

LAKE COUNTY FY2019 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA - INITIATIVES SUMMARY

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Items Identified by Ad Hoc Legislative Committee for Possible inclusion in FY 2019 Legislative Agenda									
1	PB&D Matt Meyers	Zoning - Indoor Hazardous Material, Hoarded Material	3. Exceptional Service 5. Environmental Stewardship	1. Support legislation that grants additional permissive authorities for counties.	Sponsor	55 ILCS 5/5-1121	The county has no statutory authority to immediately remediate an abandoned or otherwise uninhabitable dwelling unit if the unit poses an immediate health and/or safety risk to adjacent residents. A 30 day notice is required. The proposed change would expedite the process in order to better address imminent hazards or safety concerns.	Amend State statute so that the County can more expeditiously remediate hazardous conditions of an abandoned unit or property may pose a transferable health or safety risk to adjoining units or properties, such as townhomes, condominiums, or other close-set units.	
2	PB&D Thomas Chefalo	Zoning - Regulation of Intensive Agriculture Inside or Adjacent to Residential Areas	4. Operational Excellence 5. Environmental Stewardship	1. Support legislation that grants additional permissive authorities for counties. 5. Support legislation that mitigates inefficiency.	Sponsor	55 ILCS 5/5-12001	Current State statute prevents the County from regulating agricultural uses on parcels five (5) acres or larger, even in a residential zoning district. The change increases that parcel size to twenty (20) acres in or adjacent to residential districts in counties with a population larger than 675,000.	Amend State statute so that the County can regulate intensive agriculture in residential areas. The legislation will apply to animal husbandry, excluding equine activity. Best practice zoning may protect residents from exposure to odors, dust, noise, traffic, and waste that are associated with intensive agriculture.	*The cost and workload impact would be minimal. Permit fees would cover the increased costs of permitting and inspections. *Farming interests such as Farm Bureau, owners of agricultural land and individual farmers may see this change as a threat to Illinois' Right to Farm policies.
3	County Clerk Carla Wyckoff	Data Collection - Fetal & Stillborn Death Records Reporting	4. Operational Excellence	1. Support legislation that grants additional permissive authorities for counties. 3. Support legislation that promotes transparency at all levels of government.	Support	410 ILCS 535/20(1)	The change ensures accurate records of fetal deaths and stillbirths, which are currently the only birth/death records that are not required to be submitted via the State's electronic system.	Amend the Illinois Vital Records Act to require that fetal and stillbirth records be reported through the electronic Illinois Vital Records System.	* More accurate records of fetal deaths and stillbirths from the State Vital Records Registrar * Ability to be more responsive to record requests * Connect w/ Hospitals Association
4	County Clerk Carla Wyckoff	Election Administration - Mandated Non-Attendance Day for Schools that Serve as Polling Sites	4. Operational Excellence	5. Support legislation that mitigates inefficiency.	Support	10 ILCS 5/11 - 4.1	Require schools that serve as election day polling site to hold a student non-attendance day to eliminate concerns about safety, congestion or disruption during election activity.	Amend the Election Code to require that schools that serve as election day polling sites be required to conduct a student non-attendance day on election day.	
6	Board Member Mary Ross Cunningham - 2018	Driver's License Reinstatement	1. Leadership 4. Operational Excellence	1. Permissive Authority	Support		Convene a statewide working group to identify legislative and operational changes to simplify the process for driver's license reinstatement.	Working group would identify potential legislative solutions.	*Included in FY 2018 Legislative Program. *Working group in process of being assembled. *Potential Multi-Year Initiative for FY 2019?
