

Lake County Illinois

*Central Permit Facility
500 W Winchester Road
Libertyville, Illinois 60048*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, August 10, 2018

8:30 AM

Central Permit Facility

Committee of the Whole

1. Call to Order

Acting Chairman Calabresa called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and requested a moment of silence.

Present 19 - Acting Chair Calabresa, Member Bartels, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Martini, Member Mathias, Member Paxton, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Rummel, Member Weber, Member Werfel, Member Wilke and Member Wyatt

Absent 2 - Chair Lawlor and Member Maine

Others present:

Chris Blanding, Information Technology

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Danny Davis, Court Administration

Paul Fetherston, Assistant County Administrator

Ed Gallagher, Lake County Resident

Al Giertych, Division of Transportation

Jodi Gingiss, Community Development

Travis J Haley, Lake County

RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing

David Hare, Undersheriff

Karla Hasty, Human Resources

Rosemary Heilemann, League of Women Voters Lake County

John Idleburg, Lake County Resident

Chris Kopka, Human Resources

Rodney Marion, Human Resources

Irene Marsh-Elmer, Community Development

Paul Mazzeno, Emergency Management Agency

Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator

Matt Meyers, Planning, Building and Development

Hannah Mulroy, Planning, Building, and Development

Phil Perna, Public Works

Mark Pfister, Lake County Health Department

Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development

Linda Starkey, Village of Wauconda

Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administrative Services

Jennie Vana, Communications

Jessica Vealizek, Lake County Resident

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Board Office

Mike Warner, Stormwater Management Commission

Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Administrator

Mike Warner, Stormwater Management Commission

John Wasik, Lake County Resident

Maria Weisbruch, Wauconda Chamber of Commerce

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Durkin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 [18-0920](#)

Minutes from June 8, 2018.

Attachments: [COW 6.8.18 Minutes Final](#)

A motion was made by Member Wyatt, seconded by Member Weber, that the minutes for items 3.1 and 3.2 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 17 - Acting Chair Calabresa, Member Bartels, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Mathias, Member Paxton, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Rummel, Member Weber, Member Werfel and Member Wyatt

Absent: 2 - Chair Lawlor and Member Maine

Not Present: 2 - Member Martini and Member Wilke

3.2 [18-0921](#)

Minutes from June 29, 2018.

Attachments: [COW 6.29.18 Minutes Final](#)

A motion was made by Member Wyatt, seconded by Member Weber, that the minutes for items 3.1 and 3.2 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 17 - Acting Chair Calabresa, Member Bartels, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Mathias, Member Paxton, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Rummel, Member Weber, Member Werfel and Member Wyatt

Absent: 2 - Chair Lawlor and Member Maine

Not Present: 2 - Member Martini and Member Wilke

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or modifications to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chairman's Remarks

There were no remarks from Acting Chairman Calabresa.

7. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

8. New Business

Member Rummel reported Lake County is a manager form of government. He reminded the board members that it is the administrator's job to run the day to day operations of the County. Lake County Research has submitted several Freedom of Information Act requests for Chairman Aaron Lawlor's procurement card statements. He suggested an investigation be conducted on this anonymous submitter to determine if any board members had first hand knowledge of this information. He indicated that if any board member had first hand knowledge, it would have been incumbent upon the board member to notify the board. Discussion ensued.

(Members Martini and Wilke arrived at 8:38 a.m.)

Substantial discussion continued regarding vendor ethics, treatment of personnel, and the need to exercise good judgement when speaking with the media while an investigation into Chairman Aaron Lawlor's spending occurs.

Member Rummel requested an emergency Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Executive Session

Executive Session was entered into at 9:38 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Martini, seconded by Member Hart, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 19 - Acting Chair Calabresa, Member Bartels, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Martini, Member Mathias, Member Paxton, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Rummel, Member Weber, Member Werfel, Member Wilke and Member Wyatt

Absent: 2 - Chair Lawlor and Member Maine

18-1035

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

This matter was discussed in Executive Session.

A motion was made that this be to come out of executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 19 - Acting Chair Calabresa, Member Bartels, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Martini, Member Mathias, Member Paxton, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Rummel, Member Weber, Member Werfel, Member Wilke and Member Wyatt

Absent: 2 - Chair Lawlor and Member Maine

8.1 18-0044

Review of County Board Agenda.

Acting Chairman Calabresa reviewed item one.

Consent Agenda

Acting Chairman Calabresa reviewed items 2 through 12.

Law and Judicial Committee - Member Cunningham reviewed items 13 through 18.

Health and Community Services Committee - Member Carlson reviewed items 19 through 22.

Public Works and Transportation Committee - Member Hewitt reviewed items 23 through 30.

