as dual service, collecting double pensions and double incomes. It was the consensus of the committee to modify the recommended language in the ordinance by replacing the word "denounces" with "discourages" and adding the phrase "except as otherwise allowable by law" after "elected offices" and before "that receive".

Mr. Marion also mentioned that under the fifth whereas in the ordinance the State's Attorney's Office was inadvertently missed and will be added.

A motion was made by Member Wilke, seconded by Member Danforth, that this ordinance be recommended for adoption to the regular agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 4 - Chair Pedersen, Member Calabresa, Member Wilke and Member Danforth

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Mathias, Member Taylor and Nixon

9. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

10. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no members' remarks.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Danforth, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 4 - Chair Pedersen, Member Calabresa, Member Wilke and Member Danforth

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Mathias, Nixon and Member Taylor

Meeting minutes prepared by Heidie Hernandez.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Ethics and Oversight Committee

Next Meeting: To Be Determined.