7	DOT Al Giertych Kevin Kerrigan	JULIE - Removing Storm Sewers from ROW	2. Fiscal Responsibility 3. Exceptional Service	6. Oppose unfunded mandates imposed by the State or Federal government.	Support	220 ILCS 50	* State law requires Lake County to treat underground storm sewers located within ROW as "Underground Utility Facilities" * Lake County to incur considerable expenses to process and field-locate the facilities upon receipt of dig requests "State-Wide One-Call Notice System" administered by JULIE	*Exclude underground storm sewers located within County Rights of Way from classification as an "Underground utility facility" for the purposes of the act.	*Was part of FY2018 Legislative Program *Requires DOT to take lead in statewide coalition to meet with utility industry representatives to discuss solutions *Potential multi-year initiative for FY 2019
Items Not Recommended for Inclusion in the Agenda									
8	County Clerk Carla Wyckoff	Election Administration - Application Deadline for Vote by Mail (VBM) Ballots	3. Exceptional Service 4. Operational Excellence	5. Support legislation that mitigates inefficiency.	Support	10 ILCS 5/19 - 4	The change should reduce frustration among voters by shortening the time between the first day to request a VBM ballot and the first day for the Election Authority to respond by mailing the ballot.	Amend the Election Code to establish the earliest date to submit a VBM ballot application to be not more than 60 (sixty) days prior to Election Day rather than the current deadline of 90 days.	*Reduce frustration and confusion among voters by changing the first day to submit a vote-by-mail application to 60 (rather than 90) days prior to Election Day. *Shorten time between voter applying for VBM ballot and the Clerk's Office responding to the ballot request (40 days before Election Day). Reduce the amount of time Clerk must securely store applications before sending ballots to requestors.

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9 County Clerk Carla Wyckoff	Election Administration - Close Early Voting Sites Monday Before Election	4. Operational Excellence	5. Support legislation that mitigates inefficiency.	Support	10 ILCS 5/19A - 15(b)	The change would enhance the Election Authority's ability to transition from early voting to election day.	Amend the Election Code to eliminate the requirement for permanent Early Voting sites to be in operation on the Monday immediately preceding the Tuesday Election Day.	*Factors include equipment preparation, securing early voting machines. Ballots, applications, and registrations, and delivering and setting up polling sites. *Politically sensitive (reducing early voting hours).
10 County Clerk Carla Wyckoff	Election Administration - Minimum Number of Petition signatures Where No Candidates for that Party in Election	4. Operational Excellence	5. Support legislation that mitigates inefficiency.	Support	10 ILCS 5/7 - 10(g)	This technical signature adjustment would establish a minimum of 25 signatures for a candidate to collect on his/her nominating petition for an office that is a subdivision of the County (for example, a water reclamation district) in a situation where there was not a previous candidate for the particular Political Party in question. This would establish the number on which to base the currently required percentage amount to determine the signature requirement.	Amend the Election Code to establish a minimum number of 25 petition signatures required in the event there were no candidates for the particular party at the last next preceding election for political subdivisions of the County, particularly the various water reclamation districts.	
11 County Clerk Carla Wyckoff	Election Administration - Final Take Notice for Vacant Properties	4. Operational Excellence	5. Support legislation that mitigates inefficiency. 6. Oppose unfunded mandates imposed by the State or Federal government.	Support	25 ILCS 200/22-15; 200/22-20	The change eliminates the costs of newspaper publication while maintaining the current requirements for notice by mail to interested parties.	Amend the Property Tax Code to eliminate the requirement for personal service and to publish Take Notice in the newspaper when the matter involves vacant, County-owned property.	*Part of FY17 Legislative Program. *Approx. \$20K savings. *Have Clerks Association lead.
12 County Clerk Carla Wyckoff	Election Administration - Shorten Minimum Days for Notice to Candidates About Ballot Lottery	4. Operational Excellence	5. Support legislation that mitigates inefficiency.	Support	10 ILCS 5/7 - 12; 5/10 - 6.2	The change streamlines the lottery process by shortening the time window and providing authority to give candidates written notice at the time they appear to file petitions. It also excludes the requirement to give notice to all organizations who would have been eligible to have poll watchers at the last election.	Amend the Election Code to provide for five days written notice - rather than the current 9 days - to candidates for the time and place of the ballot lottery for simultaneous filers and for the ability to give written notice to filers at the time of filing the nominating petitions.	