Financial and Administrative Committee - Member Rummel reviewed items 31 through 35.

Regular Agenda

Law and Judicial Committee - Member Cunningham reviewed items 36 and 37.

Health and Community Services Committee - Member Carlson reviewed items 38 through 40. He identified the need for a change order for item 39 regarding Winchester House. This change is necessary due to an investor backing out of the project. A new investor was identified and its approval through the United States Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) took some time. This project has been delayed by approximately six months. This is an audited reimbursement.

Member Pfister reported that the goal of item 40 is to create awareness for individuals with the HIV virus that taking antiretroviral therapy regularly can keep the viral load below 200 and prevent the transmission of HIV to others.

Public Works and Transportation Committee - Member Hewitt reviewed items 41 through 43. Phil Perna, Public Works, identified Public Works increased its rate by two percent. There are additional pass-through charges from the North Shore Water Reclamation District and the Village of Libertyville which will affect the northeast Central retail service sewer area sewer rate and the Village of Green Oaks.

Planning, Building and Zoning Committee - Member Werfel reviewed items 44 and 45. Matt Meyers, Planning, Building and Zoning, indicated that there is a need to move quickly on this issue as the residence in question is in an apartment building.

Financial and Administrative Committee - Member Rummel reviewed items 46 and 47. Substantial discussion regarding item 47. Member Frank inquired about whether parliamentary procedures were appropriately followed and whether the language in the

resolution accurately reflects the discussion at the Financial and Administrative Committee. Substantial discussion ensued regarding whether this issue is germane to County business.

(Member Martini left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.)

Petitions, Correspondence, and Miscellaneous Business - Acting Chair Calabresa reviewed item 48, noting that the County is seeking state legislation to transfer appointing authority for cemetery association boards from the county board chairman to township supervisors who already have appointing authority for other cemeteries under Illinois law.

8.2 [18-0922](#)

Strategic Plan Presentation: Building Healthy, Inclusive and Resilient Communities.

Attachments: [Strategic Plan Presentation](#)

Health Department Director Mark Pfister, Jodi Gingiss, Community Development, Paul Mazzeno, Emergency Management Agency, Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan, Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development, and Karla Hasty, Human Resources, provided a presentation on building healthy, inclusive and resilient communities.

Mr. Pfister identified social determinants of health including food insecurity, transportation, housing, access to primary care, behavioral health and addiction. He discussed the County's Tobacco 21 Ordinance and the goal to reduce HIV cases to zero with the increased use of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis.

Ms. Gingiss discussed the County's Service Point Referral program which assists in various sectors including health, employment, housing and general assistance, and behavioral health that was launched in September 2017. There are now 126 nonprofit organizations who participate in this program.

Mr. Mazzeno discussed the County's emergency preparedness plan. A Memorandum of Understanding with local agencies was signed in 2018 to provide unified exercise programs on emergency planning.

Ms. McEwan discussed the the Mental Health coalition initiatives. The coalition was formed, and subcommittees created, to consider potential legislation, initiative a pilot data sharing program, and reducing the stigma of mental health issues. She noted the County's video gaming revenue has supported over \$1,000,000 in funding in behavioral health services in Lake County.

Ms. Serino reported on Workforce Development's efforts to partner with agencies to provide opportunities and prepare the youth for the workforce by providing training, internship, and educating businesses on how to retain employees.

Ms. Hasty, discussed Lake County's efforts to monitor departmental vacancies, provide a diverse pool of candidates, and train staff on unconscious bias.

(Member Weber left the meeting at

9. Executive Session

9.1 [18-0888](#)

Executive session to review closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21).

The Committee did not enter in Executive Session.

9.1A [18-0889](#)

Committee action regarding semi-annual review of closed session minutes.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Hewitt, to accept the State's Attorney's Office's recommendation on the release of Executive Session minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 16 - Acting Chair Calabresa, Member Bartels, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Rummel, Member Werfel, Member Wilke and Member Wyatt

Absent: 2 - Chair Lawlor and Member Maine

Not Present: 3 - Member Martini, Member Paxton and Member Weber

10. County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Barry Burton announced the retirement of Phil Perna of the Public Works Department after 17 years of service to Lake County.

Mr. Burton indicated that Board Members will have access to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) responses for the County Administrator's Office, the Finance and Administrative Services Department, and the County Board Office via Sharepoint. He noted that due to the volume of FOIAs being processed by County Board staff, that requests for assistance should be sent to Assistant County Administrator Dakisha Wesley.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no remarks from members.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Carlson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Absent: 2 - Chair Lawlor and Member Maine

Not Present: 3 - Member Martini, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Next Meeting: September 7, 2018

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Committee of the Whole