13 County Clerk Carla Wyckoff	Election Administration - Ballot Change Deadline	4. Operational Excellence	5. Support legislation that mitigates inefficiency.	Support	10 ILCS 5/10-11; 5/7-61	The change requires an absolute deadline for changes in the ballot to be set at the already established Certification from the State Board of Elections.	Change the Statute to state that any vacancy in nomination occurring after the date of certification of the ballot shall not be filled. Omit any reference to allowing changes "within 8 days of the event creating the vacancy that occurs after certification but prior to 15 days before the election."	
5 Sheriff David Hare	Mental Health - Allow Suspected Substance Abuse as Acceptable Condition of Emergency Admission	1. Leadership 3. Exceptional Service	1. Support legislation that grants additional permissive authorities for counties.	Support		Develop statutory authority to enable the involuntary committal of individuals suffering from mental health and substance use issues who may be a danger to themselves or others.	Enact legislation which includes suspected substance abuse as an acceptable condition for a peace officer to transport such individual for emergency admission. Potentially use 405 ILCS 5/4-400 and 404 as a model	
Support Existing Bills								
15 SWALCO Walter Willis	Plastic Bag Fee and Deterrence	5. Environmental Stewardship	2. Support legislation that allows counties to expand non-property tax revenue sources. 5. Support legislation that mitigates inefficiency.	Support	SB 1597	SB 1597 would reduce the usage of plastic bags by enacting a 7 cent fee on their use at retail establishments.	Support passage of SB 1597 to reduce the incidence of plastic bag usage in Lake County.	Three cents of the 7 cents would be directed to county government and municipal joint action agencies to be used for environmental programs only. Estimated at \$1.50 per year in revenue from the fee or approximately \$1 million in revenue per year.

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16	FINANCE Patrice Sutton	Automatic Appropriation Authority for Local Funds	2. Fiscal Responsibility 4. Operational Excellence	2. Support legislation that allows counties to expand non-property tax revenue sources. 5. Support legislation that mitigates inefficiency.	Support	HB 4532; HB 4584; SB 2645	The changes would allow for the automatic appropriation authority of the Motor Fuel Tax, ETSB funds, and Video Gaming funds such that their distribution cannot be prevented, even when there is no State budget.		
17	FINANCE Patrice Sutton	Sales Tax Admin Fee	2. Fiscal Responsibility 4. Operational Excellence	2. Support legislation that allows counties to expand non-property tax revenue sources. 5. Support legislation that mitigates inefficiency.	Support	HB 4101; SB 2249	The sales tax admin fee has significant cost impact on the County. The flat percentage fee is an inappropriate mechanism and should be reduced or eliminated.		
18	PW Rod Worden	Emergency Sewer Repair Fund	2. Fiscal Responsibility 3. Exceptional Service 4. Operational Excellence	7. Oppose legislation that would reduce the existing authority of county government.	Oppose	HB 5604	Prevents a municipality from operating an emergency sewer repair program; a municipality that maintains and repairs a waterworks system, a water supply system, or a combined waterworks and sewerage system must publish on its website a plan for the maintenance and repair of underground water service lines.	The plan must detail any scheduled or foreseeable maintenance and repair to be completed over the following 5-year period, as well as any scheduled or foreseeable maintenance and repair to be completed over the following 10-year period.	
19	Public Defender Joy Gossman	Juvenile Court	2. Fiscal Responsibility	6. Oppose unfunded mandates imposed by the State or Federal government.	Oppose	HB4581		Misdemeanors may be assessed in juvenile court up to age 21; The change redefines "delinquent minor" as under 21, instead of under 19.	Public defender opposes the legislation based on unfunded mandates.
County Board Member Initiatives									
22	Board Member Martini	Toxic Pavement Sealants	1. Leadership 5. Environmental Stewardship	1. Support legislation that grants additional permissive authorities for counties.	Support		Support legislation that bans the use and sale of toxic pavement sealants statewide, or legislation that enables counties and municipalities to regulate at the local level. Legislation should include coal-tar based sealants and any other pavement sealants that have a polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon content of >0.01% by weight.		
23	Board Member Martini	Lead Pipe Abatement	1. Leadership 2. Fiscal Responsibility 5. Environmental Stewardship		Support		Support legislation that provides funding and resources for the removal of lead from drinking water supply infrastructure in communities across the state.		
24	Board Member Martini	Capital Infrastructure Funding	1. Leadership 2. Fiscal Responsibility 5. Environmental Stewardship		Support		Support legislation that provides funding and resources for: (a) clean water: lead in drinking water infrastructure, nutrient controls at wastewater facilities, dam removal projects, and green infrastructure to support waterway clean up efforts. Such investments create job opportunities particularly for disadvantaged communities. Communities of color, low income and rural areas are most likely to suffer the impacts of drinking and surface water quality problems and should be prioritized for training and job opportunities created; (b) land conservation: additional funding for the Open Lands Trust to leverage Lake County Forest Preserve's funding		

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25	Board Member Danforth	Voter Initiated Referendum by Petition to reduce a local taxing bodies' property tax levy	1. Leadership 2. Fiscal Responsibility		Support - Board Member Request Monitor - Ad Hoc Position		During the 2018 Legislative Session, Senator McConchie made a floor amendment to SB2670 enable voters to reduce local taxing bodies' property tax levies through voter referendum. The bill would specifically apply to voters residing in counties bound by the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, or PTELL, a statute under which growth in property tax extensions, or taxes billed, is limited in dozens of counties. The amendment proposed by Senator McConchie would offer many taxpayers a mechanism for achieving property tax relief beyond what PTELL provides. The amendment was referred to the Assignments Committee and remains there.		
26	Board Member Mathias	Local Government Distribution Fund (LGDF) Reform	1. Leadership 2. Fiscal Responsibility	8. Oppose legislation that erodes existing state-appropriated County revenues			The LGDF is a state fund into which a portion of the state income tax is deposited annually and distributed to cities and counties to fund core services provided at the local government level. In place since 1969, it has been intended as a partnership to keep the local tax burden low. Until 2011, 10% of income tax revenue received was deposited in LGDF for distribution. Since then, the percentage has continued to decrease. Seek legislation to restore the percentage of income tax deposited into LGDF and oppose legislation that reduces the percentage.		
27	Board Member Mathias	Reduction or Elimination of Sales Tax Surcharge	1. Leadership 2. Fiscal Responsibility	8. Oppose legislation that erodes existing state-appropriated County revenues/ Support legislation that maintains existing state-appropriated County revenues			As part of the state's effort to balance its FY 2018 budget, the Illinois Department of Revenue imposed last year a new 2% administrative fee on the collection of 14 locally imposed sales taxes prior to the distribution to local governments. The imposition of this fee cost counties and municipalities millions of dollars in lost revenues, jeopardizing the delivery of local services. It has been widely reported that revenues collected from the 2% fee have generated the state over \$10 million more than projected. The County seeks sponsorship or support of legislation that either eliminates or reduces this fee to 1% and return needed revenues back to our communities.		
28	Board Member Hart	Prescription Take Back Program	1. Leadership	5. Support legislation that mitigates inefficiency.	Support		Support or sponsor legislation that requires manufacturers of covered drugs to implement and fund a take back program for collection and disposal of unwanted covered medications. The covered manufacturers would pay all administrative and operational costs. The legislation would reflect the model recently adopted by the State of Washington. In the alternative, support or sponsor legislation that enables local governments to implement such programs.		

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